

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 6, 2022 9:00 AM ✦ Setting 4 C



All Saints' Sunday

Introduction to the Day

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

WELCOME to worship at St. John's, whether virtually or in person, we are delighted to share this time together. St. John's focus is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, Strengthen Believers and Care for those in Need.

HOLY COMMUNION will be by 2-line procession through the center aisle. We will celebrate with wafers, wine and grape juice (please notify Acolyte). Gluten-free wafers are also provided-please tell the Pastor when communing. *If you prefer to use Pre-filled communion cups they are available at each entrance.

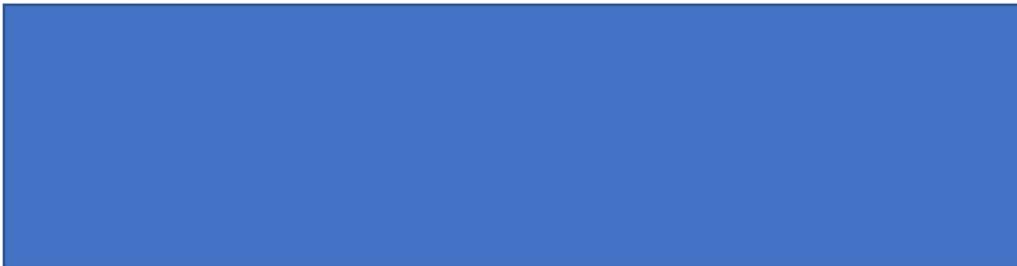
GIVE TO ST. JOHN'S We are currently not passing the plate, you will find plates located at each entrance. If you would like to give electronically to God's work through St. John's Lutheran Church, visit our website and click on the **E-Giving Tab** to go to a [secure form](#) through VANCO. You may also download the app, *VANCO MOBILE* and use your existing login information or provide new. For New Users: search for St Johns Lutheran of Lewistown to find our church. From there you can setup your e-giving how you would like. Look for an information sheet on the church resource table in the Fellowship Hall or ask the office admin. for help. Thank You for your continued support.

OTHER WORSHIP SPACE is available in the fellowship hall, where service can be heard. There is a nursery room (2nd fl education wing) if needed as we do not provide nursery care. The service can be heard from this room. Thank you for bringing your children to worship. God's family includes all ages!

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, we would like to get to know you. Please fill out a visitor's card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. May Christ's spirit be with each and every one of us in our congregational life and faith journey.

LARGE PRINT SERVICE BOOKLETS are available, please see a door greeter.

SERVING TODAY



PRELUDE 9:00 AM

"For All the Saints"

Ralph Vaughan Williams, Arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUCEMENTS

GATHERING

*Please stand as you are able. Congregational responses are in **Bold**.
Red Hymnal (ELW) will be used for parts of the service.*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Please stand as you are able.

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(pause for reflection . . .)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW # 426 "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

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

KYRIE (sung)

(ELW pg. 147 setting 4 for music)

Cantor sings dialogue, congregation responds:

Lord, have mercy. (4x)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (sung)

(ELW pg. 149 setting 4 for music)

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

Special Music:

“Going Home” (In the setting of Antonin Dvorak’s Symphony No. 9)
Chancel Choir

Mary McDonald

WORD

First Reading – Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 *The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom*

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Reader ends with: **“The Word of the Lord.”**

Congregation responds: **“Thanks be to God.”**

Psalm 149 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,

God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice in their maker;**

let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;

let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people**

and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;

let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat**

and a two-edged sword in their hand,

⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

⁸**to bind their kings in chains**

and their nobles with links of iron,

⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed;

this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

Second Reading – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 *The coming of the Lord Jesus*

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be

God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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Children’s Message *all children are invited forward*

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able



The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel – Luke 6:20-31 *Jesus speaks blessings and woes*

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

After the reading ...

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Allen

Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able. Together we confess:

**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.**



Saints We Honor Today:

Bruce Burlew 12/26/2021
Dora Greene 1/14/2022
Emerson Ron Mills 1/29/2022
Francis Mowery 3/2/2022
Randy Leopold 5/13/2022
Arla Johnson 5/29/2022
Madeline Rupe 7/16/2022
Frances Miller 8/2/2022
Norman Harpster 9/26/2022
Jean Endslow 10/29/2022
Charles Deibert Sr. 10/30/2022

Prayers of Intercession

The petitions end: "Lord, in your mercy";

And the Congregational response is:

"receive our prayer."

Sharing of God's Peace

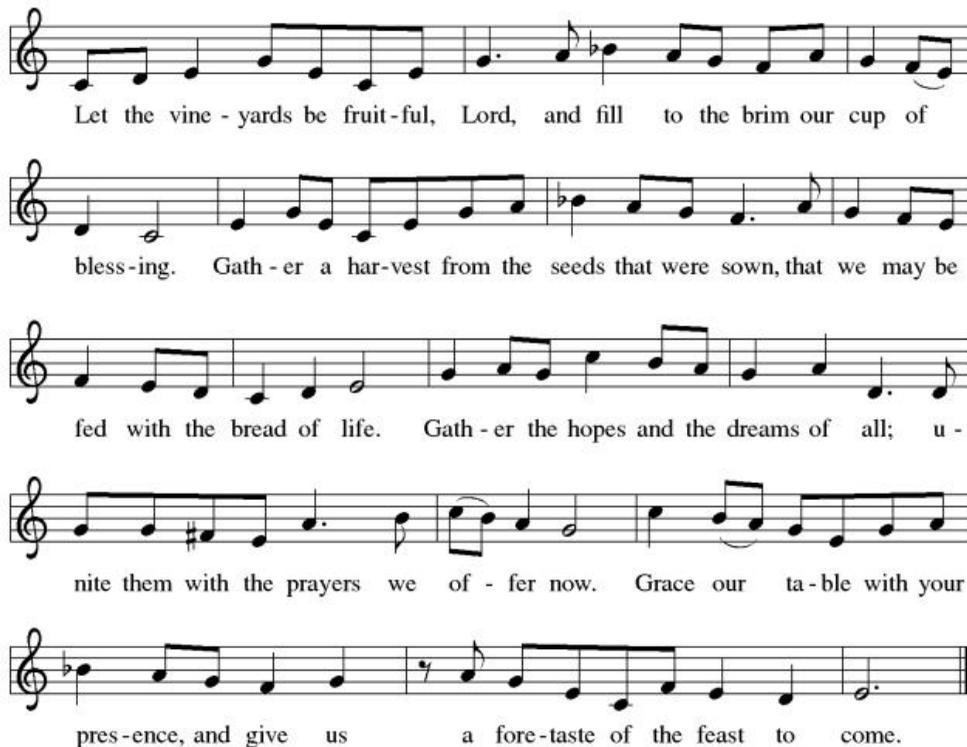
Share the Peace in a safe manner. Simply say the
words, "*Peace be with You.*"

