St. John's Lutheran Church

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November 1, 2026
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in worship this morning as we celebrate **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 *"Elegy"* *Candlyn*

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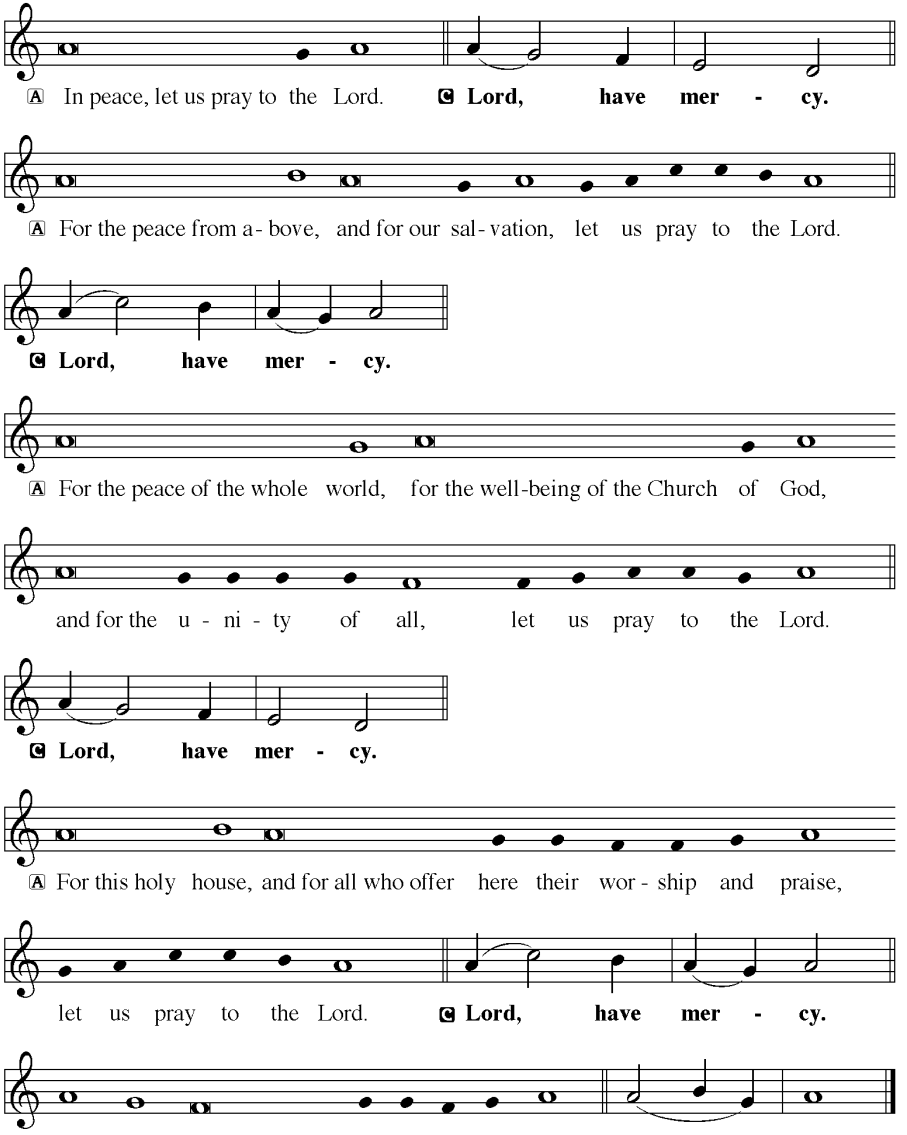
P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and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

