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I am making all things new.

Revelation 21:5, NRSV

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
November 3, 2024

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

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November 3, 2024 All Saints Sunday

Welcome to Worship! Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

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 welcome and give thanks to Jenny Weichel 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 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* Arranged by Victor Labenske
(From Sunday Morning Companion) ©2007 Alfred Sacred


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!

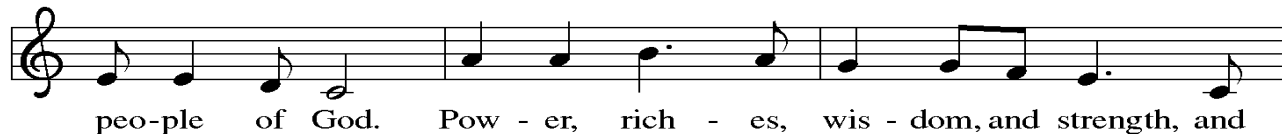
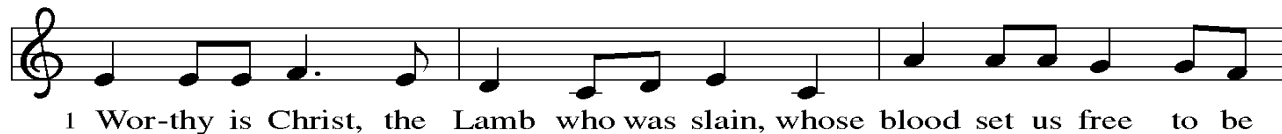
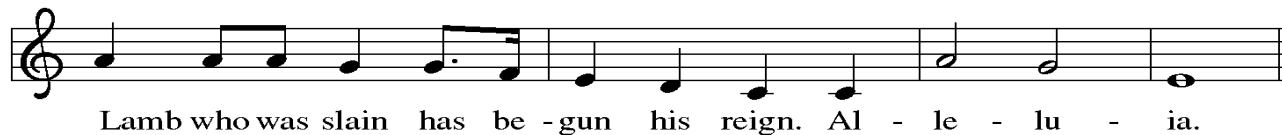
Greeting

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

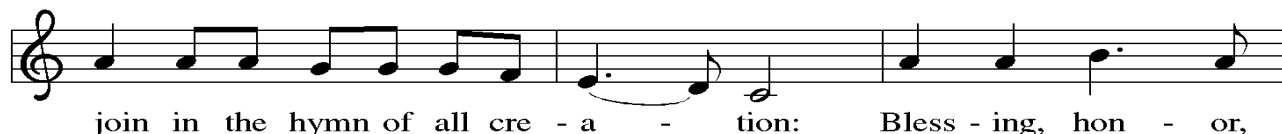
And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

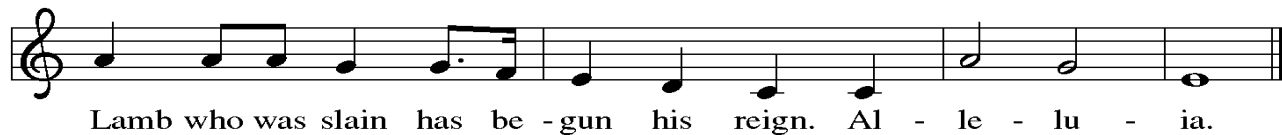
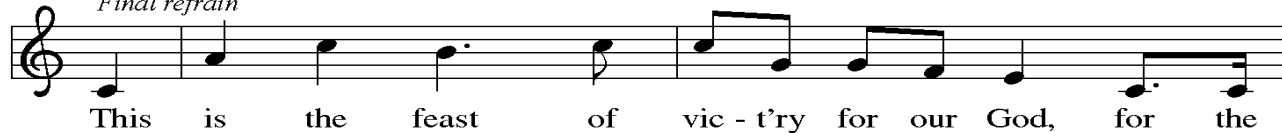
Refrain



Refrain



Final refrain



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

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

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

Psalm: Psalm 24 (Read responsively)

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

**⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

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

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from Revelation.

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”


Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me,

“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Gospel Acclamation


Change My Heart, O God

Refrain




Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.


