

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**DAY OF THANKSGIVING**

*November 23, 2022*

6:30pm

# *Welcome to St. John!*

## **Preparation for Worship**

*During this time, you are invited to prepare for worship by listening to the prelude, by praying and meditating, or by reading today's Scripture readings. Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronics.*

## **Worship Notes**

*We welcome all in worship. If you use the tissues in the pew, please take the packet with you and dispose of any trash on your way out. There is a water cooler, and restrooms, down the hall and to the left. Please sanitize the spaces you use and use sanitizer before using the water cooler.*

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*GATHERING HYMN**

*"Come, You Thankful People, Come"*

ELW 693

*(Red Hymnal In Pew)*

#### **\*INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

#### **\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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 reflection and 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: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*LORD, HAVE MERCY**

D: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

D: Christ, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

D: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**\*GLORY TO GOD**

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us

this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 100

Be joyful in the Lord, | all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his  
presence | with a song.

**Know this: The Lord him- | self is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his  
people and the sheep | of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his | courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call up- | on his name.

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is | everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from | age to age.**

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## \*GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

D: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## \*GOSPEL READING

**John 6:25-35**

When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

D: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Sing To The Lord of Harvest”*

ELW 694  
*(Red Book in Pew)*

## **\*BLESSING OF THANKSGIVING DINNER**

P: God most provident, we join all creation in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, your Son. For generation upon generation peoples of this land have sung of your bounty; we too offer you praise for the rich harvest we have received at your hands. Bless us and this food which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen in our pursuit of peace and justice and in our generous response to those in need. Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*NICENE CREED**

**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.**

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

D: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

A: We give thanks for the church in every land. Sustain the faithful with your living word. Inspire radical hospitality toward all who are searching, and call us into a more generous way of living. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for the earth. Bring forth plentiful harvests and renew our commitment to share abundantly. Preserve the lands and waters that bring nourishment. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for leaders in our communities. Kindle a passion for justice and peace in every national and local elected official. Curb selfish impulses and guide us toward collaborative solutions. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for all who provide for others. Sustain caregivers, social workers, and volunteers in their efforts. Provide homes, food, employment, and medical care to all who are struggling. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for this congregation and those who plan worship. Guide pastors, deacons, musicians, and lay leaders in their leadership. Instill in us a sense of joy and wonder when we come to worship you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit - especially, Elizabeth Deimler, Jane Lambert, Bill Hoffer, Kenny Baranowski & family, Nico Hydock, Thirzah Reichert, Kim Chitester, Virginia Yohe, Bonita Zoeck, , Herbert Martello, Loella Bishop, Joan Baranowski, Elaine Horst, Sherry Madara, Allan Snavely, Glen Khor, The family of Bill Orner, The family of Betty Thomas, Jessica Lasanta and family, Debbie, Allen, and Ava Miller, Vivian Potteiger, Trent Daley, George Fouti, Karen Hurd, Leona Deibert, The Family of Robert Getz, and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for the faithful who now rest in you - especially Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, pastors in North America, whom we commemorate today. Teach us by their example and bring us with them into your loving embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN**

*"We Plow The Fields And Scatter"*

ELW 681  
*(Red Book in Pew)*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*DIALOGUE**

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

It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all  
plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through  
Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of  
heav - en, we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory 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, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

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.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

### **\*PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

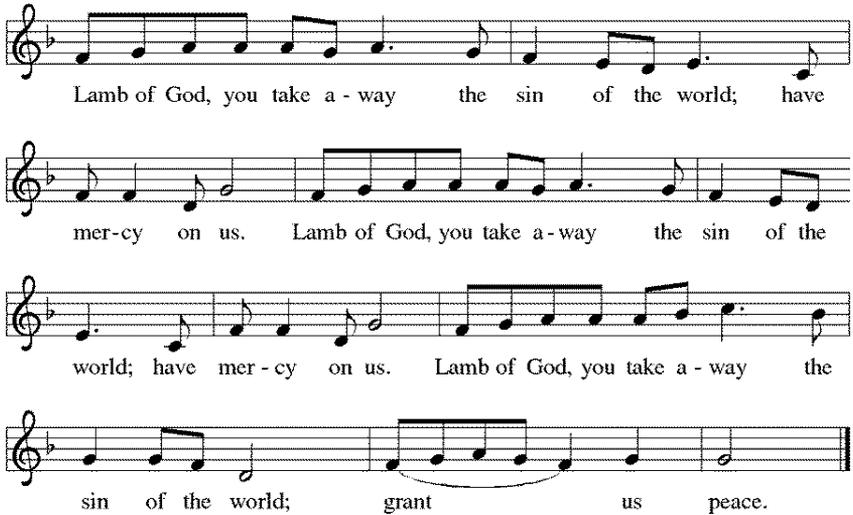
**C: And also with you.**

D: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and say "Peace be with you" or similar words.*

**Please remain standing after sharing the Peace.**

## \*LAMB OF GOD



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.

## \*INVITATION

P: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Please be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Every baptized Christian is invited to the Lord's Supper. If you would like a blessing, please indicate that to the Pastor. Quietly make your way to the line and receive the bread from the Pastor and the wine from the Assistant and then return to your seats. If you need communion brought to you, please raise your hand or let the ushers know.*

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

A: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*And each person may respond Amen.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

“Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness”

ELW 488

“We Praise You, O God”

ELW 870

*(Red Hymnal In Pew)*

*Please stand at the direction of the Presider.*

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

ELW 840  
*(Red Hymnal In Pew)*

**\*DISMISSAL**

D: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THOSE SERVING TODAY:**

Presider	Father W. L. Barnes, III
Deacon	Deacon Kristen Barnes
Assistant	Karlene Jaggan
Lector	Karen Gussler
Communion Assistant	Don Whitehaus
Greeters/Ushers	Tom & Sandy Mader

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**Pastoral Care:** For Pastoral emergencies Father Barnes can be reached by phone at 717-870-4505 or email at **fatherbarnes3@gmail.com.**

**Annual Meeting with 2023 Proposed Budget**

December 11, 2022 following Sunday Worship

**Holiday Market Vendor Sale**

St. John Fellowship Hall Dec 10

10am-2pm

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## **WE PRAYFOR:**

**Our Call Committee:** Cheryl Mathias, Marge Baranowski, Pat Ignatosky, Marge Plouse, Val Steinman

**St. John Members:** Elizabeth Deimler, Jane Lambert, Bill Hoffer

**We also Pray For:** Kenny Baranowski & family, Nico Hydock, Thirzah Reichert, Kim Chitester, Virginia Yohe, Bonita Zoeck, , Herbert Martello, Loella Bishop, Joan Baranowski, Elaine Horst, Sherry Madara, Allan Snavely, Glen Khor, The family of Bill Orner, The family of Betty Thomas, Jessica Lasanta and family, Debbie, Allen, and Ava Miller, Vivian Potteiger, Trent Daley, George Fouti, Karen Hurd, Leona Deibert, The Family of Robert Getz.

Those that are hungry, that they may be fed, and the unemployed.

Those affected by violence around the world.

Our military men and women and their families.

Those who continue to be affected by COVID.

Our first responders and their families.