***OPENING HYMN** *"For All the Saints"* *LBW 174*
vs. 3 Men, vs. 4 Women
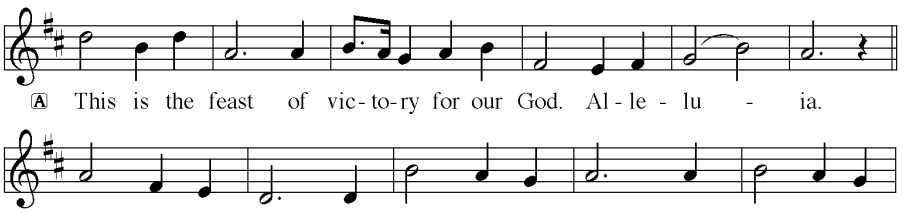
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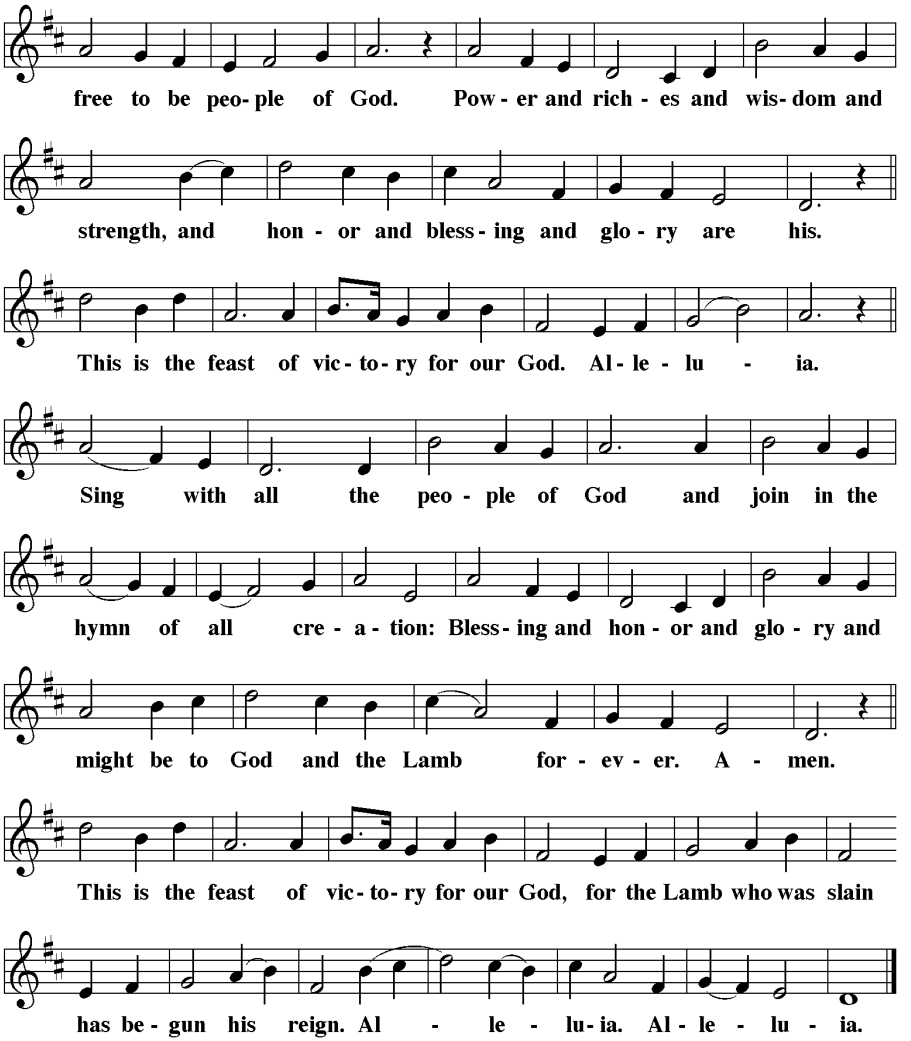
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

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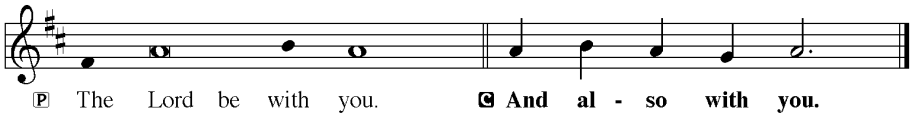


*HYMN OF PRAISE





***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



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.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON: **REVELATION 7:9–17**

The First Lesson is from the seventh chapter of Revelation.

