

# Thanksgiving

## Song of Simeon ..... (Nunc Dimittis)

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
 Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.*

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

*We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: A - men.

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✚] give you peace.*

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## Closing Hymn ..... "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" (CW 293)

# The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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## Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

### At Your Service Today:

	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bea Ambrosius Jennifer Bunn – Pat Vickman Betty Schmidt – Rebecca Wicks	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dale Laabs Richard Patton Terry Sieker Kevin Vande Hey Ross Vande Hey – Bernie Vickman	
<b>Organist:</b>	Deb Schaeuble	
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Amy Vande Hey	Phil Roberts
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Tina DeM, Betty S., & Pat V	

### Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

## Words of Institution

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*



## O Christ, Lamb of God.....(Agnus Dei)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

## Distribution

Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy..... (Sanctus)**



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Service Theme for the Second Sunday after Pentecost: The Holy Ministry stands on the rock-solid truth of God's Word. Not all who call themselves ministers do that, so watch out for false teachers! Many will come with wise sounding words and pious promises, but they are not what they seem. The Church's only defense is to stand firmly on the rock-solid truth of God's Word.**

## The Common Service

### Opening Hymn....."How Precious Is the Book Divine" (CW 284)

In the name of the Father and of the Son [†] and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

### Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### Lord, Have Mercy.....(Kyrie)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son [†] and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## Prayer and Praise

*In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.*

### Glory Be to God..... (Gloria in Excelsis)

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the  
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;  
you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Create in Me

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## Free-Will Thank-Offering

*These offerings are used to support the ministries of our church, both locally and worldwide.  
Our guests should not feel compelled to give an offering, but may do so if they desire.*

## Prayer of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## The Sacrament

### Preface

*The Lord be with you.*

C: And al - so with you.

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day.....“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (CW 382)

Sermon ..... Matthew 7:15-29

*We thank Pastor Michael Ewert (St. Peter, Freedom) for sharing God’s Word with us this morning!*

Christ’s Word – Hear It; Keep It; Do It.

## Prayer of the Day

*The Lord be with you.*



C: And al - so with you.

*Let us pray.*

*O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



C: A - men.

## The Word

First Lesson ..... 1 Kings 22:10-28 (EHV)

*Never before was there a man like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of the LORD. As he and Jehoshaphat listened, prophet after prophet promised victory in the coming battle. Those prophets looked the part with their props and talked the talk by speaking in the name of the LORD. But as Jesus said, not everyone who prophesies in the name of the Lord is a true prophet. Judge them by their fruit – the message they speak. This lesson starkly reveals false prophets as the liars they are. But Micaiah stands on the rock-solid truth of God’s Word that will not be shaken by royal power, personal violence, or professional disdain. Mark Micaiah’s words carefully, and judge him by his fruit. No disguise, or ruse, or armor could hide Ahab from the arrow of God’s judgment, just as Micaiah prophesied. As the dogs licked Ahab’s blood from the chariot and Naboth’s murder was finally avenged, the false teachers were exposed as frauds, but God’s ministers who faithfully proclaimed his Word stood on a foundation that could withstand any storm.*

<sup>10</sup>Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were seated, each on his own throne, arrayed in their robes. They were sitting by the threshing floor at the entrance to the gate of Samaria. All the prophets were prophesying before them. <sup>11</sup>Zedekiah son of Kena’annah had made iron horns for himself, and he said, “This is what the LORD says. With these you will gore Aram to death.” <sup>12</sup>All the prophets were prophesying in this same way: “Go up to Ramoth Gilead and triumph, for the LORD will give it into the hand of the king.” <sup>13</sup>The messenger who was sent to summon Micaiah said to him, “Pay attention to the words of the prophets. With one mouth they are promising good things to the king. Let your words be like the words of one of them and say something good.” <sup>14</sup>But Micaiah said, “As surely as the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, that is what I will say.” <sup>15</sup>Then he came to the king, and the king asked him, “Micaiah, should we go up to make war on Ramoth Gilead, or should we refrain?” He answered him, “Go up and triumph, for the LORD will give them into the hand of the king.” <sup>16</sup>Then the king said to him, “How many times must I make you swear that you will tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?” <sup>17</sup>Then Micaiah said, “I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains like sheep that have no shepherd, and the LORD said, ‘They have no masters. Each one