End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Refrain

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Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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Gospel: John 11:32-44

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

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

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said

this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Youth Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Soon and Very Soon"

ELW 439

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Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

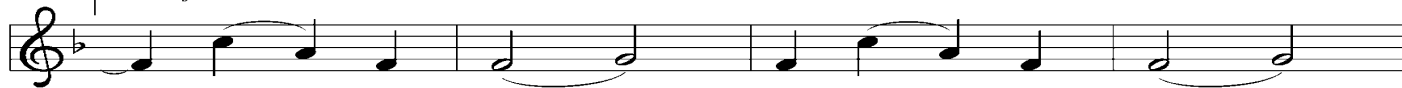


soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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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: Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Offering

"Shall We Gather at the River?" Arranged by Jason Tonioli

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Please stand if you are able

Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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.

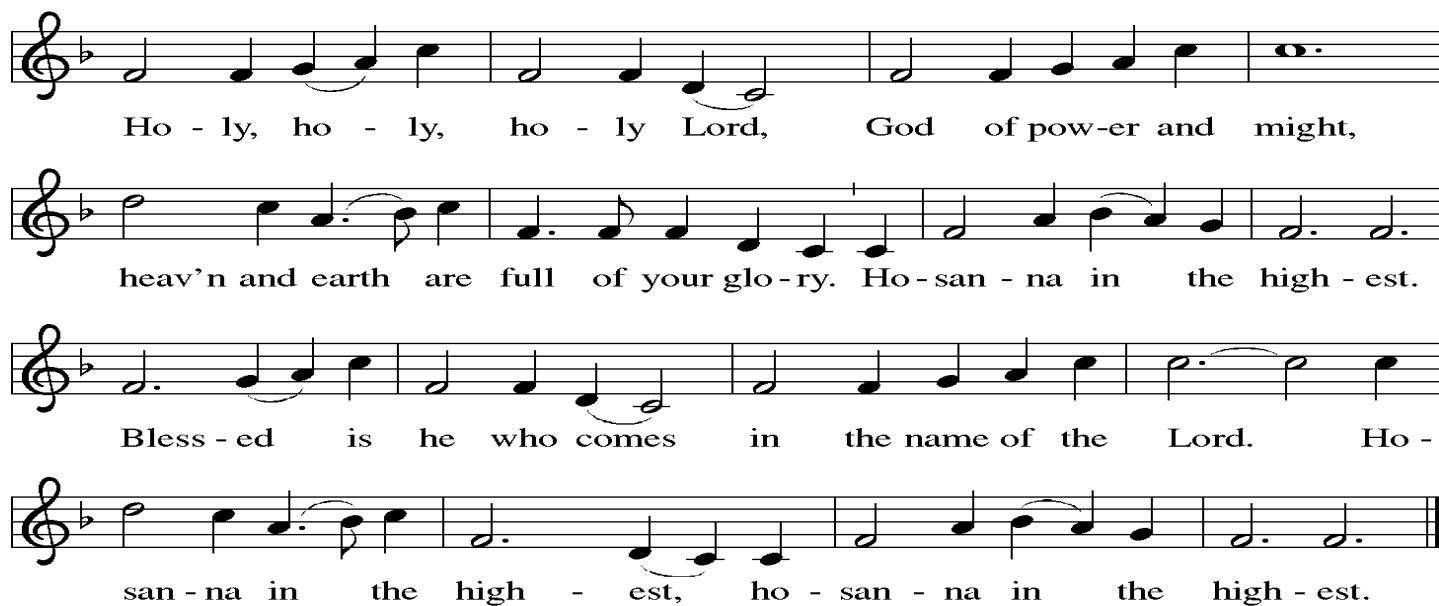
Preface

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 [name/s and] 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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, Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymn:

“Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”

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1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.

3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.

4 Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne.

5 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,

O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

Distribution Hymn:

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW 423

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: Robert Lowry

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. Refrain

Refrain
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. Refrain

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;

soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. Refrain

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.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of 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

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

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!

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!

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!

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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"So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God" Hebrews 4:9

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of veterans, active military, and their families by Bill and Connie Deehr.

