

God's Abundance Our Response

TIME AFTER PENTECOST
October 5, 2025
9:00 a.m. Livestream

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Soliloquy
(from *Twelve Pieces, Vol. 2, Op. 58*)

R. LAURIN

Chorale and 1st variation
(from *Partita on "O Gott du frommer Gott," BWV 767*)

J. S. BACH

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Jon Haug

CALL TO WORSHIP

O, Great Teacher

R. ENRIGHT

As music begins, the congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

O God, so much of your world has become laden with fear and anxiety,
and it's easy to think that we are not enough.

Your calling for us is to see beyond what currently is,
and for us to realize our inherent abundance with You.

Your truth leads us to understand: "the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion,

for God loves a cheerful giver."***

****These lines are a direct quote of 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NRSV), a guiding text for these weeks.*

Help us to be cheerful educators of your good Word;
and help us to be cheerful learners of the faith.

And so we give over our hearts and faith to you, trusting in your abundance as we say:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

* You are invited to stand.

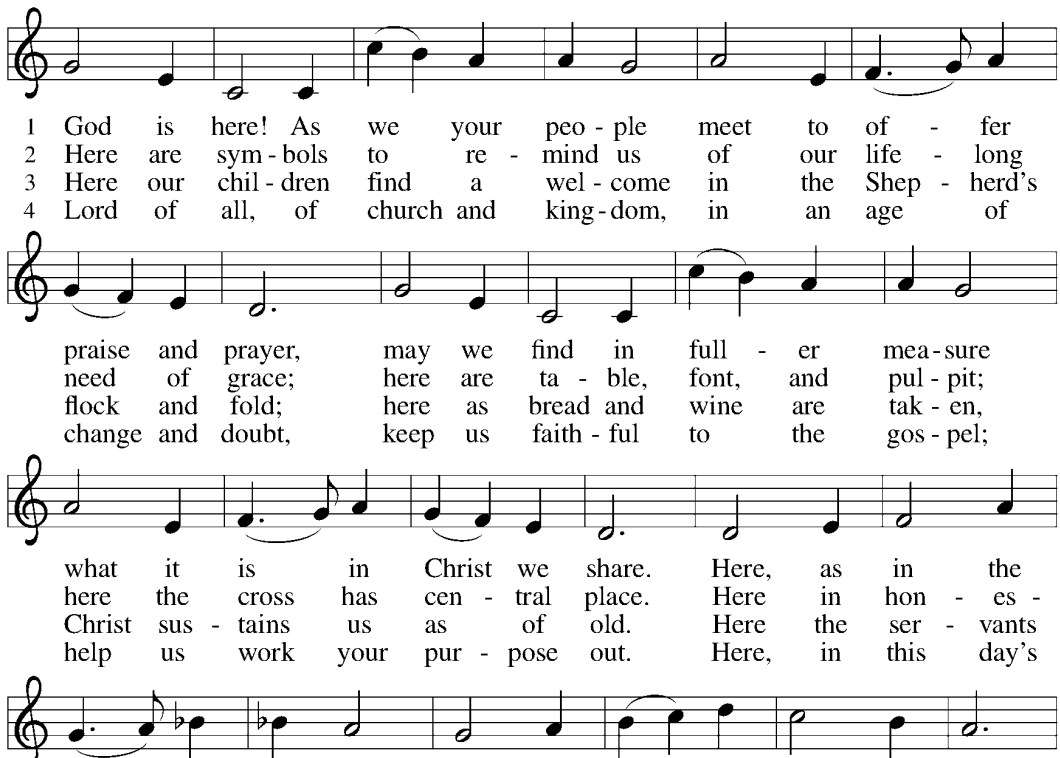
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH
 ELW HYMN 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

Music continues on next page...



wait the com-ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new-ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

RECOGNITION OF BEGINNING SERVICE

Today it is our privilege to recognize and support Pastor Paul Baglyos and his wife, retired Pastor Sharon Baglyos, who begin their engagement in the work of this congregation, and especially Paul in his ministry of being our bridge pastor.

Pastor Paul and Pastor Sharon, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, as you carry out your connection to this church in ways yet to be discovered together, and for Paul specifically in the ministry of being our bridge pastor in this congregation? If so, please respond, *"I will, and I ask God to help me."*

I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you: will you support Pastors Paul and Sharon in their new connection here, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? If so, please respond, *"We will, and we ask God to help us."*

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray. God of grace, you gather us into one and nourish us with word and sacrament, and we give you thanks in worship and with our lives. Bless Pastor Paul and Pastor Sharon in their togetherness, bless Paul in his new role as our bridge pastor, so that your word may be proclaimed with clarity, that your banquet may be served with joy and reverence, that your house may reflect your glory, and that all who are gathered may know your welcome; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God:

When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

PSALM 33

Lord, Let Your Mercy

B. DUFFOD, SJ

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.