should return to his home in peace.”<sup>18</sup> Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Didn’t I tell you that he does not prophesy anything good about me, but only bad?”<sup>19</sup> Then Micaiah said: Now hear this word from the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and the whole army of heaven was standing around him, on his right and on his left.<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, “Who will entice Ahab so that he goes up and falls at Ramoth Gilead?” One spirit said this. Another one said that.<sup>21</sup> Finally a spirit came and stood before the LORD and said, “I will entice him.” The LORD said to him, “How?”<sup>22</sup> He said, “I will go and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.” Then the LORD said, “You will entice him successfully. Go and do it.”<sup>23</sup> Now look! The LORD has put a lying spirit into the mouths of all these prophets of yours, for the LORD has decreed disaster for you.<sup>24</sup> Then Zedekiah son of Kena’annah came up and struck Micaiah on his cheek and said, “Where is this pathway on which the spirit of the LORD has traveled from me to speak to you?”<sup>25</sup> Micaiah said, “Listen to me. You will see it on the day you go into the inner room to hide.”<sup>26</sup> Then the king of Israel said, “Seize Micaiah and take him back to Amon, the administrator of the city, and to Joash son of the king.”<sup>27</sup> Then say, “This is what the king says. Put this man in prison and feed him nothing more than bread and water until I come back safely.”<sup>28</sup> Then Micaiah said, “If you ever come back safely, then the LORD has not spoken through me.” Then he said, “Hear this, you people, all of you!”

**Second Lesson ..... 2 Peter 1:20 – 2:3 (EHV)**

***False teachers like Zedekiah give their own interpretation, suited for themselves or their audience. Not so true prophesy! Verse 21 is one of the key proof passages for the inspiration of Scripture. Using the false teachers as a foil, verse 21 draws a direct contradiction between false prophesy and Scripture. The Holy Spirit is the important one here. Man did not contribute the message, but the mouth. Peter encourages us to be ready for false teachers: we know their coming, and we know their ending. The Holy Ministry watches out for false teachers and stands instead on the rock-solid truth of the inspired Word of God.***

<sup>20</sup>Since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone’s own interpretation.<sup>21</sup>In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.<sup>1</sup>There were false prophets also among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves.<sup>2</sup>Many will follow their depraved ways, and because of them the way of the truth will be blasphemed.<sup>3</sup>In their greed they will exploit you with fabricated messages. Their condemnation announced long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

**Verse of the Day ..... Psalm 119:105 (EHV)**

*Alleluia. Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.*



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Gospel Lesson ..... Matthew 7:15-29 (EHV)**

***The Sermon on the Mount closes with this admonition of our Lord: “Small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few will find it.” The Gospel for today gives a reason so few will find that road: the deceptions of false teachers. Jesus warns the Church that no false prophet ever comes claiming to be one. We cannot judge them only by their actions – even Judas performed miracles. Outward power or piety merely masks the beast within false teachers. We must rather judge them by their fruit: not merely their moral lives, but the fruit of a prophet is his message. What does he say? He may speak it in the name of Jesus, but look at the prophet’s fruit, his message. The mark of a man on the narrow road, the mark of a true teacher is one who hears the words of Christ puts them into practice. That foundation of rock-solid truth can withstand any storm. True ministers of the Word proclaim the truth and put Christ’s words into practice.***

*Today’s Gospel reading is recorded in the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 15<sup>th</sup> verse.*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>15</sup>“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.<sup>16</sup>By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you?<sup>17</sup>So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit.<sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit.<sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.<sup>20</sup>So then, by their fruit you will recognize them.<sup>21</sup>Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.<sup>22</sup>Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?’<sup>23</sup>Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’<sup>24</sup>“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock.<sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock.<sup>26</sup>Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand.<sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.”<sup>28</sup>When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,<sup>29</sup>because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.

*...this is the Gospel of our Lord.*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!