

*"Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life.*

*Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." John 6:68-69*



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

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10:30 am Sunday Service

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**Welcome!**

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 124 front of hymnal p. 153

The Hymns: 750 (St. John's), 284, 759, 291, 283

*Prayer Lord God, heavenly Father, We beseech Thee, graciously abide among us with Thy blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Thine ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Opening Prayer

Baptism Hymn (St. John's) **750**

Today the Holy Spirit gives the gift of saving faith through Baptism to Jaron Lee Conor Weber-Jones, son of Jamie Weber and Aaron Jones. Serving at witnesses: Ed and Sue Smith.

Hymn **284**

#### THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
(Hymnal, page 5 – Congregation Stands)*

**PASTOR** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**CONGR. (sing) Amen.**

#### 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.

**CONGR. (sing) Who made heaven and earth**

**PASTOR** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**CONGR. (sing) 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 hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true**

**knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy 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.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen.** *(congregation is seated)*

### THE INTROIT

*Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This we do with Introit - the Lord's own Word, most often from the Psalms.*

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me:

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: May You be a Strong Rock:

**C: A House of Defense to save me.**

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust:

**C: Let me never be ashamed.**

### THE GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)*

CONGR. (sing) **Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### THE KYRIE

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal page 7 - sing)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### THE GLORIA

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

**God, we praise You! God, we bless You!**

**God, we name You sovereign Lord!**

**Mighty King whom angels worship,**

**Father by Your Church adored:**

**All creation shows Your glory;**

**Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne**

**Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"**

### THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGR. (sing) **And with thy spirit.**

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

PASTOR Let us pray.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen.**

### THE BIBLE LESSONS

*God speaks to us.*

#### The Old Testament Reading:

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, 14 "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! 15 "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." 16 So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17 "for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. 18 "And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God."

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: I will bless the Lord at all times:

**C: His praise shall be in my mouth continually.**

P: My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:

**C: The humble shall hear of it and be glad.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Sing out loud to God, our Strength:

**C: Make joyful music to the God of Jacob. Hallelujah!**

CONGR. (sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from Ephesians chapter 5, beginning there in the 21<sup>st</sup> verse.

CONGR. (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

The New Testament Reading:

Ephesians 5:21-31 submitting to one another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading.

CONGR. (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

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.**

Congregation sings Hymn 759

THE SERMON

John 6:60-69 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" 61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 "What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." 66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 "Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Theme: "JESUS' HARD SAYINGS"

I. "Does My teaching offend you?"

II. Do you also want to go away?"

THE OFFERTORY

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit. (Hymnal, pages 12-13) (sing)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

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 441:1-2:*

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

## PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE FOR 9/11/01 "Keep Us Safe"

P: God of Grace and Glory, our remembrance of the attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup> ten years ago cause us to see again how weak and vulnerable we are.

**C: We have learned that steel and concrete are no defense against forces of evil.**

P: We thank You for offering protection that can withstand all the assaults of those that seek to harm your people.

**C: Remind us that You are our refuge in days of trouble and danger. Remind us that You have warned us of coming death and destruction. Remind us that You will control all things for the good of your people.**

P: We know that it is not our vigilance alone that has kept more terrorist attacks from striking our homeland.

**C: We thank You for shielding us with your faithfulness.**

P: Be with our nation today and in the days ahead. Keep enemies far from our shores. Keep safe those who serve in our Armed Forces. You, O Lord, are our Refuge and Strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**C: Let Your Word shine like a beacon in this dark storm-tossed world. Let the news of salvation through Jesus the Savior penetrate all barriers, and bring joy and peace to hearts everywhere. Use us to bring this about.**

*Special prayers and intercessions (Pastor)*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: To You, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

**C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake, Who taught to pray...**

**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.**

Congregation sings Hymn **291**

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.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The Closing Hymn **283**

# Announcements

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

**BAPTISM** We welcome the newest member of our congregation at St. John's: Jaron Lee Conor Weber-Jones, son of Jamie Weber, is receiving faith through Baptism. This Means of Grace is a tool used by the Holy Spirit give the gift of faith that believes in the forgiveness of sins through our LORD Jesus Christ.

**IN THE HOSPITAL - IN OUR PRAYERS** Andy Busse, now home, was in and out of St. Joe's recovering from a number of illnesses. **Psalms 50:15 "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."**

## **TODAY AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SPOKANE**

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church, today at a 2:00 pm service of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord, **Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer**, will be installed as our new pastor. Our vacancy Pastor, Robert List will conduct the worship service and bring the message from God's Word and our CLC Pacific Coast Conference Visitor, Pastor David Reim, of Vernon, BC, will perform the Rite of Installation. This will be followed by a welcome reception fellowship potluck meal. Please come and share in the joy of this day and meet our new pastor, his wife, Tamar and daughter Abigail.

**Sept. 18;** Fall Schedule begins with Bible Class & Sunday School

**Sept. 19-22;** Coordinating Council meets in Eau Claire, WI

**Oct. 11-13;** Pacific Coast Pastoral Conf. meets in Lynnwood, WA.

**CLC NEWS** >> The Rev. Rick Grams, Red Wing, MN, has the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla SD. <> The Rev. David Lau, Onalaska, WI, has retired from the public ministry due to health reasons.

## **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
The people He chose for His inheritance."

Psalm 33:12

**The Old Testament Reading:**

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**THE GRADUAL**

P: Have respect, O Lord, to Your covenant:

**C: Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed!**

P: Arise, O God, plead Your own cause;

**C: Do not forget the voice of Your enemies;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: O LORD, God of my salvation,

**C: I have cried out day and night before You. Hallelujah!**

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**The Old Testament Reading 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:  
Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18**

Israel was infected with false gods, idols. Joshua couldn't see the sense of it – leaving the LORD for any reason, and as the children of Israel stood on the brink of entering the promised land, the God appointed leader of Israel, Joshua, takes a stand and encourages his people to follow the LORD God. We read...

**The New Testament Reading:  
Ephesians 5:21-31**

Marriage. The life long union between one man and one woman. It's a Bible teaching that many in our day have rejected and walked away from. Yet the Christian marriage with the love spouses have for each other is the closest earthly example we have of Christ's love for you and me and all the rest of His Holy Church. Why would we ever divorce ourselves from that? We read...