

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, November 14, 2021
27th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrating Veterans Day and Harvest Home



CHILDREN'S CHURCH in social room at 9:30 a.m. Please take your child downstairs before worship begins.

Introduction to the day

Today we come to worship to reflect on the ways we have seen the hand of God at work in our nation and world. While we honor those who served in the military on behalf of our country on this Veterans Day, we honor, too, our Savior, who served faithfully on our behalf on the cross to bring us the victory over sin, death and the devil. Let the powerful words of Scripture, the sermon and the hymns in this service remind us that we have a God who will fight for us and has the power to win over all that may stand against us.

Hymn "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" 890

***Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C Christ's blood sets us free to be people of God. Hallelujah!

P Give glory to God, whose strong hand and mighty arm have gained the victory.

C Christ's blood sets us free to be people of God. Hallelujah!

P In every circumstance, we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

C Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

P In Christ Jesus, God had fashioned us to do those good things which will glorify the Father in heaven.

C Christ's blood sets us free to be people of God. Hallelujah!

P "Continue in my Word," the Savior said, "and you will know the truth, the truth that makes you free."

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;

He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

The **Prayer of the Day** is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

P Heavenly Father, we are blessed to live in a nation that celebrates and defends liberty for its citizens. Still, like the saints of old, we "desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one."

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior, you have set us free from sin and death. Fill us with your Spirit so that we might live now as faithful servants of Jesus, our King, until we enjoy the eternal liberty of that better country where we will live forever in your presence. Hear our prayer for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.

As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;

While God is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

The **First Reading**, Isaiah 61:1-3, 7, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of

righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. ...Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

The **Psalmic Response** is sung by the congregation (to the tune of 275 Angels from the Realms)

*In the past our God did guide us
Pilgrims in a new-found land.
In his shelter God did hide us
With a strong and saving hand.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Firm upon his grace we stand!*

*Thank the Lord, his praises voicing
For his promised faithfulness.
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing,
Walk in paths of righteousness.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Shout his praise, his name confess.*

The **Second Reading**, Hebrews 11:13-16, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

The **Hymn** is sung by the congregation (ELW 408)

*Come, thou almighty King, Help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise. Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, thou incarnate Word, Gird on thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success, And let thy righteousness on us descend.*

*Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.*

The **Gospel Reading**, Luke 4:16-21, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The **Gospel Response** is sung by the congregation (ELW 408)

*To thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see, And to eternity love and adore.*

The **Homily for Veterans Day** is delivered by the pastor:

A **Creedal Hymn** is sung by the congregation (to the tune 597 tune of My Hope is Built)

*In God we trust! Oh, may it be
Throughout this land of liberty!
Lord, turn our hearts from guilt and shame
To bear with joy your sacred name.
In ev'ry need, as well they must,
Our hearts cry out, "In God we trust!"*

*In God we trust! For we have heard
The news of your forgiving Word,
The peace for which our Savior died,
The Spirit's favors multiplied.
For ev'ry blessing, true and just,
Thankful we cry, "In God we trust!"*

*In God we trust! Oh, give us grace
n you our confidence to place,
To set our hearts on things above,
To live as agents of your love,
To conquer death, to rise from dust,
To cry anew, "In God we trust!"*

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Glory be to you, O God, for the blessings you provide in this most favored land.

Glory be to you for those who have gone before us, for those who worked and strove, who fought and died, that we might live in peace and liberty. Oh, make us worthy of our heritage, great God; help us to remember.

Glory be to you, O God, for the blessings that continue to surround us. Make us responsible stewards of your bounty, that all may have a share in your goodness and come to know your love.

Let your blessing rest upon those among us who are in need or want of any kind. [*Specific names and causes may be named here.*] In your great mercy, bless them with your grace and power, that they may come to join in singing, "Hallelujah!"

Glory be to you, O God, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the message of his labor in our behalf,

his death for our redemption, his resurrection and rule. Let that glorious message be proclaimed freely through this land of liberty, that we may joyfully acknowledge your lordship, and faithfully live according to your will.