Verses Exult, you just, in the Lord. It is good to sound your praises, giving thanks to God with your strings and voice, making music before the Lord. **Refrain**

The word of God ever true, all the works of God enduring.
Every mountain peak, every ocean floor, loving labor, loving Lord. **Refrain**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord look with love on those who hunger, bringing health and hope to our days of want, bringing mercy in every need. **Refrain**

LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROLOGUE

Holy one, soften our hearts and slow our racing minds to truly hear your living Word.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:5-10

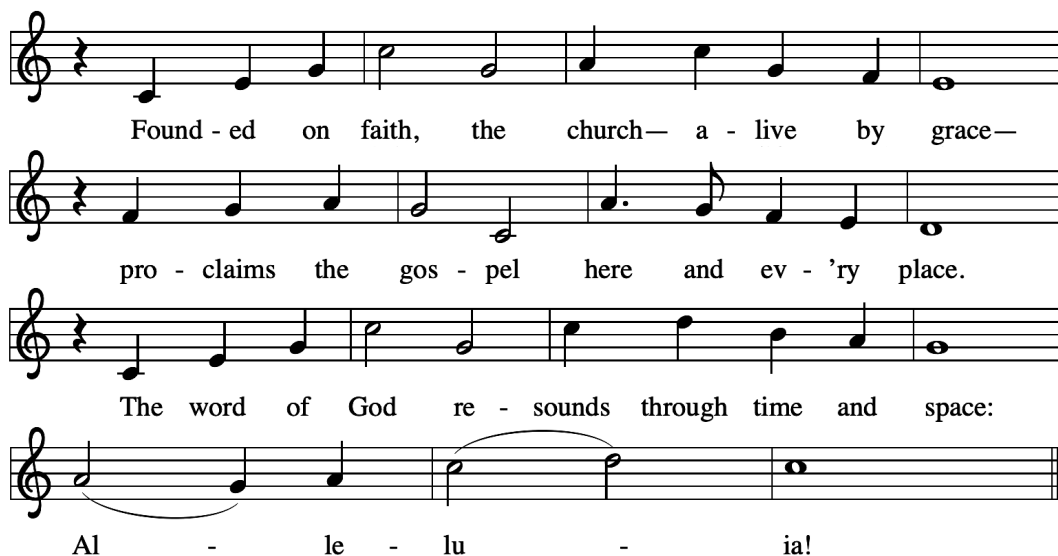
On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Founded on Faith

ACS HYMN 1048



Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Al - le - lu - ia!

FIRST GLANCE

Elizabeth Kaetzel

SERMON

Pastor Manuel Retamoza

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth
**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Mary Robinson

After each petition: God of grace,
receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to visit our giving page link at <https://www.stjohnslc.org/giving> and leave an online offering.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

C. F. ALEXANDER
J. RUTTER

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all.*

*The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them ev'ry one;
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ELW HYMN 189A

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

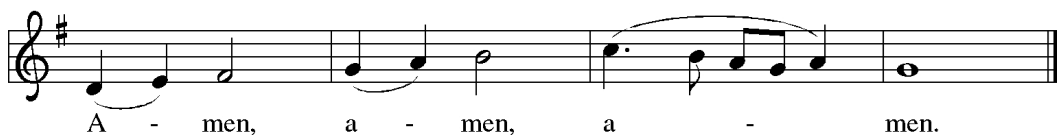
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ELW HYMN 189B

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church,
now and forever. ELW HYMN 189C



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the
time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SELF-DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

