***St. John Lutheran Church***    

September 19, 2021                                                                                      9:30 a.m.

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING REFLECTION                  We Are the Church                                     Shift Worship

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN  ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee #759***

GREETING, LITANY and PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING                                  Jeremiah 11:18-20

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING                                  James 3:13-4:3a, 7-8a

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Celtic Alleluia*** ***#174***  The Gospel According to Mark

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON                                                    Mark 9:30-37

      The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE                                                     Pastor Dean Smith

**OUR RESPONSE**

HYMN OF THE DAY                      ***Jesus Loves Me!*** ***#595***

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING: OUR TIME, OUR TALENTS, OUR TREASURE

OFFERTORY                                      ***tune #654***

***With fierce determination, O Son of Man, you come To ransom your creation, to glorify God’s name.***

***With resolution fervent you paid the dreadful price: “The first must be the servant; the Christ, the sacrifice.”***

***You call us, Christ, to follow upon the servant way. Let not our faith be hollow, nor let us turn astray.***

***These gifts we bring before you our own resolve proclaim. As children we implore you our very lives to claim.***

OFFERING PRAYER                

**THE MEAL**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

**SENDING**

SENDING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

HYMN ***The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*    *#551***

POSTLUDE

LEADERS IN THE SERVICE

*Guest Pastor: Dean Smith*

*Organist: Kimbra Lau*

*Liturgist: Ariel Glad*

*Audio-Visual: Erik Magelee, Josh Hengel, Bryan Bennett & Carl Nienow*

*Council: Lori Schweer & Cathy Pluym*

*Altar Guild: Koni Preston & Julie Lux*

*Church Staff:*

*Caryl O’Brien, Custodian*

*Jill Zellmer, Office & Financial Administrator*

*Steve Berkeland, Pastor*

***Last Week Attendance*:** *79*

***Online Viewers:*** *32*

***Offering*:** *$4,567.93*

*Welcome* to St. John Lutheran Church

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you on your journey as* your *presence has been a blessing to* us.