Glory be to you, O God, we pray for the government of Liberia. Let there be an end to corruption and a good working relationship between the government and the Lutheran Church in Liberia.

Glory be to you, O God! So continue to bless us on our pilgrim way that, when you call us hence at last, we may join the heavenly chorus, there where we have our true citizenship; and sing forever, "Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!"

AMEN

CHOIR ANTHEM *Bound for the Gospel Land!*

OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer

A: Holy God,
the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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 by Pastor

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *p.144*

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.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

P: A feast of love is offered here
for you and all the saints

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG P.146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.

Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts

until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

A **Benediction**, from Psalm 67, is spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:

P God, be merciful to us and bless us; make your face to shine upon us,

C that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

P May God continue to bless us. May people everywhere honor him.

The **Closing Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Taps

God of love, from above,

Shine your face; may your grace still increase.

Stretch your hand o'er our land; Grant us peace.

Shepherd dear, kindly hear:

Guard and keep all your sheep far and near;

Firmly hold in your fold, free from fear.

Spirit true, shine anew

With God's light beaming bright in each heart.

Be God's Word gladly heard; faith impart.

Announcements

We welcome our visitors and ask that you sign a Visitor Attendance and Holy Communion Card that is located in the pew rack. We ask that cards be returned via the offering plate during the receiving of the offering. We practice "open Communion" here at St. John meaning that all who believe in the "real presence" of Christ are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We offer two choices for Holy Communion, wine or grape juice. Those worshipers desiring grape juice are asked at the communion rail to place their right hand over their heart after receiving "The Body of Christ".

Remember in prayer: Rowan Aldridge, Luke Antolick, Dave Barner, Darlene Bilby, Stan Breon, Agnes Cryder, Don Delaney, Mary Ellen Dougherty, Charlie Dunne, Joanne Fisher, Joyce Hudson, Steve Keller and sister Janet Grazier, Bud Long, Mary Miller, David Mitchell, Bob and Phyllis Moriarity, Kathy Neal, Ruth Nice, Penny Parks-Dean, Jean Ann Snyder, Shane Snyder, John Truax, and all of our shut-ins; the safety of our military troops around the world (Mark Baier, Isaac Boring, Loudon Boring, Jake Cordrey, Ben Cramer, Patrick Hamlin, Paul Laidacker, Kenny Leitch, Steven Moore, Maddison Myers, Tyler O’Neal, Adam Shaffer, Richie Speicher, Aaron Stabley, Paul St. James, Jenna White); Family Promise. Bishop Eaton, our Presiding Bishop; and Bishop Collins, Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. For our Companion Synod in Liberia and Ansbach-Wurzburg, Germany; and for the New Love Center as it seeks to build a new food hub.

Special Thanks to this week’s helpers: Lector –Darlene Bilby; Assisting Ministers – Bill Ely, Jr. and Ken Dougherty; ; Head Usher – Gina Johnson; Teller –Deb Heydrich; Children’s Church--Cathy Eisner; Bulletin Sponsor – Gary and Gina Johnson.

Next week’s helpers: Lector Shane Snyder; Assisting Ministers –Gary Johnson and Karen Aucker; Head Usher –Gina Johnson; Teller –Deb Heydrich; Children’s Church – Molly Hollick; Bulletin Sponsor –Gary and Gina Johnson; Flowers – Myers.

The Sanctuary Candle is sponsored in memory of loved ones by Bob and Phyllis Moriarity.

The alter flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our Brother, C. William Marks in remembrance of his birthday with love by Mick, Carl and family.

Let there be NO running, pushing, or shoving ☺ as you go to the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway to sign up for flower openings Nov. 28, Dec.5, Dec. 26 and ALL of next year! The 2022 Flower calendar has been posted. Also needed are Bulletin Sponsors for November and December. That list is in the downstairs hallway.

