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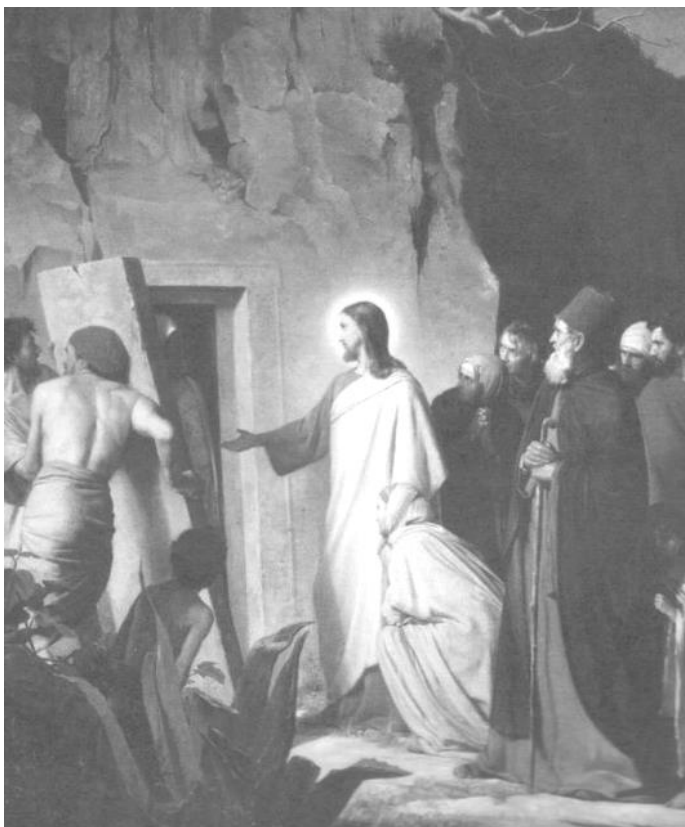
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

November 3, 2024

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church in America. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **All Saints Day**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Gracious God, we pray that You will draw us all nearer to You. Strengthen the devotion of those who are falling away and inspire anew all those whose doubts burden them. In the matchless name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE

"O BLESSED SPRING"

Farlee

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P 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.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

"For All the Saints"

LBW 174

Women vs. 4, Men vs. 5

***GREETING**

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

C **And also with you.**

*KYRIE



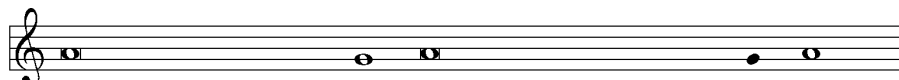
♩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ♪ Lord, have mer - cy.



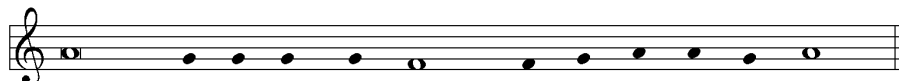
♩ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



♪ Lord, have mer - cy.



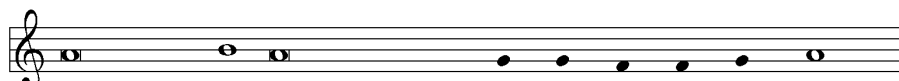
♩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



♪ Lord, have mer - cy.



♩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ♪ Lord, have mer - cy.



♩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ♪ A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



♩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



☩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

AMEN

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 25:6–9

The First Lesson is from the twenty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

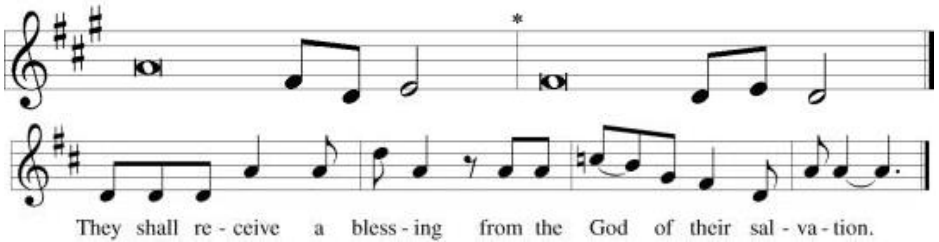
⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,
that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A Here ends the reading.

*To be a saint:
Simil Justus et Peccator*

PSALM:

PSALM 24



The earth is the LORD 's and all | that is in it,*
the world and all who | dwell therein.

**2For it is he who founded it up- | on the seas*
and made it firm upon the rivers | of the deep.**

³ "Who can ascend the hill | of the LORD *
and who can stand in his | holy place?"

**4"Those who have clean hands and | a pure heart,*
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what | is a fraud.**

⁵They shall receive a blessing | from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of | their salvation."

**6Such is the generation of | those who seek him,*
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;*
and the King of glory | shall come in.

