



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
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We are glad to have you worship with us today. We ask members and guests to fill out the **Connection Card**, in the worship folder, letting us know you were here, who attended the Lord’s Supper, and/or your ministry needs.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card

OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

- P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

HYMN: “TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US”

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| <p>1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.</p> | <p>3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father’s home.</p> |
| <p>2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav’n.</p> | <p>4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o’er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.</p> |

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 90:14

- P** Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
- C** that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** That we worship our faithful God with cleansed minds and hearts, let us join in a time for silent prayer and confession.

(We reflect on God's Word and our great need for Jesus.)

- P** Faithful Father, hear Your children pray:

C **Forgive us for the many times and many ways we have broken Your commands. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have sinned against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. By the mercy You show us in the cross of Your dear Son, cleanse our hearts and minds of our guilt and shame. Grant that we, holding fast to the promises of our risen Savior, live with confidence in the grace that draws us into Your holy presence. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.**

- P** Brothers and sisters, we have gathered in the Lord's name and in His house so that we share in all the blessings of life and salvation Jesus freely gives to all who repent of their sin and trust in Him. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SONG: "SHINE, JESUS, SHINE" *Gospel Light Choir (2nd-4th Grade St John School)*

Choir Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining,
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me. Shine on me. *Refrain*

Refrain: Shine, Jesus shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.

ALL **Lord I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance.
By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me. *Refrain***

ALL **As we gaze on Your kindly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me. Shine on me. *Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

C **Lord Jesus, Your grace goes before us and behind us. Your love is over us and beneath us. Your faithfulness will ever lead and guide us. By Your Word, draw us into Your presence and help us to treasure all that we share in You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 3:12-19

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL SONG: "MAKE US ONE"

Gospel Light Choir (2nd-4th Grade St John School)

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-22

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

C 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: "BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD"

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| <p>1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.</p> <p>2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.</p> | <p>3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises</p> <p>4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.</p> |
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SERMON: "TODAY"

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

BENEDICTION

Psalm 90:14

P Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
C that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN: "LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING"

LSB 924

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

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SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK

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Acolyte:	Maya Reynolds	Next Sunday:	Morgan Shively
Reader:	Roger Carr	Next Sunday:	Zachary Rogers
Counting Team:	Chad Cornell, Donna & Frank Cornell, Brent & Lynn Kroening		
Next Week:	Bill Nelson, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Lorrie Weir, Randy DeVantier		
Altar Guild for October:	Donna Carr, Ann Kelly		
Lawn Mowing:	Ron Wolf, Jason Licht		