The Lutheran Church Women’s Prayer Chain is a vital ministry of St. John Lutheran. Anyone in need of prayers is asked to contact any of the following persons:

Gloria Ely – 570-873-3597 Sarah Davidson - 570-398-0659
Joyce Braucht - 570-398-2852

“DAVID” playing at Sight and Sound !! August 6, 2022 -- Children 10 and under \$125.00; Adults \$190.00. Fare includes bus, play, meal, tip for driver and fund raiser for Luke Antolick. Payments may be made during the course of the year! Thank You! Joyce Braucht.

Synod reports this year's total of **Christmas at Sea Seafarers Bags** is 733! A HUGE thank you to all of the congregations and individuals who participated in our 10th year of this ministry. Thank you everyone who donated Christmas-at-Sea Seafarers Satchels. Pastor Martha McCracken would be proud of our home church’s mission efforts.

Youth Ministry -- **Christmas in the Grove at Knoebels**
Saturday, December 4, leaving 3:30 pm. We will stop for dinner along the way to Knoebels’ Grove where we will drive through a spectacular Christmas light display.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 14, 2021

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts

9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

7:00 p.m. NA meeting

Monday, November 15, 2021

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Hymn picking

6:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting

7:30 p.m. N/A meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship at Trinity Episcopal Church

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time at Shore Diner

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. N/A meeting

Friday, November 19, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Food Distribution

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Christ the King Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts

9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service

Congregational Meeting

2:00 p.m. Catechism

7:00 p.m. NA meeting

Upcoming !

Wednesday, November 24 7:00 p.m. Valley Thanksgiving Service at Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 5 – readers needed for sermon

Sunday, December 19 – Gary Johnson recruiting readers for Christmas Play

Christmas Dinner - bring a covered dish to share. Meat provided.

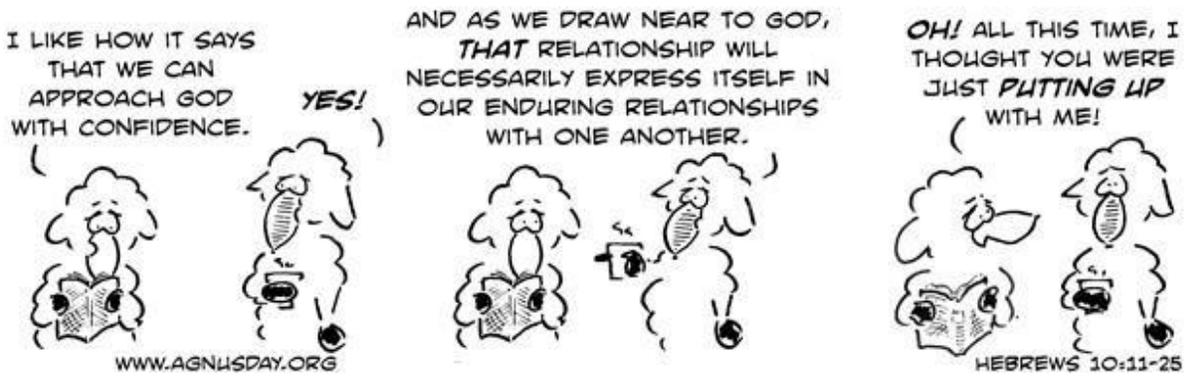
Christmas Eve Worship – December 24

4:00 p.m. – Worship at St. John Lutheran

7:00 p.m. – Worship at St. James Lutheran

10:00 p.m. – Special Music at St. John Lutheran

10:30 p.m. – Worship at St. John Lutheran



The angels are on the tree in the Tower for the Toys For Tots program.

We invite you to pick an angel and donate the gift to community children in need.

The gifts need to be back at the church office by Sunday Dec 5. All unwrapped. Please attach the angel to the gift so we know which child the gift is for. Any questions please contact Lynette Yost 570-419-5620 or Carol Yost 570-295-6335.



The annual St John's Bazaar will SOON be here!

Saturday, December 4.

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Food, Crafts, Greens, Cookie Trays, "Buried Treasures"



LUNCH 10:00A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

\$ 7.00 Children eat free

hot dog, BBQ, chips potato salad, macaroni salad, drinks

