

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 19, 2021**

*Welcome to SMSJ*

Help yourself to coffee in the “cafe”. Feel free to bring it to your pew.  
We are broadcasting live on YouTube today starting at 9:15am. As always,  
the link to our live/recorded YouTube channel is available on our website,  
[stmarksandstjohns.org](http://stmarksandstjohns.org)

PRELUDE Instrumental

OPENING MUSIC “Draw Me Close” *Please Stand*  
*Music and Lyrics: Michael W. Smith*

ACCLAMATION

**ALL: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in us  
the fire of your love.**

**ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Deacon:* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you,  
and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to  
do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?  
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

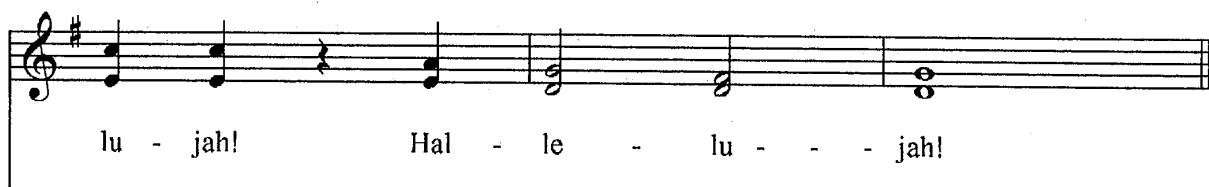
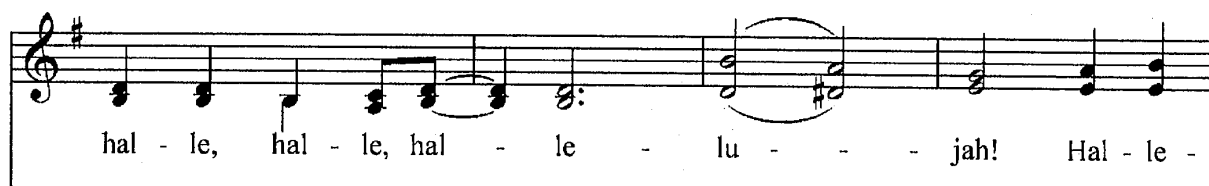
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle Halle Hallelujah" *Please stand*

*Masked singing encouraged*

*Music and lyrics by Traditional Caribbean.*

*Arranged by Mark Sedio*



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*Mark 9:30-37*

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON The Rev'd Julie Cicora

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "This I Believe"

*Crocker Matthew Philip and Fielding Benjamin David*

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION *Please be seated*

*You're invited to light a candle at our prayer table and write your prayer intentions on the Prayer Board during the music. Please stay socially distant.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please stand*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, into your church and its people. Fill us with the power and purpose of the gospel.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into the nations of the world. Rain down your peace onto nations at war or in crisis.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into the lives of those in need. We especially pray for \_\_\_\_\_ . Blanket them with your healing and hope.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into our community of faith. Support us in our mission, our celebrations, and our woes.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into our thanksgiving for the lives of all the faithful departed.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**CLOSING COLLECT:** Into your care, O God we place ourselves and all our prayers, trusting your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**



## MUSIC

### “Crowded Table” (*Please stand and sing*)

*Brandie Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna*

*Text adapted for worship*

*Eucharistic Ministers come to the altar during this music*

### **Refrain**

I want a church with a crowded table  
And a place by the altar for everyone  
Let us take on the world while we're fed and able  
And bring us back together when the day is done

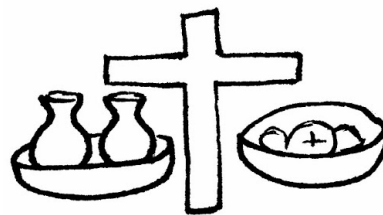
If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed  
Plant a little happiness - let the roots run deep  
If it's love that we give - then it's love that we reap  
If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed (+ Refrain)

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**ALL: We ask you to lift our hearts as we give thanks for all you do**

Gracious God, you made the world and all that is in it;  
you made this day and we rejoice in it!  
For this is the day your prophets testified about  
when you destroy the shroud of death  
and open the gates of salvation to all who believe.

You sent your Son, Jesus, among us,  
anointed with your Holy Spirit and power  
to preach peace and heal all who were oppressed.



Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us,  
with earth, sea and sky, with angels and archangels who envelop us,  
with all the saints before us and beside us,  
with sisters and brothers, east and west, north and south,

And with loved ones, separate from us now, who yet,  
in this mystery are close to us,

We join in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, who breaks open deep the tomb of our pain,  
calls life out of death, and leads all creation into life eternal.

