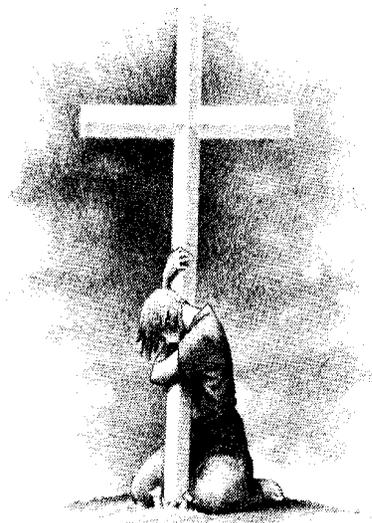


We love Him, because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19



St. John's Lutheran Church & Valley Bible Academy (K-8)

1107 14th Street, Clarkston, WA

10:15 am Sunday School and Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

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13946 1st Ave, Orofino, ID

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23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 23, 2016

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 30 (front of the hymnal p. 129)

The Hymns: 776, (388 at St. John's), 457, 297, 245

Prayer: Lord Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, strengthen our faith in You the only true God, and increase our wisdom in Your holy Word. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit working in our hearts by that Word, restore unto us the joy of Your Salvation, and the hope of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ we ask it, Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 776

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation sings:



A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor 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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin

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

ALL O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: If You, Lord, would charge our sins against us:

C: **O Lord, who could remain standing?**

P: But there is forgiveness with You:

C: **That You may be feared, O God of Israel.**

P: Blessed are the undefiled in the way:

C: **Who walk in the Law of the Lord.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



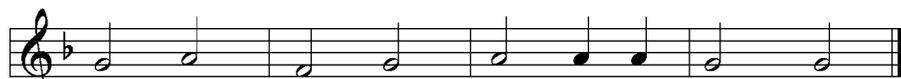
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



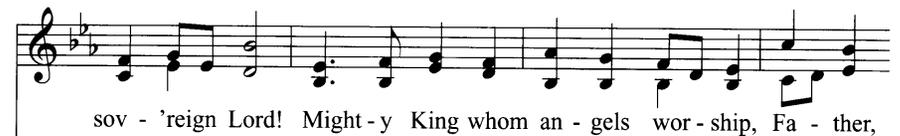
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THE GLORIA

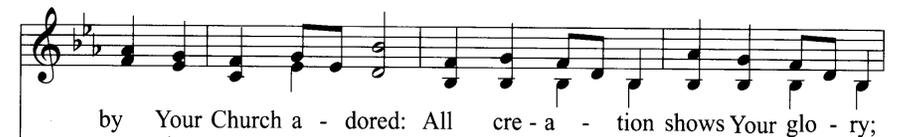
A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - all sing)



I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

THE SALUTATION (Greeting)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



☐ A - men.

THE BIBLE READINGS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. 15 'You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. 16 'You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. 17 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: Behold how good and how pleasant it is:

C: For brethren to dwell together in unity

P: The Lord commanded blessing:

C: Even life forevermore. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Lord heals those with broken hearts:

C: And He binds up their wounds. Hallelujah!



PASTOR The Epistle Reading comes from 1 Thessalonians chapter 1, beginning there in the 5th verse.

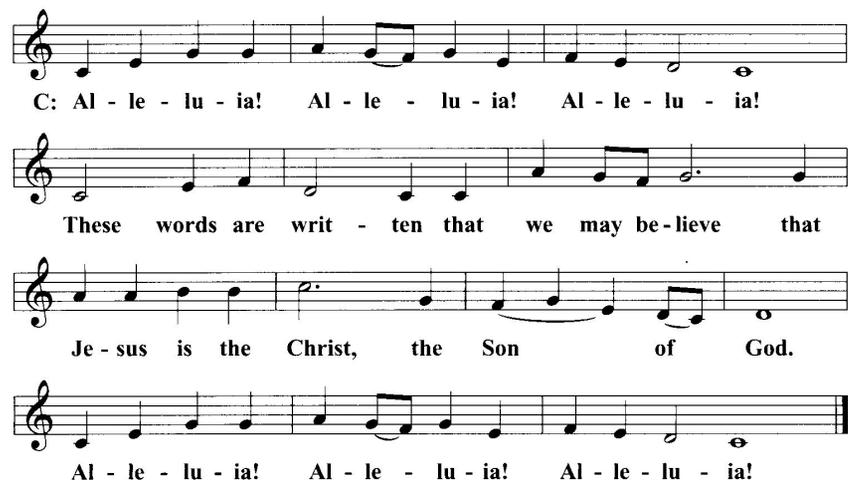


The Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. 6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. 9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

