

Welcome to Worship

St. John's Evangelical
Lutheran Church

October 19, 2025



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19th Sunday of Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Welcome: Thank you to those who join us for Worship. We hope you will be blessed as we pray and sing together, as we hear God's Word read and proclaimed. We gather as equals in the sight of God, who loves us, forgives us, and is WITH US. Peace be with you.

Serving at Worship Today:

READER: Jerry McCullough

ACCOMPANIST: Linda Ross

Your Servant Leaders:

Worship Leader: SAM Paul Brooks

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Attendance Last Sunday: 15

Offering Last Sunday: \$620.00

Direct Deposit: \$20.00

Mile of Pennies: \$.00

Christmas Families: \$25.00

Food Pantry for November: Food pantry requests for November include small rolls of paper towels, small bottles of laundry soap, shampoo, and body wash. Thank you to everyone that contributed last month.

Hometown Christmas: St. John's will bake cookies for this event again this year the church will provide these cookies to bake. They need to be at the Library on Friday December 5th. Carol will bake one box at her house, the other two boxes will be in the freezer at church for whom ever wants to bake them.

*Worship
Assistants*

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 19, 2025

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

**please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to love like Jesus."

THE GREETING

Leader: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

*GATHERING HYMN #595

JESUS LOVES ME!

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness,

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer we poor sinners confess unto thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O Most merciful God, who hast given thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by the Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of thee and of thy will, and true obedience to thy Word, that by thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on his Name, he giveth power to become the sons of God, and bestoweth upon them his Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

ALL: Amen.

***KYRIE**

Leader: In Peace let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

*** CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Pow - er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry, for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al-le - lu - ia. al-le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us join our hearts and voices together in the Prayer of the Day.

ALL: In David you chose a king with a big heart. Create clean and willing hearts in us, and choose us to do your work. Amen.

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 51:10-14

Reader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

ALL: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Reader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

ALL: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Reader: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,

ALL: and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 7:24

Reader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 7. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reader: “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

Reader: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Leader: The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #698

HOW LONG, O LORD

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer. Hear our prayers for those close to our hearts - John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Brandt, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Vicki, Jim, Josh, Linda, Steve, Karen, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, Nancy, John, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Christina Mike, Riley, Dennis, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Eli, Riley, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, and Cindy. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for St. John's Lutheran Church of McComb. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying,

***THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please share God's peace with those worshipping around you.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: As we present our tithes and offerings today, let us open our eyes, ears and hearts to the mission of God's church in this community and worldwide. May we be empowered with the knowledge that our giving is an act of trust in God's unfailing promises.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray.

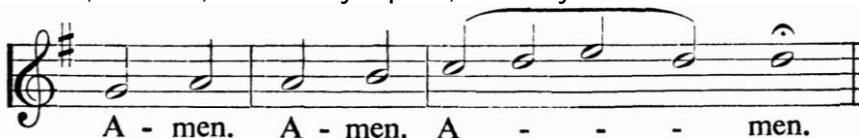
ALL: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***BLESSING**

Leader: Live without fear. Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you like a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

