

God's Abundance Our Response

TIME AFTER PENTECOST
October 5, 2025 | 11:30 a.m.

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, please turn and face 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.

** You are invited to stand.*

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our 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;



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**

*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.

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

*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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

*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.**

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.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

*If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.
Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

We Walk by Faith

SHANTI
ELW HYMN 635

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH SONG

Bring Forth the Kingdom

M. HAUGEN

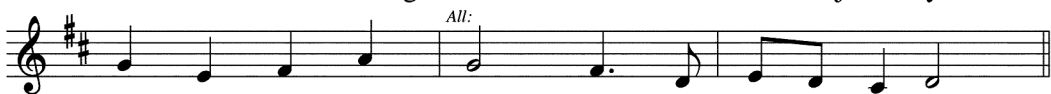
Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

*DISMISSAL

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

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)

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Manuel Retamoza
Presider	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Verger	Pastor Jon Haug
Assisting Minister	Mary Robinson
First Glance	Elizabeth Kaetzel
Lector	Ann Boynton
Organ	Dr. Ryan Enright
Piano	Steven Johnson
Cantors in Rotation	Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Dr. Ryan Enright, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer
Altar Guild	Zhiwei Yu
Eucharistic Servers	Ann Boynton, Kim Peth
Greeters	
Ushers	Terri Baumberger, Elizabeth Huber
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Visual Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

Director of Missional Strategy	Rev. Paul Baglyos, Bridge Pastor
Director of Youth and Family	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
Director of Worship & Music	Steven Johnson
Director of Communications and Community Engagement	Catherine Slabaugh
Director of Administration	Katherine Thorp
Associate Director of Volunteer Management	Joel Barkel
Associate Director of Worship & Music	Eliseo Paniagua
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Parish Nurse	Suzi Taylor
Organist	Dr. Ryan Enright
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

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

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

St. John's welcomes Pastor Manuel Retamozza 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!