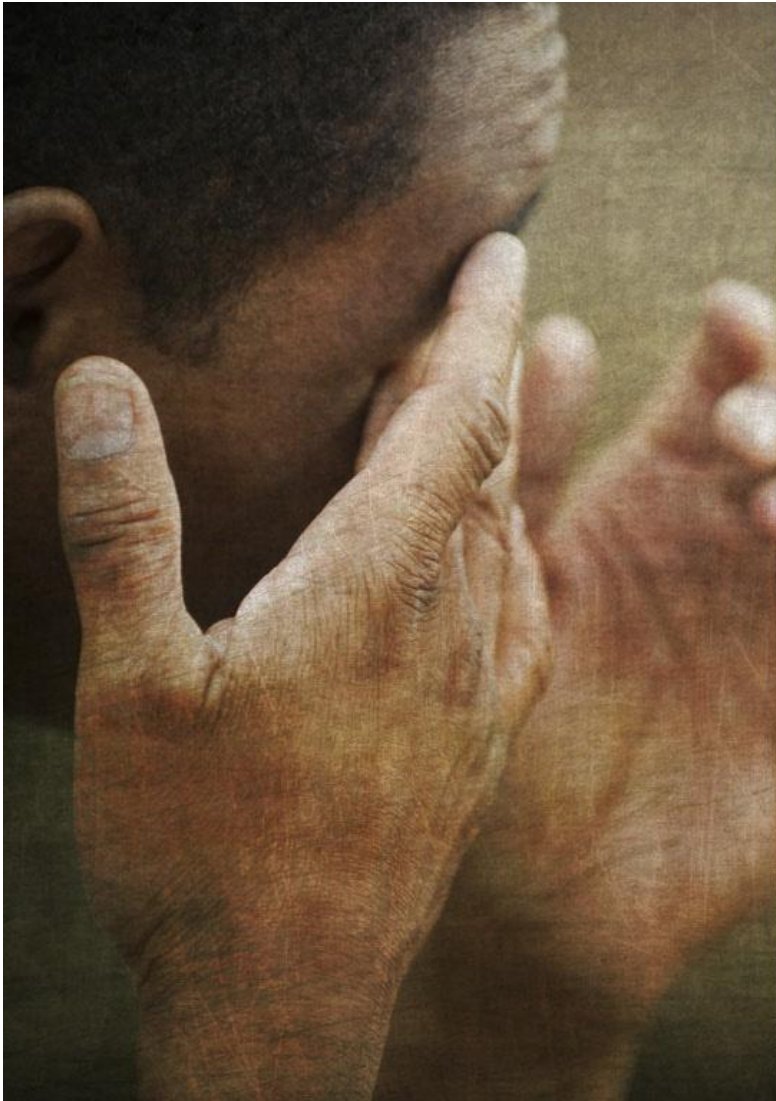




HE WILL
WIPE AWAY *every tear*

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
November 1, 2026

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sanctuary Worship 10:30 a.m. Live streamed to Facebook

Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor

November 1, 2026 All Saints Sunday

Welcome to Worship! Micah declares God's condemnation of those who abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Paul urges the Thessalonians to lead a life worthy of God. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.

As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the celebration of Holy Communion as he is God with us. Christians of all denominations are encouraged to come to the Lord's table. We commune children of any age who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received communion instruction will receive a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are offered to accommodate various traditions. Gluten free wafers are provided for those with dietary restrictions. Please make the pastor aware of your need.

We give thanks to Linda Stauffer and Brandon Alt for sharing their musical gifts today. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest register after worship. Plan to worship with us again next Sunday.

Bell Prelude

"How Firm A Foundation" Arr. By Martha Lynn Thompson
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Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand if you are able

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Thanksgiving For Baptism

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“For All the Saints” (vs. 1-4)

ELW 422

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

“Awesome God”

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Our God is an awe - some God, he
 reigns from heav - en a - bove with wis - dom,
 pow'r, and love— our God is an awe - some God!
 Our God is an awe-some God! Our God is an awe-some God!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Micah 3:5-12

A reading from Micah.

The LORD announces judgment against prophets who can be bribed to give favorable oracles. Because rulers too can be bribed to practice injustice, Micah announces the coming destruction of Jerusalem. Later, Jeremiah escaped execution because of Micah's daring precedent (Jer. 26:18-19).

