SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Sankt Johannes Gemeinde Église Luthérienne St-Jean

17. SONNTAG NACH PFINGSTEN 24. SEPTEMBER 2023

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



INTERIM PASTOR: Dr. Rev. Geert-Jan Boudewijnse GUEST ORGANIST: Esther-Ruth Teel

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Matthäus erzählt eines der umstrittenen Gleichnisse Jesu, in dem er sagt, die Herrschaft Gottes sei wie die eines Gutsbesitzers, der seinen Arbeitern den gleichen Lohn zahlt, egal zu welcher Tageszeit sie zu arbeiten beginnen. Als Gott es sich anders überlegt, Ninive für sein böses Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is Verhalten zu bestrafen, ist Jona zornig. Doch Gott ist gnädig und barmherzig und überreich an unerschütterlicher Liebe. In der Taufe empfangen wir die Gnade Gottes, die allen frei geschenkt wird. Wie Martin Luther schrieb, sind wir angesichts der Barmherzigkeit Gottes alle Bettler. angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

ORGELVORSPIEL

ORGAN PRELUDE

Esther-Ruth Teel, guest organist

EINGANG

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Der Heilige Geist ruft uns als Volk Gottes zusammen.

SÜNDENBEKENNTNIS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your

sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

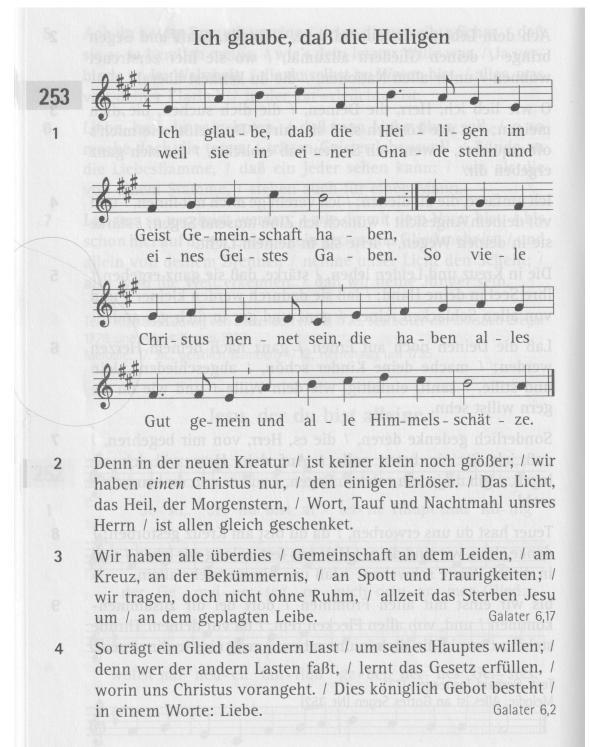
Amen.

Please remain standing.

EINGANGSLIED

OPENING HYMN

Ich glaube, daß die Heiligen EG 253



Ich will mich der Gemeinschaft nicht / der Heiligen entziehen; / 5 wenn meinen Nächsten Not anficht, / so will ich ihn nicht fliehen. / Hab ich Gemeinschaft an dem Leid, / so laß mich an der Herrlichkeit / auch einst Gemeinschaft haben.

Text: Philipp Friedrich Hiller 1731 Melodie: Bis hierher hat mich Gott gebracht (Nr. 329)

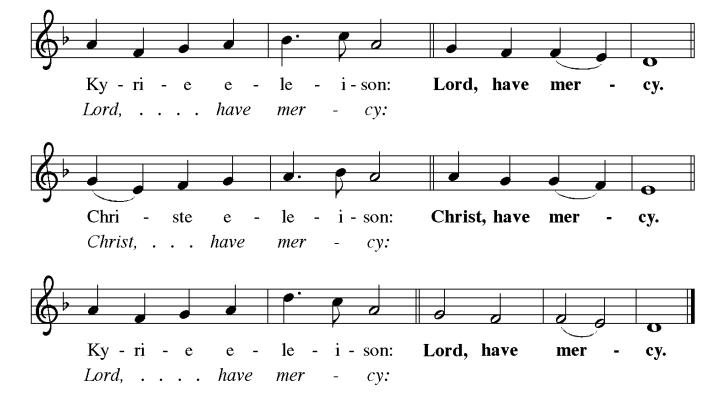
Die Gnade unseres Herrn Jesus Christus und die Liebe Gottes und die Gemeinschaft des Heiligen Geistes, sei mit euch allen. **Und mit Deinem Geist.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Please remain standing.