Almighty God, Father, ✕ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

***The Amen**



*SENDING HYMN #376

THINE IS THE GLORY

*DISMISSAL

Leader: The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **ALL: Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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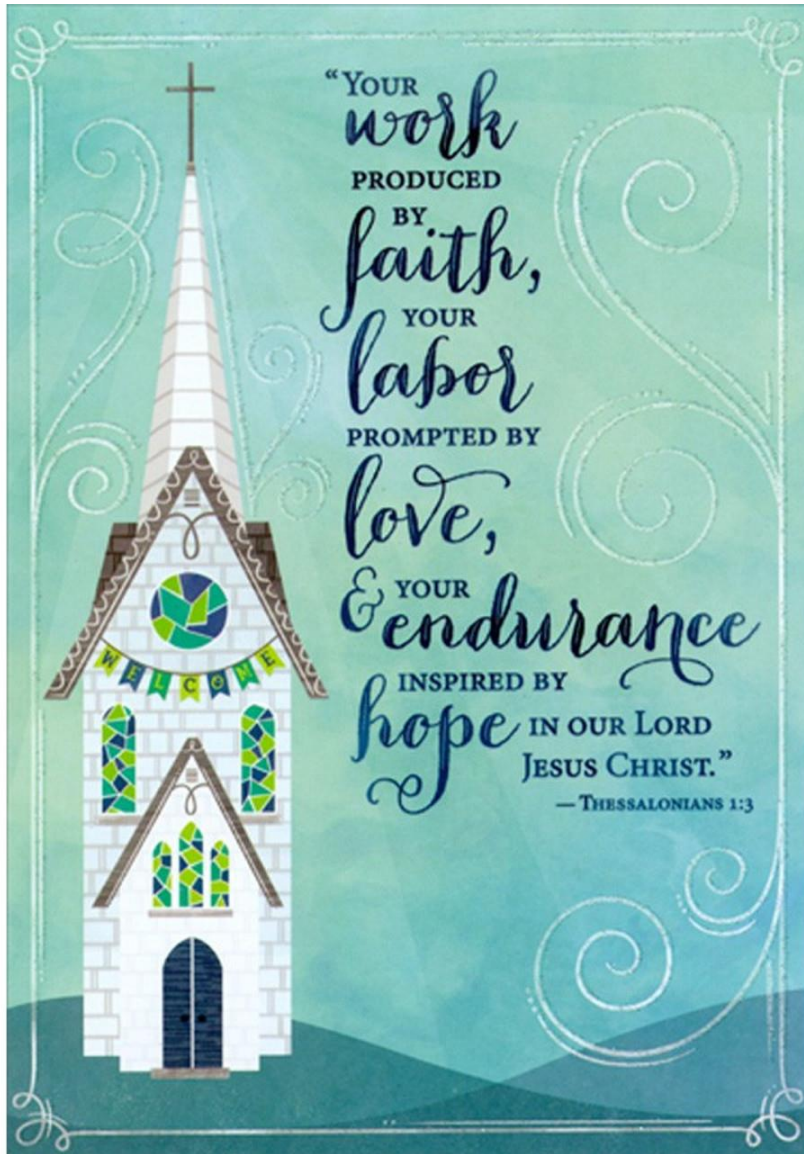
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Please join us following worship for cake and coffee celebrating our 160 Anniversary! Thanks be to God!





Thank you Paul and Ken

## **Sermon Notes**

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

1.

2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.

### **Calendar of Events:**

Sun. Oct. 26- 8:00 A.M. Worship Service

Sun. Oct.26 - 9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

### **Readers for September & October:**

Oct. 26 – Linda Ross

Nov. 2 - David Sharninghouse

Nov. 9 - Lori McDaniel

Nov. 16 – Carol Cary

**In Our Prayers:** John Sharninghouse, Gary Kern, Paul & Sue Maki, Betty Hornbeck, Carol & David Cary, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Eva George, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Don Edler, Ashley Edler, Brandt Edler, Mary Scroll, Pat Newell, Gordon Myers, Vicki Shoop, Jim Cary, Josh, Linda Hoops. Please pray for the victims of all natural disasters, our shut-ins, others absent from our worship this morning, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.

**Christmas Families:** We would like to be able to collect for 3 families again this year, \$200.00 per family. We want to start collecting as soon as possible. The school needs to have the gift cards by the end of the second week in December. December 12, is the date we have settled on. Please write on your envelopes in the memo line the amount of regular offering and the amount for the families.

**The Giving Tree:** Will go up on November 30 this year. Carol Yeager and her granddaughter will be in charge of it. They are asking for Scarves, Hats, Gloves, Socks and/or cash. We will be buying for boys and girls. These gifts will go to McComb, Mohawk, and Liberty Benton. They have requested no underwear this year.

**Annual Meeting:** This year our annual meeting will be on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. We will go over the budget that day and we will accept nominations for new Council Members.

**Please join us right after church today:** as we celebrate our **“160 years”** of existence. We will be serving Cake & Coffee.



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"For the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

— 1 Samuel 16:7

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*This week's daily readings fill in the gaps between Sundays. A question to ask as you read: **What is going on in the hearts of the characters in each story?***

|           |                                    |                               |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 1 Samuel 16:1-13<br>Psalm 51:10-14 | God Chooses David             |
| Monday    | 2 Samuel 1:1-27                    | David Mourns Saul             |
| Tuesday   | 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 6:1-5              | David Becomes King            |
| Wednesday | 2 Samuel 7:1-29                    | God's Covenant with David     |
| Thursday  | 2 Samuel 12:1-24                   | David's Sin; Birth of Solomon |
| Friday    | 1 Kings 1:28-40                    | Solomon Is Appointed King     |
| Saturday  | 1 Kings 3:3-28                     | Solomon Prays for Wisdom      |
| Sunday    | 1 Kings 5:1-15; 8:1-13             | Solomon's Temple              |

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!*

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

How can you be a faithful leader this week? Each person can name something big or small and commit to doing it. Follow up with each other!

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