⁵ Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets
 who lead my people astray,
 who cry "Peace"
 when they have something to eat
 but declare war against those
 who put nothing into their mouths.

⁶ Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,
and darkness to you, without revelation.
The sun shall go down upon the prophets,
and the day shall be black over them;
⁷ the seers shall be disgraced
and the diviners put to shame;
they shall all cover their lips,
for there is no answer from God.
⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the spirit of the LORD,
and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression
and to Israel his sin.
⁹ Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob
and chiefs of the house of Israel,
who abhor justice
and pervert all equity,
¹⁰ who build Zion with blood
and Jerusalem with wrong!
¹¹ Its rulers give judgment for a bribe;
its priests teach for a price;
its prophets give oracles for money;
yet they lean upon the LORD and say,
“Surely the LORD is with us!
No harm shall come upon us.”
¹² Therefore because of you
Zion shall be plowed as a field;
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the temple a wooded height.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 43 (Read responsively)

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people;
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- ² **For you are the God of my strength; why have you rejected me,
and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?**

³ Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your sanctuary;
⁴ **that I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness;
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.**
⁵ **Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted
within me?**

**Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help
and my God.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

*Paul uses paternal imagery to depict the guidance and encouragement he provided to the Thessalonians.
They received from Paul the word of God, which energizes their faith.*

⁹ You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encourages his disciples to obey the words of Moses they hear from their teachers but to shun the hypocrisy and pretension of those who do not practice what they teach.

¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’s seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Youth Time

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!

2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

Prayers of the people:

Response: God in your mercy hear our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Choir Offering

