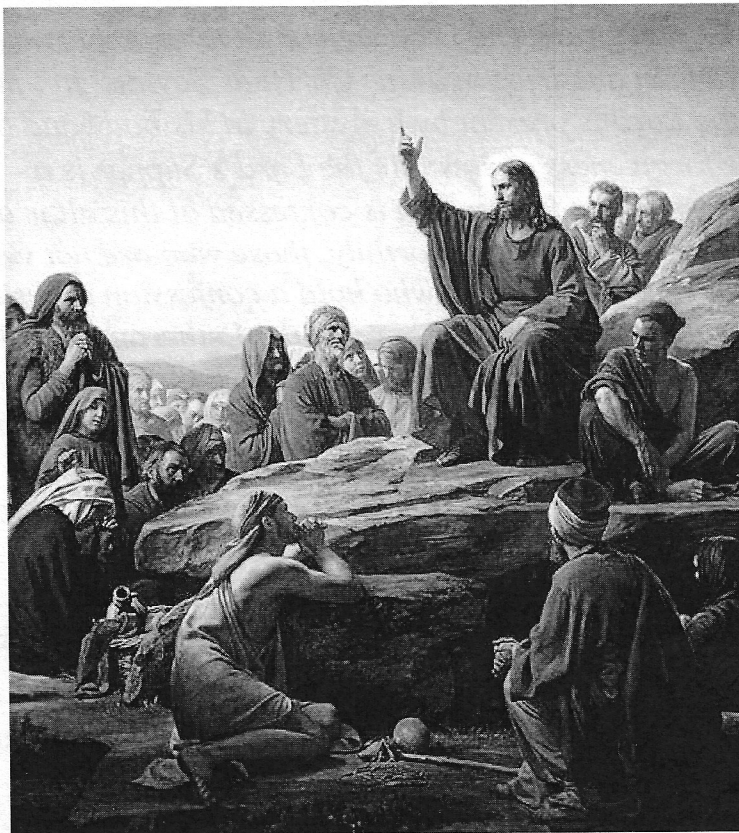


# St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

*Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

**Divine Service Setting Three**  
September 7&8, 2024



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As we prepare for worship together please remember to set your phone to silent mode. Thank You!

**Mission Statement:** Growing a Christian Community rooted in Faith, Fellowship, and Service

Cover: Carl Bloch, *The Sermon on the Mount*, 1877.

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*As we gather for this service let us take time to lay aside our thoughts of other things as we prayerfully prepare for the worship of our Lord. Inside the front covers of your hymnal are Prayers For Worship. Additionally inside the back covers of your hymnal are the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds as well as the Lord's Prayer.*

### **Bell tones and Prelude** *Pilot – K. Hildebrand*

*(we prepare in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)*

**Hymn:** *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

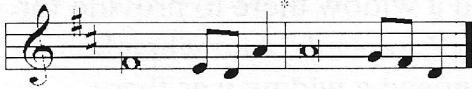
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*(As the music begins, please rise to sing)*

### **Confession And Absolution**

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**Introit:** *Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: Ps. 86: 1a, 2b, 3*



**Antiphon:** Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\*

Save your servant, who trusts in you – you | are my God.  
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*

For to you I cry | all the day.

**C:** Gladden the soul of your | servant,\*

For to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;\*

Listen to my | plea for grace.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;\*

Turn to me and be gra-|cious to me;

Give your strength to your | servant,\*

And save the son of your maid-|servant.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Antiphon

**Kyrie** - *Lord Have Mercy*

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**Hymn Of Praise:** *Gloria in Excelsis*

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)**

**First Reading:** *1 Kings 17: 8-16*

In those days: The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.' " So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for



many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle:** *Galatians 5: 25-6: 10*

Brethren: If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For each one shall bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** *Psalm 118: 8-9*

A: It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*

Than to | trust in man.

It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*

Than to trust in | princes

**Alleluia**

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**Holy Gospel:** *Matthew 6: 24-34*

P: The Lord be with You.

**C: And with your Spirit.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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***Communion Prayers*** *During the time before, during and after Communion you may wish to pray while kneeling or sitting in your pew. Prayers are provided for the time of Communion inside the front covers of the hymnals under "Prayers for Worship."*

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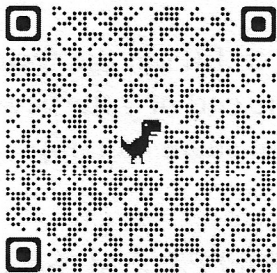




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**Rally Day Picnic:** Join us on September 8<sup>th</sup> after worship for a Rally Day Picnic! Sign ups are in the narthex for anyone wishing to bring a dish to this wonderful kick-off to our season!

**Support Our Preschool:** The preschool has set up a wishlist for supplies and other teaching items on Amazon. Use your cell phone's app to scan this QR code to link directly to the wishlist. You can order and have items shipped directly to the preschool. Thank you for your support.



**Joyful Response:** Joyful Response is a program we offer here at Saint John Lutheran Church where you can make your contributions to the Lord through online banking if you wish. If you're interested, a form has been included on our website detailing all the information we need from you! When you've completed it, please leave it in the mailbox outside the office door.

## News at Saint John

**Wednesday Worship:** During this season we will explore mid-week Trinity themed readings. We will worship in the Saint John Chapel each Wednesday evening for the Divine Service at 7pm. Join us in God's presence!

**Divine Service Setting 3:** We anticipate returning to Divine Service Setting 3 over Labor Day weekend in preparation for Rally Day. With Divine Service Setting 3 St. John recovers its roots! This service is the old "Common Service" which was the prevailing English Liturgy in use since 1888 by Lutheran Congregations across America. It seems that St. John began to use this setting back in 1919 and continued its use with the Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) which was produced in 1941. St. John continued to worship with this setting for the majority of its history as did the majority of American Lutheran Churches over the years. May the Lord bless us as we regularly share the Divine Service among us!

**We Welcome Our New Members:** Chris Dougan, Carlene and Kyle Fox, *with Aidan and Olivia*, Crystal Walsh and Brennen Gurtowski, Ralph Mingoello, Nathan and Kimberly Moran

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### *Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust*

“You cannot serve God and money” (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10). [Lcms.org/worship](http://Lcms.org/worship)