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could
number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white
robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud
voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the
Lamb!” 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and
around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their
faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, “Amen! Blessing
and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and
might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

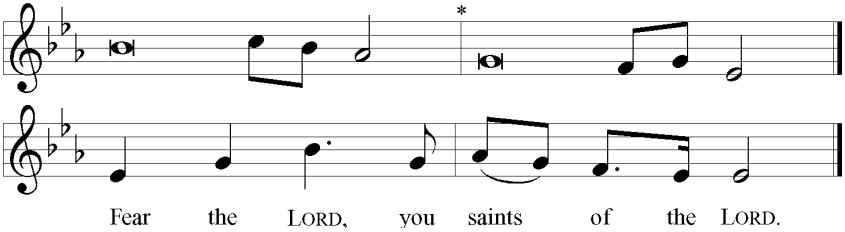
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these,
clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 14 I said to
him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming
out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 “Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A Here ends the reading.

Guardians of the Treasure

PSALM: **PSALM 34:1–10, 22**



I will bless the LORD | at all times;*
His praise shall ever be | in my mouth.
[2]I will glory | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and rejoice.
[3]Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;*
let us exalt His | name together.
[4]I sought the LORD, and He | answered me*
and delivered me out of | all my terror.
[5]Look upon Him | and be radiant,*
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
[6]I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me*
and saved me from | all my troubles.
[7]The angel of the LORD encompasses | those who fear Him,*
and He will de- | liver them.
[8]Taste and see that the | LORD is good;*
happy are they who | trust in Him!
[9]Fear the LORD, you that | are His saints,*
for those who fear | Him lack nothing.
[10]The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,*
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
[22]The LORD ransoms the life | of His servants,*
and none will be punished who | trust in Him. **R**

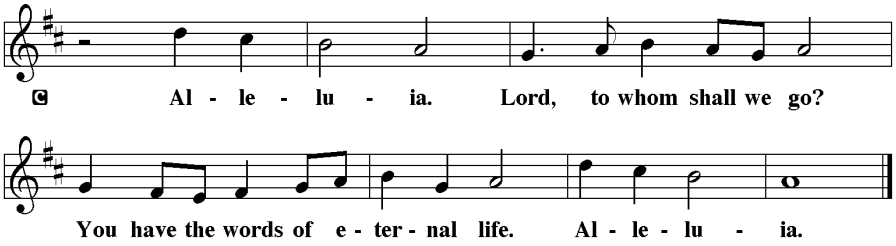
SECOND LESSON: **1 JOHN 3:1–3**

The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of First John.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3] And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

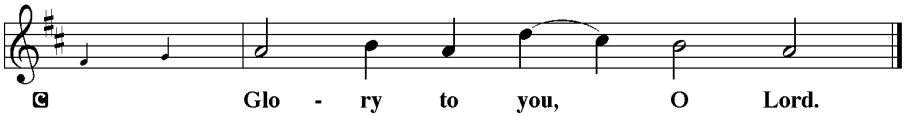
A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**



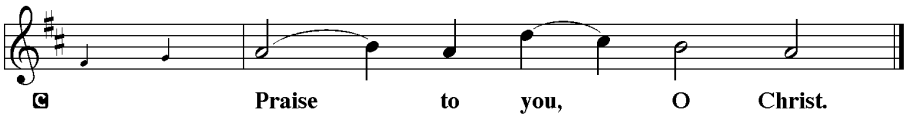
GOSPEL: **MATTHEW 5:1–12**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.



Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat
down, his disciples came to him.
2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they
shall be satisfied.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter
all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the
prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"For All Your Saints, O Lord"* *LBW 176*

SERMON *"Guardians of the Treasure"*

*** NICENE CREED**

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us approach the Throne of Grace, there to pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

Thank you, dear Father, for all your saints, especially for the ones who shaped our faith and molded our lives. Thank you for Spirit-filled heroes, martyrs, scholars, and pastors who have kept your Church "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic." Thank you for the nameless and forgotten faithful known only to you, whose humble lives perfume the airs of heaven. Thank you for joining us to Jesus, and so to all your saints: past, present, and future.