"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

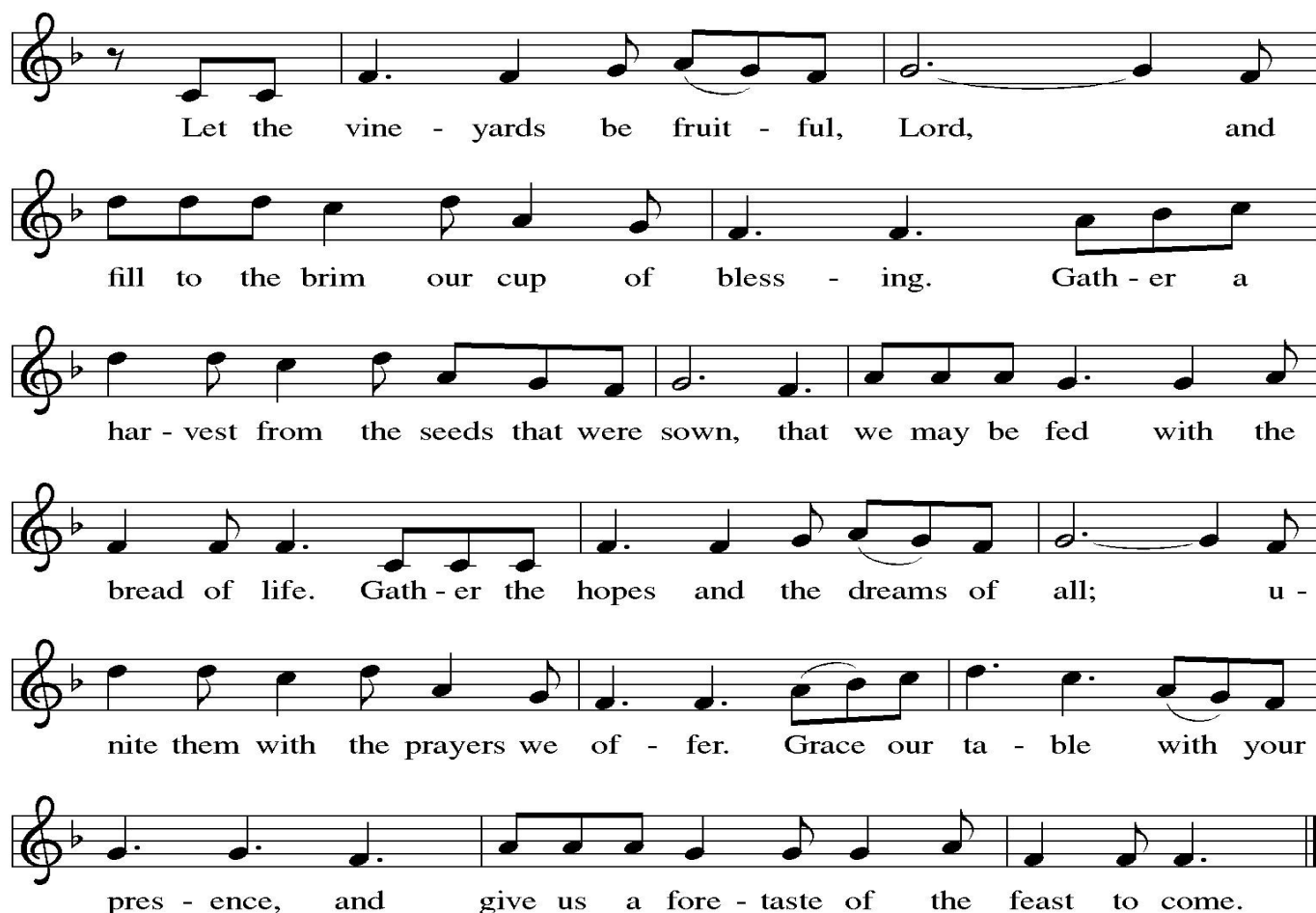
Gerald Peterson

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Please stand if you are able

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



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 the 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

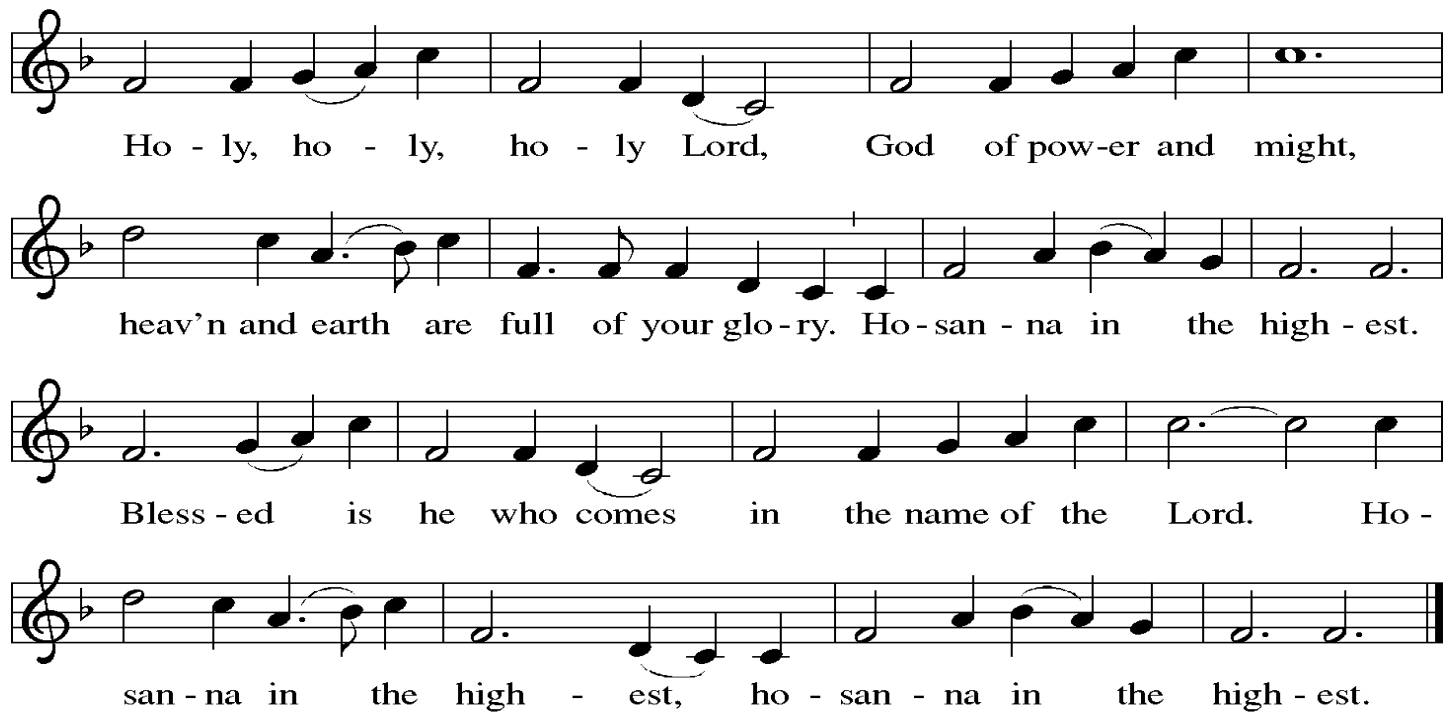
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us,

that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with Beverly, David and Rollie all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated

