

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, 9:00AM ✦ *All Saints Day Setting 3***

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## INTRODUCTION

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.

**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** is served by a 2-line procession down the center aisle. We will celebrate with bread, wine, or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

**GIVE TO ST. JOHN'S** Offering plates are located at each entrance. If you prefer to give electronically, visit our website, and click on the **E-Giving Tab**. Use your existing login information. For new users, search for St John's Lutheran Church Lewistown. Information on **E-Giving** is available on the SJLC resource table. Thank you for your continued support.

**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 on the offering plate at the entrances. 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**

*Pastor* – Rev. Allen Huslander

*Ushers* – Dennis Noble – head usher, Sandy Noble, Gloria Stewart

*Cantor* – Dave Phillips

*Lay Reader* – Ed Deamer

*Communion Assistants* – Dave Ray, Ginny Ray, Mary Barr

*Crucifer* – Dave Ray

*Acolytes* – Cora Rankin, Cooper Rankin

*Altar Guild Volunteers* – Sharon Gibboney, Anne Spicer, Collette Croyle

*Media & Production* – Grant and Carrie Stufft, Nancy Ressler, and Mary Barr

**PRELUDE 9:00 AM** “When We All Get to Heaven” Emily D. Wilson, Arr. Cindy berry, 1986 Lillenas Pub. Co.

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GATHERING**

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

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

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.  
**Amen.**

*Silence is kept 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

**Processional Hymn**

**ELW #423 “Shall We Gather at the River”**

## **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**

**ELW page #138 Setting 3**

**This is the Feast**

**ELW page #140 Setting 3**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

### **Special Music**

“Rise Up Lazarus” Madison Logan and Taylor Cain, Ethan Hulse, Nick Schwarz, arr.  
Christophehr R. Brown, 2021 CB Press

**Chancel Choir with duet Scott Welham and Josie Baughman**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9**

*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.*

<sup>6</sup>On 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.

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

<sup>8</sup>he 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.

<sup>9</sup>It 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.

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

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

### **Psalm: Psalm 24**

*They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)*

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

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

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

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

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

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

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

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory?**

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

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-lasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory?**

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

## Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

*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.*

<sup>1</sup>I 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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And 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;

<sup>4</sup>he 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.”

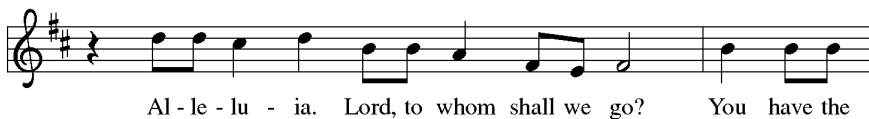
<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also, he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

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

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

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE** *All children are invited forward.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please stand as you are able.*



The Holy Gospel according to, John the 11<sup>th</sup>, Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 11:32-44**

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

<sup>32</sup>When 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." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I 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." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>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.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Allen**

**Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.

**Saints We Honor Today:**

Bob Lepley 11/20/2023

Patsy Wetzel 03/16/2024

Gerry Goss 03/24/2024

Elaine Crossgrove 04/06/2024

Lisea Spahr 05/25/2024

David Treaster 06/02/2024

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The petitions end with: "*Merciful God*"

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."**

Keep In Prayer: Deb Montgomery,  
Patty Wagner, Steve & Vicki Yohn,  
Jack Stull, Toby Sweigart, Dave  
Borland, Larry Niemond, Martha  
Liebegott, and the Call Committee.

\*To have someone added to the  
Prayer Guide-with their permission-  
please contact the church office.





**MEAL** *Please continue to stand.*

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

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.  
**Amen.**

**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.**  
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**  
**God of pow'r and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed...  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit...

by your Spirit, in your church, without end.  
**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer (SUNG)** Inside back cover of Hymnal.  
**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our**  
**debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**  
**Amen.**

## **INVITATION**

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.



## Lamb of God

ELW pg. #208 Setting 3

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.

## COMMUNION

All who are baptized are invited to come forward. Children, if not already communing, may be brought forward for a blessing from the Pastor. Please hold both hands out to receive the bread, then choose a cup from the Acolyte. Please dispose of your communion cup in the nearby waste basket.

## Communion Music

“Sweet By and By” Joseph P. Webster, arr. Joel Raney, 2011 Hope Pub. Co

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” Spiritual, Arr. John Carter, 2014 Hope Pub. Co.

“O That Will Be Glory” Charles H. Gabriel, 1998 Lillenas Pub. Co.

## 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

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

**ELW #628 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”**

### **Silent Meditation**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE “Sing with All the Saints in Glory” (#426 in our Hymnal)**

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### **DEDICATIONS**

**TODAY'S BASKET** is presented by Bob McCormick in honor of his children Bob and Kim, 6 grandsons, and 10 great grandchildren.

**THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN** is presented by Dave Borland, children and grandchildren, in memory of his wife Isabel Borland.

**THIS WEEK'S ETERNAL CANDLE BURNS** in honor of loved ones by Nancy Ressler.

**THE COMMUNION WINE** this morning is given by Jeremiah and Betty Weaver in memory of loved ones.

### **ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

**MEET & EAT** ladies' luncheon is on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Sal-lee's Restaurant. Ladies are to meet at 12:00-Noon.

**GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL** (for all ages) is an amazing experience where scriptures

and parables “come alive.” Godly Play dates are as follows: 11/10, 01/12, 02/09, 03/09, 04/13, 05/11. All are welcome!

**THE BARNABAS BROTHERS'** next hoagie sale is scheduled for Friday November 15th. The deadline for orders is Sunday November 10th. Help will be needed for hoagie preparation on **Thursday November 14th**, at 7am **Friday November 15th**, starting at 6am or whenever available. The last hoagie sale was very successful with a total sellout of 950 hoagies. Thanks to everyone who participated as we are dedicated to serving Our Lord and Savior and helping Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ and the St. John's Lutheran Church . Thank you.  
Respectfully, Steve Burk.

**STEWARDSHIP FORMS** for 2025 are available and have been placed in the sanctuary and on the resource table. Volunteer for your favorite Church Committee and drop your form off at the office and/or at the resource table in the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**DEADLINE** The deadline to submit announcements for December's SJL Church newsletter is **Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**THE BARNABAS BROTHERS** The Barnabas Brothers will conduct their monthly breakfast meeting on **Saturday November 16th**, at 8am at the Church Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us for a morning of Christian Fellowship to include a King's Breakfast and Business Meeting. Business to be discussed includes an anticipated Treasurer vacancy and issues regarding the future of the Barnabas Brothers Ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church. All Men of the Church are encouraged to attend this important meeting as we address challenging issues. The Barnabas Brothers mission statement is to support Congregational and Community projects and helping Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Thank You, Steve Burk  
President Barnabas Brothers

**GIVING TREE** The Giving Tree has arrived! SJL Church has “adopted” 40 children through Mifflin County Children & Youth who could really use our kindness and generosity. If you would like to help, please take a tag from the tree. After purchasing gifts, return unwrapped gifts, with the tag attached by **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. A wrapping party will be announced closer to time. Any questions please see Pam Tressler or Hillary Worley.

**OPEN SEATS** The St. John's Lutheran Church council will soon have upcoming seats available for new council members. If anyone is interested, please see Hillary Worley or Ed Stewart.

**DESIGNATED OFFERINGS** 4th Quarter Special Offering will go towards Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING** will go towards Camp Scholarships.

**NEW INFORMATION** has been put up on the WELCA bulletin in the hallway between the

office and the library. There is more information on the Seafarer bags and on the quilts.

**SOLES 4 SOULS** A reminder. A box is in the lobby for any shoe donations.

**LUMINA CENTER** The new **2024/2025** Restaurant Discount Cards are now available. The cost is \$10.00, and discounts apply to 16 local restaurants in the community. Please see Steve Burk, Mary Barr or the SJLC Office to purchase.

**UPDATES** The church office is working on updating the congregation demographic records. If you have moved, changed your phone number or if you have become a new member in the last 2 years, please pick up a demographic sheet located on the resource table in the lobby and submit them to the office by December 31st.

**LOST & FOUND** there is a lost and found box in the lobby on the shelf above the coat rack. Please check for any items that you may be missing.

**WEATHER ALERT** If the Mifflin County School District is delayed, closed, or closing due to snow and ice, the SJLC Office and all activities in the church facility will be postponed or cancelled.

### COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting is on **Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>**, at **4:30pm**.

**THE MISSION AND OUTREACH** meeting is on **Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30pm**.

**THE SJLC COUNCIL** meeting is on **Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30pm**.

**ATTENTION COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEMBERS** it's that time of year to submit your yearly report for the SJLC Annual report which is due December 31<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, the administration office asks that all reports be submitted via email, US mail, or in writing no later than Friday **December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Thank you.

**MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD** item requests for **November/December** are **Holiday Meal** items such as: canned ham, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, pie filling, pie crust mix, cake mix, and icing.

**HAM SANDWICH SALE** is on the second Friday of every month at SJLC. Orders are due the Monday before.

**PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP** Needs sheets (slightly used ok). Deliver to quilt room.

# Worship SCHEDULE

November 10 [Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Godly Play/  
Sunday School

November 17 [Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday  
School

November 24 [Christ the King] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday School

December 1 [First Sunday of Advent] 9:00am Worship, 10:15am Sunday School

December 8 [Second Sunday of Advent] 9:00am Worship, 10:15 Sunday School

## **Meetings (Please see above for details)**

11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27 Wed. Choir Practice

11/10 Sun. Godly Play at 10:15am

11/12 Tue. Finance Committee meeting at 4:30pm.

11/12 Tue. Mission & Outreach meeting at 6:30pm

11/18 Mon. SJLC Council meeting at 6:30pm.

## **Reminders for November**

**Acolytes** – Cora Rankin, Cooper Rankin

**Altar Guild Volunteers** – Sharon Gibboney, Anne Spicer, Collette Croyle

**Communion Assistants** – Dave Ray, Ginny Ray, Mary Barr

**Crucifer** – Dave Ray

**Ushers** – Dennis Noble – head usher, Sandy Noble, Gloria Stewart

**Money Counters** – Judy Spencer, Deb Kling

**Lay Lectors**

**November 3** – Ed Deamer

**November 10** – Children

**November 17** – Thankoffering

**November 24** – TBA

**Next Sunday's Readings:** *Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52*