And also with you.

MEAL

Please continue to stand

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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

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.**

COMMUNION PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we.....
and join their unending hymn (sung):

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW pg. 153 setting 4

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our lord Jesus.....

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

For as often as we eat 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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary commandTo you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) *Please turn to the back of the Red Hymnal hard cover*

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

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

COMMUNION

*If you feel comfortable at this time, all who are baptized are invited to come forward as directed from the front through the middle aisle.

Children, if not already communing, may be brought forward for a blessing from the Pastor. Please hold both hands out to receive the

wafer, then an Acolyte will hand you a cup. Please dispose in a near waste basket.



LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg. 154 setting 4

Communion Distribution Music

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Traditional Spiritual, Arr. John Carter

"Sweet By and By" Joseph P. Webster, Arr. Mark Hayes

"Deep River" Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Calvin Taylor

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW #628 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Silent Meditation

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Ring the Bells of Heaven”

George F. Root, Arr. Cindy Berry

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DEDICATIONS

TODAY’S BULLETINS are presented in memory of Isabel Borland by her husband David Borland, children and grandchildren.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in loving memory of Gramma Treaster from her grandchildren, Samantha and Noah.

THE BASKET OF FLOWERS below the altar are given by Bob McCormick in loving memory of his parents, Robert and Kathryn McCormick and in honor of his children, Bob and Kim.

THIS WEEK’S ETERNAL CANDLE is sponsored in memory and in honor of loved ones by Nancy Ressler.

THE COMMUNION WINE this morning is given by Ed and Cheryl Bressler in honor of Cheryl’s mother, Elisabeth Sampsell, 94th Birthday.

ST. JOHN’S NEWS

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Dear Congregational Members,

It is hard to believe, but Christmas planning has already begun! We invite you to join us in thanking our church staff for the tremendous job that they have done this year. Any member who would like to contribute a monetary donation towards the staff Christmas gifts will have several opportunities to do so. Donations may be mailed or dropped off to the Church Office

and marked "Staff Christmas Gifts." Also, envelopes will be available in the bulletins on November 13 and 20 and can be placed in the offering plates or in the Church Office. Donations must be collected by Sunday, December 4, 2022 so that they will be included in the gifts presented to the staff. Please see any Council member with questions.

Thank you for helping to show our appreciation for the truly wonderful staff that serve St. John's Lutheran Church of Lewistown.

Sincerely, St. John's Lutheran Church Congregational Council

PRAYER SHAWLS are available in the lobby handcrafted by our members. If you are going to visit anyone in the hospital, or a nursing facility, or for home communion, or you just know someone who would like one----please take a prayer shawl and blessing to give to them. They don't have to be a member of our congregation. We want to bless as many people as we can. Please tell them that prayers were being prayed for them as the shawl was being made and the congregation prays God's healing and peace upon their lives.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christmas Pageant Director, Patty Loudenslager, will hold a Saturday Practice for all of those involved December 10th at 10:00 am. The Christmas Pageant will be presented Dec. 11th. Pizza Party for all children and those participating in Pageant will be Saturday, December 10th at 11 am directly following practice.

Worship
Schedule

Nov 13th (Pentecost+23 A) 9 AM Worship (Honor Veterans) 10:15 AM Group Sunday School -*Godly Play*, YOUTH SUNDAY

Nov 20th (Christ the King) 9 AM Worship, 10:15 AM Sunday School

Nov 27th (Advent 1A) 9 AM Worship, 10:15 AM Sunday School -*Godly Play*

Dec 4th (Advent 2A) 9 AM Worship, 10:15 AM Sunday School

Dec 11th (Advent 3A) 9 AM Worship (Pageant), 10:15 AM Sunday School



Upcoming Meetings/Events (see website *Events* for calendar also)

Money Counting Mondays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28

Wed. Nov. 9th 6 pm Celeste Choir, 6:30 pm Praise & Worship Choir, 7 pm Handbell Choir, 8 pm Chancel (Adult) Choir (every Wed. unless notified of change)

Fri. Nov 11th 9-Noon Ham Sandwich Pick-Up

Mon. Nov 14th 9 am Piecemakers

7-8:30 LCBand Fellowship Hall (every Monday)

Wed. Nov 16 9 am Mission & Outreach Meeting

Sat. Nov. 19th 8:00 AM -Barnabas Bros. Breakfast/Meeting

Wed. Nov 23rd NO CHOIR/HANDBELL PRACTICES

Nov. 24th & 25th OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Mon. Nov. 28th 9 am Piecemakers

6:30 PM Council Mtg. Fellowship Hall