**8 "Who is this | King of glory?"*
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, might- | y in battle."**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;*
and the King of glory | shall come in.

**10"Who is he, this | King of glory?"*
"The LORD of hosts, he is the | King of glory." R**

SECOND LESSON:

REVELATION 21:1-6

The Second Lesson is from the twenty-first chapter of Revelation. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

A Here ends the reading.

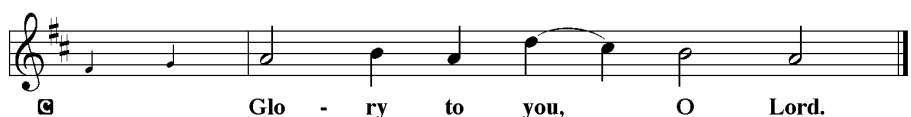
***VERSE**



GOSPEL:

JOHN 11:32-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

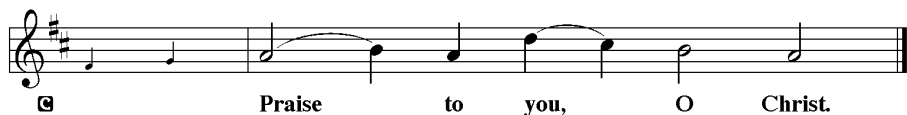


³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his

face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

LBW 176

SERMON

***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 into hell. 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**

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Thank you, dear Lord, for those forgiven sinners we call saints, for giving us a glimpse of your glory shining through their words and deeds. Thank you that, in Jesus, you have wiped away all their tears and taken away all their shame. Thank you for promising this to us, too. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

***PEACE**

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

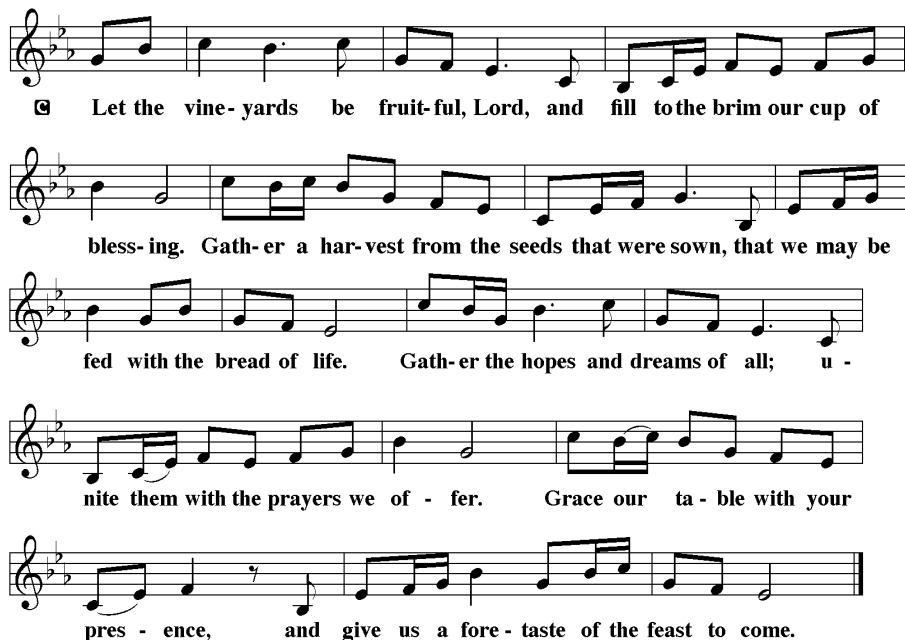
C And also with you.

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM

“Hymn of Promise”

arr. Ferguson

*OFFERTORY



☩ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

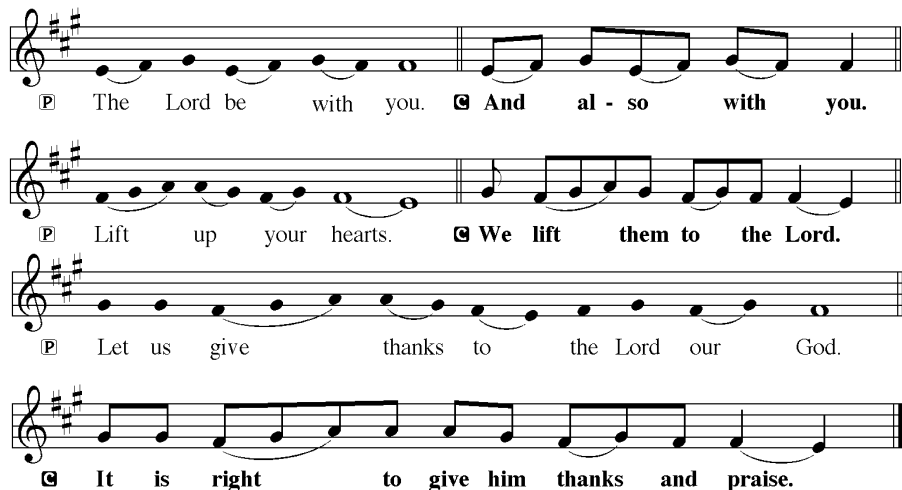
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



☩ The Lord be with you. **☩** And al - so with you.

