

**10:00am Sunday, November 13, 2022**

Proper 28, The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Flowers in memory of Glenn & Viola Edeburn and Kathryn & Sam Steingrabe.

**PRELUDE**

Guest Musician: Harper Kirk Kupensky: "We Gather Together" arr. Verlene Schermer

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing (Kremser) (H 433)*

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
sing praises to his Name; he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:  
thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE** *S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

## NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.  
<sup>2</sup>**With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
<sup>4</sup>**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**  
<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
<sup>6</sup>**Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**  
<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup>**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**  
<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
<sup>10</sup>**In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

## GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

### THE 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With all our heart, mind, soul and strength, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord have mercy.”

For the church and all its ministers, and for St. John’s and its mission and ministry, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and all those in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace throughout the world, an end to all terrorism and violence, and peace in Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in our armed forces at home and abroad, especially those from our families and community, and for all first responders, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those infected with or at risk from the COVID virus, and for all health care and other front-line workers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, for refugees, prisoners and captives, for victims of natural disasters, and for all who have asked for our prayers, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Good and gracious God, you invite us to recognize and reverence your divine image and likeness in our neighbor. We have promised that with your help we will strive for justice and peace among all people and will respect the dignity of every human being. Enable us to see the reality of racism and free us to challenge and uproot discrimination from our church, our society, our world and ourselves, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**

For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,**

by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

# The Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY - HARP: OFFRANDE (OFFERING) BY MARCEL TOURNIER (1879-1951)**

**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise him, all creatures here below;  
 praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is also for the Celebrant and the People. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy (Powell)***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven 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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION  
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION - HARP: BE THOU MY VISION ARR. V. SCHEMER (BCP p. 365)**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING - HARP: THE WATER IS WIDE (TRAD. SCOTTISH, ARR. CINDY  
HORSTMAN)**

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### **Royal Tea at St. John's**

Join us **today, Sunday, November 13 at 2:00pm** for a concert entitled "**The Royal Harpist**" by **Harper Kirk Kupensky** in the **Lounge at St. John's**. Tea and cookies will be served as we hear beautiful music remembering Queen Elizabeth II and recognizing the ascension to the throne of King Charles III. Come join us for this hour of fun and fellowship.

### **Underground Railroad Trolley Tour**

Please join the Becoming Beloved Community group on Saturday, November 26th, as we travel to Salem Ohio, to take the Underground Railroad Trolley Tour. Salem was a major hub in the American Underground Railroad and was the headquarters for the Ohio American Anti-Slavery Society, later known as the Western Anti-Slavery Society. The trolley tour visits various houses and Underground Railroad hiding places, along with a discussion of several abolitionists who were active in the area.

We will leave from St. John's at 9:00 for the 10:00 a.m. tour. Cost per person is \$15, with a minimum of 15 people. The tour lasts about 90 minutes, and we will stop for lunch following the tour. If you wish to attend, please make a reservation with Tracy Schliep, Shane White or Laura Peretic.

### **Love First**

**St. John's Kids** have recently started a completely different version of Sunday School that is so different we don't even meet on Sunday mornings anymore. We are now meeting Sunday afternoons using a new curriculum called *Love First*, which teaches our kids to *Love Themselves, Love God* and *Love Neighbors*. You may have seen some of the posters around the church, suggesting ways for us ALL to love each other.

One of the tenets of this curriculum is that it takes a whole church to raise our kids in Christ. Our kids should be full participants in the life of the church, and **all** the members, - not just the teachers - should participate in teaching our kids. This works in several ways:

- 1) Please pray for our kids and our teachers
- 2) Invite kids into the life of the church - as ushers, acolytes, greeters. Ask them personally - it would mean a lot to them!
- 3) Share yourself. If you have a skill, talent or interest that you would like to talk about or teach to our kids, please let one of our teachers know. We would love to have you join us for a class!
- 4) St. John's Kids will now be meeting on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 for class & a light meal. If you are interested in providing a meal, please contact one of our teachers, Sherri Lowery, Laura Peretic & Heather Ulan, or sign up on the sheet in the lounge. And plan to stay and eat with us! You might just learn something new!!

### **Winterfest -- December 3!**

The **Holy Rollers** are busily baking for our annual **Winterfest** on **Saturday, December 3**. Mark your calendars

Other Winterfest News: The **Twice-Loved Treasures** tables makes its return this year! Check your home for usable items you are ready to part with. Old Christmas decorations are especially popular. Bring your "treasures" in after Thanksgiving. Thank you!

**Food Pantry Clothes Closet is Closed**

Thank you to everyone who has donated clothing over the years to our food pantry. At this time, St. John's Food Pantry is closing its clothes closet. If you have clothing donations, they can be given to the Clothes Closet at First Baptist Church (724-347-7261) or put in our St. Pauly Shed. Anyone needing clothing can go to the First Baptist Clothes Closet, which is open every Tuesday from 10:00am-Noon.

**AED and Hands Only CPR Instruction**

Join us Monday, December 12 from 11:30-12:30 for an opportunity to learn how to use our AED and to get trained in Hands Only CPR. Educators will be coming from the Buhl Regional Health Foundation to replace our AED with a new one and to provide training.

**Altar Flowers**

Given the cost increases in flowers, the cost for a vase of altar flowers is being increased to \$40 per vase. (The cost had been \$25 for many years). If this increase is a problem, please let the office know and we can work something out.