Blessed is your Spirit, that broods over the deep, stirs our hearts, who  
comforts and confounds. Your Spirit, that animates all of creation - plants,  
animals, and all of us. Your Spirit, that dwells in us.

On the night when he was betrayed, he  
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

**“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had  
given thanks, he gave it to them and said:

**“Drink this all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these earthly things,  
this bread and this wine.

**May they be for us your body and blood,  
vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us whole.**

Anoint us with your life-giving power that we might recognize your  
presence in each and every person.

**By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all  
honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.**

The feast of life has been prepared for you -  
partake and be filled with the goodness of God.

## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

*All are welcome to receive communion.*

*Please be seated. Our Eucharistic Ministers will come to you. As they approach, please stand if you are able. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC Spirit of Gentleness

*Music and Lyrics by James Manley*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## FINAL BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL MUSIC "This Little Light of Mine"

*Music and Lyrics by Horace Clarence Boyer*

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace. Tend to your spirit and our city.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (September 19, 2021 - September 25, 2021)**

**Monday**

6pm E.D.E.N. 1199 Culver Garden  
Captains: Melanie and Judy

**Tuesday**

9am Food Shelf Ministry Prep & Foodlink Delivery

10am E.D.E.N. 408 Rosewood Terr. - *Children's Garden*  
Captain: Erin

10am E.D.E.N. 336 Parsells Ave. Garden  
Captain: Deacon Mike

5pm E.D.E.N. 448 Merchants Rd. Garden  
Captain: Deb S.

**Wednesday**

9am E.D.E.N. Church (1245 Culver) Garden  
Captains: Mary E. and Mary Ellen F.

9:30am Morning Healing Eucharist -  
*Weather permitting it will be held in the garden*

10:30-12pm Food Shelf Ministry

**Thursday**

4pm-7pm CSA Food Share pick-up for Farm Stand

7:00pm Bible Study-The Book of Acts  
*Zoom link will be available on the website*

**Friday**

11:30am E.D.E.N. Denver Training Garden  
Captains: Aisha & Becky

**Sunday**

10:30am Harvest Coffee Hour

### **Saturday Farm Stand**

Thank you to all our gardeners and Farm Stand volunteers for a wonderful season! We have been blessed with eager volunteers and loyal neighborhood customers.

### **Bible Study**

Continuing this Thursday, **September 23th**, Rev' Julie is leading a weekly Bible Study at 7:00pm and participants will be able to attend online. We are studying the Book of Acts! The Zoom link is posted on the website.

### **Prayer Concerns and/or Thanksgivings**

Our newsprint "Prayer" board is back. You are welcome to light a candle and put the name(s) of those you would like us to hold in prayer. First names will be shared during the Prayers of the People.

### **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

If you'd like to serve as a Reader and/or a Eucharistic Minister, please let Deacon Mike or Pastor Cindy know. The September and October schedule is attached. If you are unable to serve a particular weekend, please find a replacement and let Pastor Cindy know.

### **Next Vestry Meeting**

Monday September 20th, 6pm-8pm is our next Vestry meeting. We will continue to meet by Zoom.

### **Monthly E-Newsletter**

If you have not been receiving our monthly E-Newsletter and you would like to, please add your name and email address to the list on the clipboard in the Narthex.

## Worship Leaders for September, October, and November of 2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Lesson and Psalm</b>	<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Prayers of the People</b>	<b>Hold Cup Tray</b>	<b>Give Single Cup</b>	<b>Collect Cups</b>
9/5	Bob C	Deb S	Joe C	Dorothy B	Kathy J	Bob C
9/12	April L	Terri C	LaVonne N	Sharon K	Joe C	Char K
9/19	Mary E	Stephanie S	Tom F	Terri C	April L	Mary E
9/26	Mary Ellen F	Sharon K	Heather G	LaVonne N	Tom F	Stephanie S
10/3	Walt S	Samantha G	Paula V	Mary Ellen F	Deb S	Heather G
10/10	Bob V	Michele H	Kathy J	Walt S	Samantha G	Paula V
10/17	Joe C	Bob C	Deb S	Michele H	Nancy W	Dorothy B
10/24	LaVonne N	April L	Terri C	Bob C	Dorothy B	Kathy J
10/31	Tom F	Mary E	Stephanie S	Char K	Sharon K	Joe C
11/7	Heather G	Mary Ellen F	Sharon K	Mary E	Terri C	April L
11/14	Paula V	Walt S	Samantha G	Stephanie S	LaVonne N	Tom F
11/21	Kathy J	Bob V	Michele H	Heather G	Mary Ellen F	Deb S