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

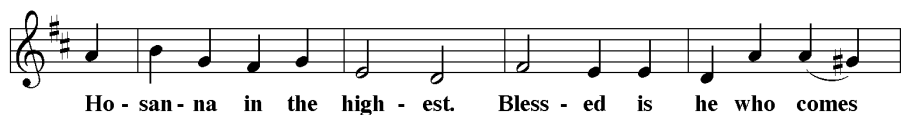
☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Through Abraham You promised to bless all nations.
You rescued Israel, Your chosen people.
Through the prophets You renewed Your promise;
and, at this end of all the ages, You sent Your Son,
who in words and deeds proclaimed Your kingdom
and was obedient to Your will, even to giving His life.

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.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of Your glory
and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and
every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our
Great High Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all.



***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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**



C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 203, 175, 406, 530, 200

*COMMUNION

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present

In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available, please inform the Pastor of your needs.

P The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

*CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray....Pour out upon us the spirit of Your love, O LORD, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

***BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the \times Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



CLOSING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LBW 221

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

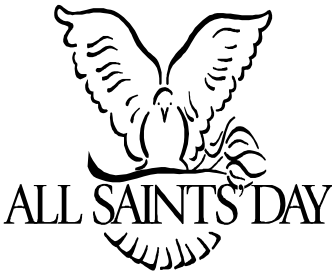
POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

Young

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A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.



Today is **All Saints’ Sunday**, when we remember our members who have gone from the Church militant to the Church Triumphant during the past year. This is a very meaningful and important festival of the church, which dates back to the third century. As we celebrate All Saints’ Sunday, let us remember each of the following members and their lives:

Robert Kendrick Walker

Christine Marie Schall

Patricia Bowser

Gary Charles Duncan

Derek R. Koeller

Mark Tomiczek

Hazel Wiedl

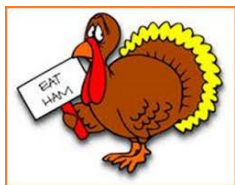
St. John's Lutheran Church
200th Anniversary "Singing Our Faith"

Featuring:

*the Senior Vocal Choir and Senior Bell Choir along with
Brass Ensemble and congregation*

Next Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Reception to follow



**Annual Thrivent "Turkey"
Luncheon, November 10, 2024
Following Worship!**

Annual "Turkey" luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, November 10th** following worship. The meal will consist of ham, noodles, stuffing, green beans, corn, applesauce and rolls. A free-will offering will be taken and all proceeds will go to the Armstrong County Community Action Agency for the purchase of Thanksgiving turkey dinners for those in need within our community. If you cannot come to the luncheon, but would like to participate by making a donation, please place your donation in the offering during worship. Because the Thrivent Action Team is sponsoring this dinner, every penny raised by the dinner will go to the Community Action Agency Turkey Fund. Thank you for your support!

The **Kittanning Ministerial Association** is sponsoring a **Thanksgiving Worship Service** on Sunday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, Kittanning.

All are welcome!



*Historical binders can be
found in the Gathering Space.
They will be available throughout the year.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday 11/4	7:00 p.m.	Property Meeting
Wednesday 11/6	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	5:30 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible study
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 11/7	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Saturday 11/9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	9:00 – 3:00	Women of the NALC Gathering Emmanuel, Export
Sunday 11/10	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Thrivent Turkey Dinner
	12:30 p.m.	Youth Service Project
	4:00 p.m.	Hymn Fest



The flower chart for 2025 has been posted in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. You may also call the church office. Flowers are \$50.00.



Heading into the hospital?

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please contact the office @ 724-548-2051. Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	John Swanson (E) Gene Hughes (L)
Lector	Brendan Swanson (E) Jonah Petruschke (L)
Communion	Lori Young and Rebecca Swanson (E) Karen Waugaman, Nancy Pierce (L) Susan Barto, Keith Livengood (L)
Acolytes	Gracie Hodak (E) Colvin Adkins, Callie Adkins (L) Kendall Bailey Quinn Kellner (L)
Welcome Team	The Wranich Family (E) Andrea Erhman and Kherington Hilty (L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich (E) Bill Bouch (L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Angela B. Clever
Sexton	Colin Toy
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Ryan & Sara Shafer's 25th anniversary and Roger & Cheryl Mechling's 50th anniversary.

The flowers on the chancel this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Emma Kirkpatrick's birthday by her grandparents, Denny & Patty Kirkpatrick.

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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