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 Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

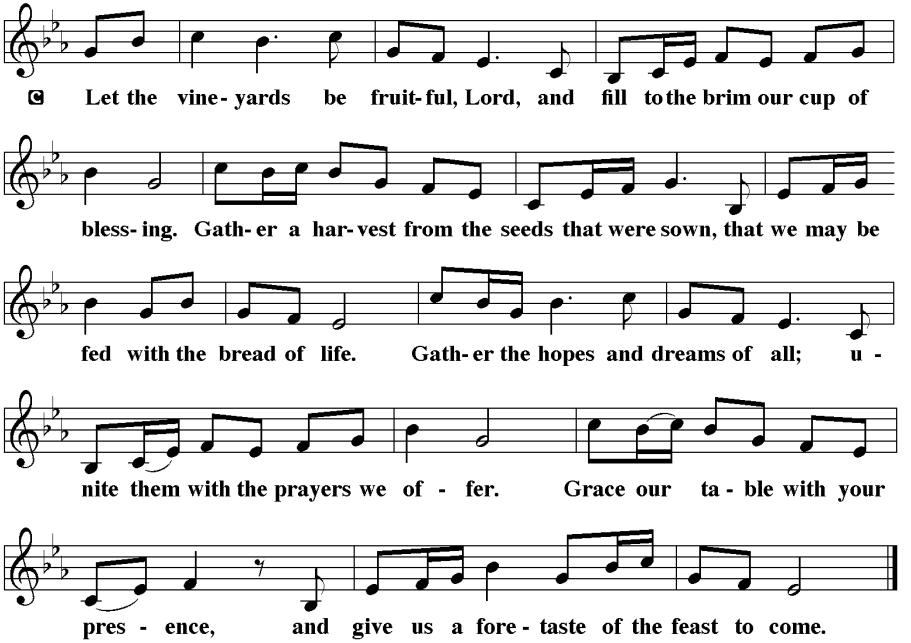
***PEACE**

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANTHEM *"Happy Land"*

***OFFERTORY**



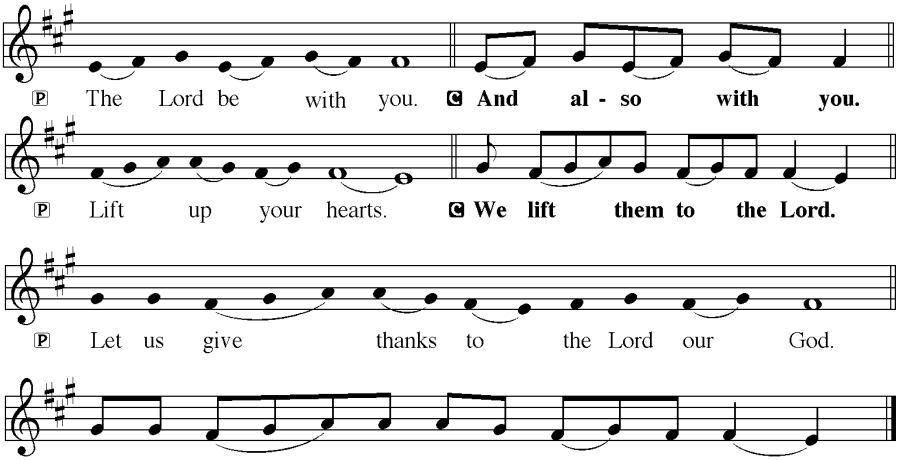
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You,