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 Morgan Noon, Sue Graybill and Chuck Kingsley.

Council asks the congregation to continue to pray that during this upcoming election season, we all remember to listen with humble hearts to those with whom we disagree. We pray that our leaders do the same, in order that we all may concentrate less on getting our way and more on loving our neighbors.

Communion Clean-up today: Sandy Thompson

Nov. 10 – Set-up – Joleen Dillender	Cleanup - Lynn and Sue Schlessman
Nov. 17 – Set-up – Elizabeth Libben	Cleanup – Paula Hoffman Laws
Nov. 24 – Set-up – Joleen Dillender	Cleanup – Elizabeth Libben
Dec. 1 – Set-up – Joleen Dillender	Cleanup – Sandy Thompson
Dec. 8 – Set-up – Toni Nossaman	Cleanup – Paula Hoffman Laws
Dec. 15 – Set-up – Elizabeth Libben	Cleanup – Elizabeth Libben (Youth Program)
Dec. 22 – Set-up – Joleen Dillender	Cleanup –
Dec. 24 – Set-up -	Cleanup –

Thank you for your willingness to help with this important ministry. If you would like to help, please see Toni Nossaman, Joleen Dillender or Sandy Thompson.

Healing of the nations: Every month when we ask the council how to pray, we find that there are so many people hurting locally and around the world. The election season makes this even more evident. On **November 10th**, we will include a healing of the nations to our Sunday morning service. We will light candles and pray for people nearby and around the world. We hope you will join us for this special service. If you would like to be one of the four readers, please let Pastor Stacy know. Thanks!

November 10th at 9:30 will be Sunday School for **ALL youth**. We will learn about Holy Communion, taste the bread, tell stories, and go a little deeper into our understanding of this sacrament.

November 17th will be the first play practice for the Christmas **program**, which will be on December 15th in the barn. Please let Pastor Stacy know if your child/neighbor/grandchild/family member of any kind would like a role!

Hanging of the Greens! Mark your calendars to decorate St. John's sanctuary for Christmas! Hanging of the greens will take place next Sunday, November 24th right after worship along with a pizza fellowship. Please plan to join us!

Happy Birthday to Susan Zorn, Joleen Dillender, Milly Reed, and Dawn Schlessman
Happy Anniversary to Chuck and Sandy Thompson belated anniversary wishes to Bill and Carolyn Steinfeldt.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 3RD THRU NOVEMBER 17TH

Sunday, November 3	9:15 am 10:30 am	Study with Lynn All Saints Sunday
Tuesday, November 5	11:00 am 1:00 am	Making Sense of Martin Luther Study Faith Life Team
Wednesday, November 6	12:00 noon	Scripture and Prayer at Parkview Place
Sunday, November 10	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Study with Lynn Youth Sunday School Healing of Nations Service
Tuesday, November 12	10:00 am 11:00 am	Book Discussion chapters 5 & 6 Making Sense of Martin Luther Study
Sunday, November 17	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Study with Lynn Youth Play Practice Worship

Weekly Verse: As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. – Proverbs 27:17

- Nov. 3 – Set everything aside and play a game with someone.
- 4 – Eat something that reminds you of someone who love you.
- 5 – Silence your devices for one hour. Breathe.
- 6 – Have a conversation with someone you don't agree with. Focus on listening.
- 7 – Write a thoughtful note that affirms someone's gifts.
- 8 – Exercise with someone else.
- 9 – Donate your time or money to something you believe in.

Faith in Action: Our Call to Civic Engagement During the 2024 Election

God calls us to care for our neighbors and actively shape a just and compassionate society. Civic engagement, including voting and public service, is a meaningful way we live out our faith in the public sphere. The ELCA encourages everyone to engage in the political process with integrity, advocating for justice, peace and the common good. Browse resources, watch videos and learn how to get involved at ELCA.org/CivicEngagement.



We will beautify our sanctuary this Christmas season with poinsettias. Please place your order by **Sunday, November 17th**. Place orders and payment in the offering plate.

No. of plants _____ @ \$12.50 each _____

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IN HONOR OF (Living) _____
