



# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## 9 am

### September 19, 2021

#### *Welcome*

**Gathering Hymn**      “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ELW 834  
~ *The McGihon Family, accompanied by Patrick Karst*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
-in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

#### ***Confession and Forgiveness***

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. Amen.*

*Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.  
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.  
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.  
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.  
Free us from our sin, gracious God.  
Listen when we call out to you for help.  
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.*

*All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.*

## ***Prayer of the Day***

*God, our teacher and guide*, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Readings***      Dave Smith  
Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

***Gospel Reading***  
Mark 9:30-37

***Sermon***          Pastor Jennifer Shaw

***Sermon Hymn***      “Be Thou My Vision” ELW 793  
~ Sarah Hagar, accompanied by Patrick Karst

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## ***Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer...*

## ***Offering***

*As we continue to provide for the spiritual and physical needs of our community, we are deeply grateful for your financial support. You can give by 1) mailing a check to the church (42695 Washington St, Palm Desert, CA 92211), or 2) giving online through the "Give" button on the top right corner of our website (stjohnslutheran.church).*

*Please give as you feel called and able to do so, and please know that any amount you give is deeply appreciated.*

***Special Music***            *"Nearer My God to Thee" a. John Coates*  
~ *The McGihon Family, accompanied by Patrick Karst*

## ***Words of Institution***

### ***The Lord's Prayer Sung***

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## ***Communion***

### ***Prayer after Communion***

*Gracious God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## ***Announcements***

## ***Benediction***

***Sending Hymn***            *"We Are All One in Mission" ELW 576*  
~ *The McGihon Family, accompanied by Patrick Karst*

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
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***Dismissal*** ~ *Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God!*