KYRIE



LOBLIED



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Sing German original OR English

 Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr und Dank für seine Gnade, darum daß nun und nimmermehr uns rühren kann kein Schade.
Ein Wohlgefalln Gott an uns hat; nun ist groß Fried ohn Unterlaß, all Fehd hat nun ein Ende.

-OR-

1 All glory be to God on high, Who has the world befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God shows good will to one and all, And peace when troubled sinners call. Thanks God for Grace and Mercy.

KOLLEKTENGEBET

Let us pray. Laßt uns beten.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit.

DAS WORT

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Gott spricht zu uns durch Schriftlesung, Predigt und Gesang

ERSTE LESUNG

Exodus 16, 2-15 / Exodus 16: 2-15

A reading from Exodus.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON

WORD

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him — what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM

Psalm 105, 1-6, 37-45 / Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45

¹Give thanks to the LORD and call up- ¹ on God's name;

make known the deeds of the LORD a- mong the peoples.

²Sing to the | LORD, sing praises,

and speak of all God's | marvelous works.

³Glory in God's ¹ holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴Search for the strength | of the LORD;

continually | seek God's face.

⁵Remember the marvels | God has done,

the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,

⁶O offspring of Abra- ¹ ham, God's servant,

O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

³⁷You led out your people with sil- ¹ ver and gold; in all their tribes there was not ¹ one that stumbled. ³⁸Egypt was glad to | see them go, because they were a- | fraid of them. ³⁹You spread out a cloud | for a covering and a fire to give | light by night. ⁴⁰They asked, and ¹ you brought quail, and satisfied them with | bread from heaven. ⁴¹You opened the rock, and ¹ water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places. ⁴²For you remembered your | holy word and Abra- ham your servant. ⁴³So you led forth your peo-¹ ple with gladness, your chosen with | shouts of joy. ⁴⁴You gave your people the lands | of the nations, and they took the fruit of | others' toil, ⁴⁵that they might | keep your statutes and observe your teachings. | Hallelujah!

ZWEITE LESUNG

SECOND LESSON

Philipper 1, 21-30 / Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from Philippians auf Deutsch.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand. HALLELUJAH U. VERS

ALLELUIA & VERSE



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

HEILIGES EVANGELIUM Matthäus 20, 1-16/ Matthew 20:1-16

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 'They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I

choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit. PREDIGT

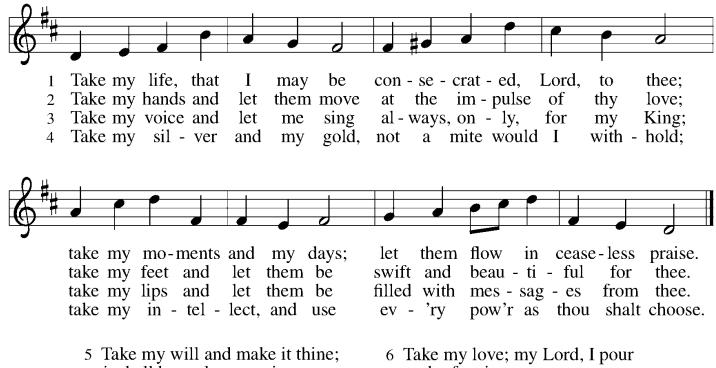
Pastor Geert-Jan

SERMON

HAUPTLIED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand. Take My Life, That I May Be ELW 685



- it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- ⁵ Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: Ратмоs, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Please remain standing for the Prayers. FÜRBITTENGEBET

PRAYERS

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who is slow to anger, may we boast about the goodness of Jesus with the confidence of Paul in prison. Inspire us to find abundance in whatever vocation we are called to in the world and in service to our congregation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven especially Johann Spirk, Margaret Geiger and Hannah Bartlett. United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated. During the offering, we will sing hymn 686 in the red ELW. ABENDMAHL MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Gott nährt uns mit der Gegenwart von Jesus Christus

DANKOPFER

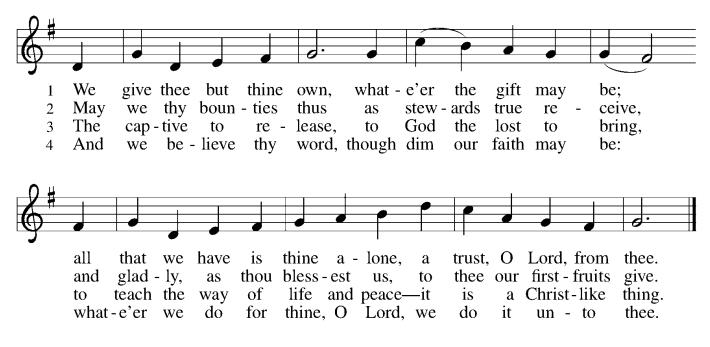
OFFERING

Ways to give an offering are at the end of this worship guide.