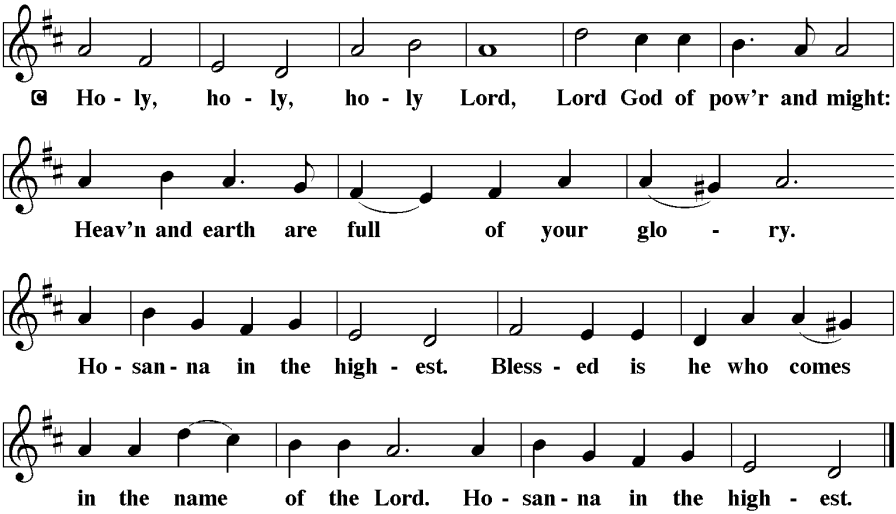
C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 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.



EUCHARISTIC 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.**

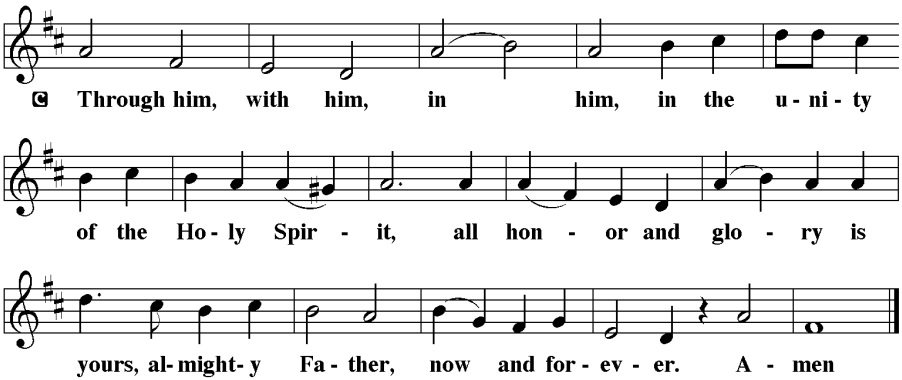
P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our LORD offered for us.
And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming
in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, LORD Jesus.**

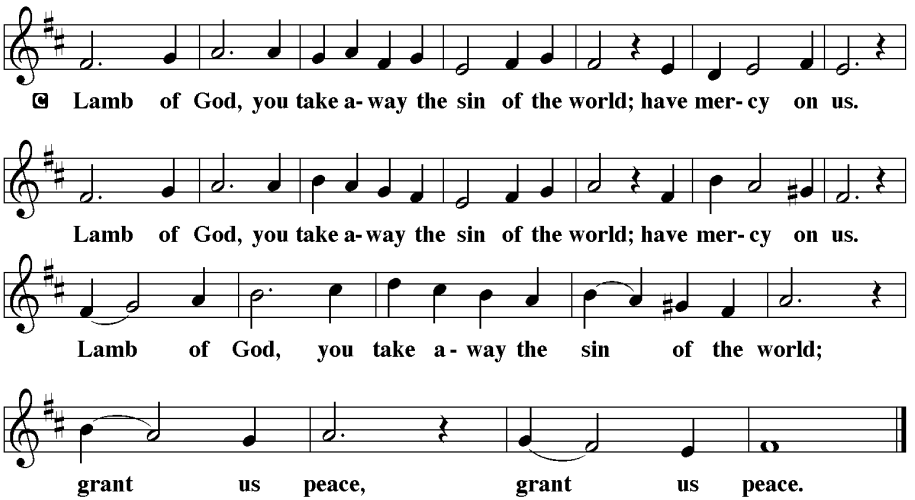
P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our LORD and of His resurrection,
that we who receive the LORD's body and blood
may live to the praise of Your glory
and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