Distribution



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Distribution Hymn:

"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
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Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

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Distribution Hymn:

"As the Deer"

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As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.



You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spir - it yield;



you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His care.

Amen

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

Sending Hymn

“For All the Saints” (vs. 5-7)

ELW 422

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5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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2026 The Year of the Way of Love. “We love because he first loved us.”

Bible Verse for *1 John 5:2-3*

“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome”.

Council asks the congregation to pray that we give thanks for those who have shared their faith journeys; that we should all aspire to do the same.

Today is All Saints Sunday, when we take the time to give thanks for the saints who have shared their faith with us and helped us grow in our faith. We give thanks this year for William Steinfeldt, Elliot Young and Otis Bell.

Communion Clean-up today: Jim Kluding

Nov. 8 – Set-up – Paula Hoffman Laws	Clean-up – Paula
15 – Set-up – Elizabeth Libben	Clean-up – Sandy Thompson
22 – Set-up – Joleen Dillender	Clean-up – Sue & Lynn Schlessman
29 – Set-up – Elizabeth Libben	Clean-up – Sandy Thompson
Dec. 6 – Set-up – Paula Hoffman Laws	Clean-up – Paula
13 – Set-up – Jim Kluding	Clean-up – Jim
20 – Set-up – Joleen Dillender	Clean-up – Sue & Lynn Schlessman
24 – Set-up – Elizabeth Libben	Clean-up – Elizabeth
27 – No Communion Jt. Worship at Zion Huron	

Thank you for your willingness to help with this important ministry. If you would like to help, please see Elizabeth Libben or Sandy Thompson.

Hanging of the Greens! Mark your calendars to decorate St. John's sanctuary for Christmas! Hanging of the greens will take place on Sunday, November 22nd right after worship along with a pizza fellowship. Please plan to join us!

Happy Birthday to Susan Zorn and Joleen Dillender.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1ST THRU NOVEMBER 15TH

Sunday, November 1	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Confirmation Class Adult Class with Lynn Sunday School for all ages Worship/ All Saints Sunday
Tuesday, November 3	1:00 pm	Faith Life Team
Wednesday, November 4	12 noon 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Scripture & Prayer at Parkvue Choir Practice Bell Practice
Sunday, November 8	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Confirmation Class Adult Class with Lynn Sunday School for all ages Worship
Wednesday, November 11	10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Book Discussion Chapters 5 & 6 Worship Team Choir Practice Bell Practice
Sunday, November 15	9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Adult Class with Lynn Sunday School for all ages Worship

Christmas Card Making Workshop: The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 12, 4:00-8:00 pm in the Fellowship hall at Zion's Huron. Arrive anytime during workshop hours and create one-of-a-kind Christmas cards! All supplies are provided-papers, images, stickers, ribbon and little sparkly things await you! The workshop is free and all ages are welcome. Please call or text Diane Chevalier at [419-602-7412](tel:419-602-7412) with any questions. In order to plan for supplies please sign up on the registration sheet on the bulletin board or call the Zion office at [419-433-4711](tel:419-433-4711).

St. Stephen UCC's annual Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday, November 14th, 9 am to 3 pm at 905 E Perkins Ave. Sandusky. Door prize, lunch available, Free Admission.

Annual Sauerkraut Supper held at St. Stephen United Church of Christ on Tuesday, Nov. 10th. You can eat in or takeout 5 p.m. until sold out. Menu: Pork roast, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, applesauce, drink and dessert. Cost: \$14 cash or \$14.50 card.



We will beautify our sanctuary this Christmas season with poinsettias. Please place your order by **Sunday, November 15th**.

No. of plants _____ @ \$12.50 each _____

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