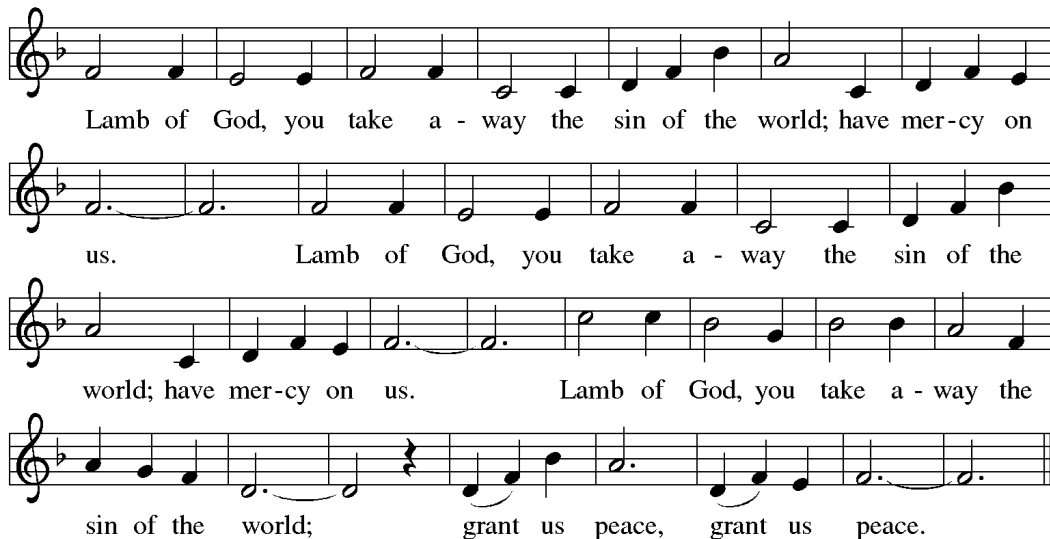
All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

You are invited to partake of the meal with the bread and juice/wine you prepared saying:

"The body of Christ given for me/us." And "The blood of Christ shed for me/us."

AGNUS DEI

ELW HYMN 195



MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Lead me, Lord

S. S. WESLEY

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in they righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

ELW HYMN 733



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

As Saints of Old

FOREST GREEN
ELW HYMN 695



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live God's love in the world.

POSTLUDE

Partita on "O Gott du frommer Gott," BWV 767

J. S. BACH

Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Manuel Retamoza
Presider	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Verger	Pastor Jon Haug
Assisting Minister	Mary Robinson
First Glance	Elizabeth Kaetzel
Lector	Ingrid Garland
Organ	Dr. Ryan Enright
Piano	Steven Johnson
Choirs of St. John's	
Cantors in Rotation	Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Dr. Ryan Enright, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer
Altar Guild	Ingrid Garland
Eucharistic Servers	Lester Chew, Steve Schoff
Greeters	Anne Smith, Cynthia Erwin
Ushers	Barbara Battenberg, Jon Erwin, Anne Smith
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Visual Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Right to Exist Private Test Screening
Tuesday, October 7th | 7 p.m. | The Gathering Place

Director Nick Anderson presents "The Right to Exist," a documentary exploring Sacramento's homelessness crisis through personal stories and analysis. This screening is hosted by the St. John's Justice Making Ministry. Attendance is by invitation only, but you may request an invitation by submitting an RSVP online.

- Stories of Joy: A Lunch & Learn with St. John's LGBTQ+ Ministry
Sunday, October 12th | 12:30 p.m. | The Gathering Place

Ever wonder what all those letters mean in "LGBTQ+"? Or why there are so many pronouns? What is "coming out"? What is the story? Gather over lunch as we ask questions, learn and share stories in a safe space. Come hear and share stories of joy! Please RSVP on realm.

- October LLL Book Club
Thursday, October 16th | 11 a.m. | St. John's Library

The LLL Book Club will gather to read and discuss *Bittersweet: How Sorrow and Longing Make us Whole* by Susan Cain. "Cain shows how a bittersweet state of mind is the quiet force that helps us transcend our personal and collective pain, whether from a death or breakup, addiction or illness. If we realize that all humans know—or will know—loss and suffering, we can turn toward one another."

- Oktoberfest Save-the-Date
Saturday, October 25th | 3-7 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's is hosting the 2nd annual Oktoberfest! We're welcoming food vendors, breweries, wineries, a caricature artist, live music, and extravagant decor and ambiance for a family-friendly festival.

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- God's Abundance, Our Response Adult Education Class | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

The community of St. John's is no stranger to responding to God's Abundance in our lives - we sing boldly, serve graciously, and gather frequently. This morning, we continue to share more about our collective response - focusing on community ministries.

- La Frontera: Arbitrary Lines & Red Walls | 12:30 p.m. | The Gathering Place

St. John's welcomes Pastor Manuel Retamoza to share his personal story, discuss immigration rights, and how the word of God inspires us to act in times of injustice. Come learn over lunch and be in community as we reflect and discuss actions that embody God's love, presence and challenge in our lives - RSVP on realm!