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



COMMUNION HYMNS *LBW 203, 175, 406, 500, 200*

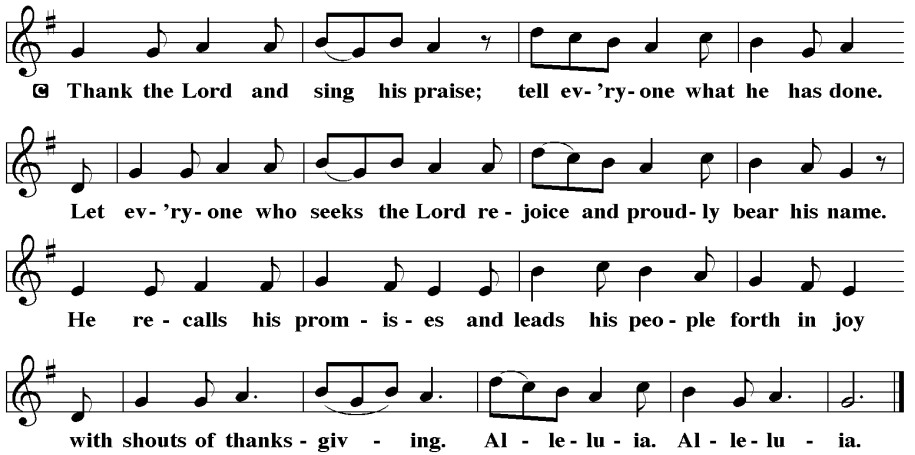
***COMMUNION**

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.

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

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

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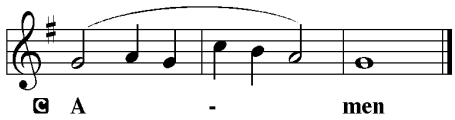


***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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 ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



***CLOSING HYMN** *"Blessing and Honor"* *LBW 525*

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *"Nimrod"* *Elgar*

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Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space.

You can't outgive God;
No matter how much you try.



Electronic Giving is Good for You and the Church

You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!

Scan the QR code for St. John's Lutheran Church: **Options Include**: *Local Expenses, Improvement Fund, Benevolence, Capital Appeal, Evangelism, Sunday School, Youth, World Hunger, Katie's Cupboard and Other.* **When choosing "Other" please indicate which fund you are contributing to. Thank you for supporting your church.**

"Give according to your income,
lest God make your income
according to your giving."

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
Monday 11/2	7:00 p.m.	Property Meeting
Tuesday 11/3	2:45 – 4:45 p.m.	30-Min Serve
Wednesday 11/4	9:30 p.m.	Children's Hour
	6:15 p.m.	Senior Bells
	6:30 p.m.	P.J.'s Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 11/5	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 11/8	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	After Worship	Thrivent Turkey Dinner

Mark Your Calendars

Nov 8	Turkey / Ham Dinner
Dec 6	Christmas Concert





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:

Mary Anne Dalmagro
Emil Debnar
Virginia Dodd
Kurt Zimmerman

We thank you O Lord, for the gift of the saints
who have surrounded us
as we run the race of faith!

Adopt-A-Family Holiday Project 2026

All gifts should remain **unwrapped** and separated by child in a clean bag. Please indicate the family number, child's number and your sponsor number on the bag (listed below and at the top of the information pages).

Please place a check mark in the box next to each item you wish to purchase.

Purchase and place **unwrapped** item in a gift bag. Request a gift receipt when purchasing the gift, and enclose it with the gift.

Fill out and place a gift tag on each gift with the child's number. (e.g. Family 20, Child 1)

IMPORTANT! Indicate the contents of each package using a "Post-it" note on the outside of the package. (This information is to be used by the committee only).

Bring gifts to the church by **Sunday, November 29, 2026**.
Any questions: Contact Michelle Kozlowski @ 724-816-1680

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Sara Shafer
Lectors	Rich Farah
Comm Assistants	Becky & John Swanson
	Lance & Christine Whiteman
Acolytes	TBD
Camera Operator	Nick Wranich

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Angela B. Clever
Sexton	TBD
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 Roger & Cheryl Mechling's 52nd wedding anniversary.

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.

St. John's is a group of sinners
who have been claimed by God
to gather in this place, to worship Him,
to learn about Him, to bask in His love,
to share His love with other people
and to spread that love with the entire world!

GRACE
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