PASTOR: Here ends the Epistle Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

At St. John's: The Memorial of Rose Amanda Gregg (insert)

Hymn 457

THE SERMON

Matthew 22:34-40 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 "This is the first and great commandment. 39 "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Theme: "PERFECT LOVE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST"

I. For our God
II, For our neighbor

Sermon Notes

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.



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 Thy pre - sence, and



take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re-store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up-



hold me with Thy free spir-



it. A - men.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.**

**Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (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.

Hymn 297

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



A-men, a-men, a - men.

The Closing Hymn 245

*** Silent Prayer ***

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Welcome to all! If you are a visitor, we appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like to hear more about our church, please contact the pastor with the information listed on the front of this bulletin.

MEMORIAL Today at St. John's we celebrate Christ's victory for Rose Gregg, whom He took to heaven Thursday, October 13th. We keep daughter Karen and all the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Psalms 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS at both congregations today following services.

St. JOHN'S SCHOOL/CHURCH WEBSITE TEAM We'd like to assemble a team of volunteers to keep our websites active and up-to-date. The team would be working under Mac McCabe, who oversees the websites.

FREE PIANO The upright piano in the back of the church is yours for the taking.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE Trinity Lutheran Church in Spokane is hosting a special afternoon Reformation Service on October 30th. More information can be found on the poster on the bulletin board. We're working on an anthem to sing. If you need a ride, please talk to Pastor.

REFORMATION CHOIR – If you'd like to sing in the Joint service choir, music and recordings are available with which to practice.

CHURCH SERVICES IN ENDICOTT a monthly church service will be held at the Gary and Janet Luft residence. The next service is scheduled for Saturday, November 5. Bible study at 5pm, service at 6pm.

VBA FALL FUNDRAISER Have a delicious slice of pie and help Valley Bible Academy students raise some traveling funds the coming new year. Pie slices will be for sale following church on Sunday, November 13th.

NEXT SUNDAY'S Bible Readings If you'd like to read and study them ahead:
Amos 5:18-24 – The Day of the Lord demands justice and righteousness
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 – Those who sleep in Jesus will rise to eternal life
Matthew 25:1-13 – The parable of the ten virgins (sermon)

Hurricane Relief for Haiti – The CLC Board of Missions has been in correspondence and doctrinal discussions with a Lutheran pastor in Haiti since he first contacted Pastor Dan Fleischer back in 2013. Pastor Emmanuel Julien serves a congregation on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince and has been sharing the CLC correspondence lessons with twenty-one other Lutheran pastors in Haiti as we work together toward establishing fellowship. The recent Hurricane Matthew that hit Haiti and took the life of more than 1,000 Haitians has also brought much loss and destruction to the pastors and congregations that we are working with. The Board of Missions has authorized an initial \$3000 from the CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF) to assist our fellow Christians with recovery efforts. CLC President Eichstadt has authorized a special offering to replenish the MDF after this unexpected need. A Board of Missions visit to Haiti was already being planned before the hurricane and will now take place in late January or early February. This visitation will serve to assess the recovery efforts we are providing and to visit face to face with Pastor Julien and the other pastors to discuss doctrine and fellowship with the CLC. This trip will be funded through offerings to the MDF as well.

CLC NEWS <> The CLC Board of Missions has issued the divine call for a Full-Time Visiting Missionary to Pastor Todd Ohlmann of Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO. <> Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA, has called the Rev. Michael Gurath, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ.

Weekly Memory Verse

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the satisfactory payment for our sins." 1 John 4:10

The Old Testament Reading:

The perfect love that God has for us in Christ, is reflected back out of our hearts to our neighbors. We read...

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The Epistle Reading

By putting God first in our lives, His perfect love He has shown us in Jesus is a message that is alive, vibrant and active in all we say and do. Just like it was for the Christians Paul here writes to. We read...

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

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!