MUSIC DURING OFFERING

MUSIK WÄHREND DES DANKOPFERS

We Give Thee But Thine Own ELW 686



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

DANKOPFERGEBET

OFFERING PRAYER

The bread and the wine are brought to the table and presented with prayer. The pastor prepares the paten and the chalice.

Please stand.

Let us pray. Laßt uns beten.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GROßES DANKGEBET

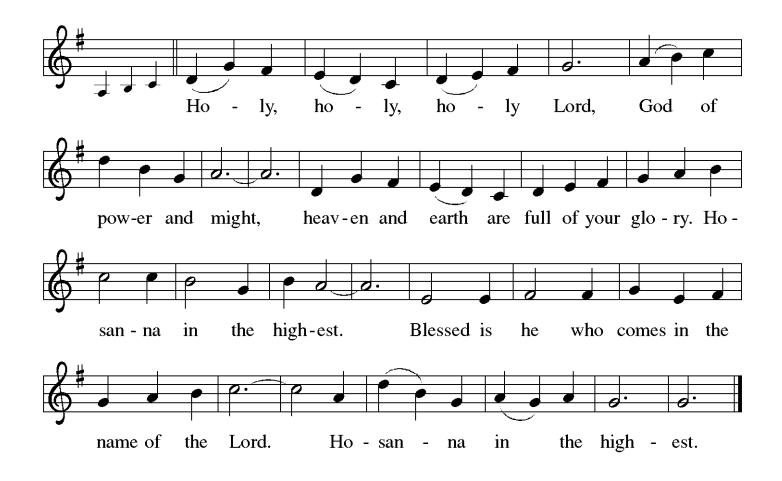
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving

and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

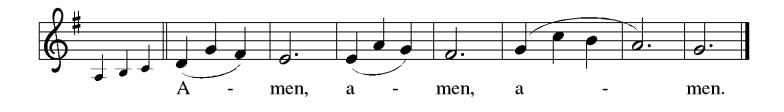
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,

may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



Please stand. DAS VATERUNSER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Vater unser im Himmel, Geheiligt werde dein Name. Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel, so auf Erden. Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute. Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, Wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern. Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen. Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen.

Our Father, who art 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 forever. Amen.

FRIEDENSGRUß

The peace of Christ be with you always. Der Herr sei mit Euch. And also with you. Und mit deinem Geist.

Share a gesture of peace with one another.

COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please sit during the time of Communion.

COMMUNION

PEACE

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**.

MUSIK WÄHREND DER AUSTEILUNG

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Esther-Ruth Teel, guest organist

Please stand. DANKGEBET NACH DEM ABENDMAHL

PRAYER OF THANKS AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Laßt uns beten.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

AUSGANG		SENDING
	God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world	<i>d</i> .

Gott segnet uns und sendet uns im Auftrag in die Welt

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

. *Please stand.* SEGEN

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace **Amen.**

SCHLUßLIED

CLOSING SONG

BLESSING

Jesus, meine Zuversicht EG 526 / Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense ELW 621



5 Was hier kranket, seufzt und fleht, wird dort frisch und herrlich gehen; irdisch werd' ich ausgesät, himmlisch werd' ich auferstehen; hier geh' ich natürlich ein, nachmals werd' ich geistlich sein.

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: Jesus, MEINE ZUVERSICHT, attr. Johann Cru.ger, 1598–1662

ENTLASSUNG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDIUM

POSTLUDE

Esther-Ruth Teel, guest organist

Next week: Sunday October 1 at 11am for an English Holy Eucharist on the 18th Sunday after Pentecost.

Coming Soon!

September 30: Oktoberfest, 6pm *Advance tickets available on our website!* September 30: Deadline for Weihnachtsmarkt baking sign-up October 8: Thanksgiving Sunday October 15: Pastor Geert-Jan's last Sunday October 22: Pastor Katherine Gohm's first Sunday October 29: Reformation Sunday December 2 & 3: Weihnachtsmarkt December 3: First Sunday in Advent

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