

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Sunday, November 13, 2022  
Harvest Home



**Children's Church will meet upstairs in the youth Sunday School room at end of the hallway at 9:30 a.m. Please take your child there before worship begins.**

### **Introduction to the day**

*The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

## **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **Prelude**

### **GATHERING**

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

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. 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 redeems us in Christ Jesus,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices  
that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions  
that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted  
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.  
We truly repent of things we have done  
and left undone.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Restore our troubled spirits,  
so that we may live in newness,  
follow the way of the Spirit,  
and build up the body of Christ.  
Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad!  
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,  
and restores us to life through the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: *Come, Ye Thankful People Come 693***

**GREETING**

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

**C: And also, with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 888***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong,  
nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and  
guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

L: A reading from Malachi.

**FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a**

*Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.*

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: Let us read the Psalm responsively by verse.

**PSALM: Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge  
the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

L: A reading from Second Thessalonians

**Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ’s return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p.142**

*Alleluia Lord to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON “Thanks for All We Have”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *God Bless Our Native Land 891***

**APOSTLES CREED ( *p. 105 at the beginning of the hymnal* )**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Loving God, we give you thanks for those individuals and congregations who provide "Christmas-at-Sea" bags for seafarers on merchant ships in port in the weeks before Christmas. Be with the seafarers as these gifts help make their holidays joyful. Lord in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (*especially*). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Responding in Love

**Our Offerings** *This is our response to God's grace.*

## **CHOIR ANTHEM** *America the Beautiful*

*The assembly stands.*

### **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**

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,

now gather our gifts,

nourish us with this sacrament,

and send us to those who hunger and thirst,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING** *P.144 (in the beginning of the hymnal)*

**Dialogue**

**Preface by the Pastor**

**Holy Holy Holy**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **Words of Institution**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us  
your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all you saints.

To 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 P 145** (*in the beginning of the hymnal*)

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Christ spreads a table before you.  
Gather here with 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** *Lamb of God You Take Away p.146*

**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: 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**

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

**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 SONG:** *God Bless America*



God bless America Land that I love  
Stand beside her And guide her  
Through the night with a light from above  
From the mountains To the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America  
My home, sweet home

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Stand beside her And guide her  
Through the night with a light from above  
From the mountains To the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America  
My home, sweet home  
God bless America  
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### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **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 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, Dave & Christine Barner, Agnes Cryder, Don & Helen Delaney, Joanne Fisher, Ralph Lehman, Mick Miller, David Mitchell, the Snyder family, and all of our shut-ins.

We also remember in prayer Family Promise; Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton – ELCA; Bishop Craig A. Miller - USS; for our Companion Synods in Liberia and Ansbach-Wurzburg, Germany; and we pray for peace in Ukraine and an end to war.

We pray for the safety of our military troops around the world including Mark Baier, Isaac Boring, Jake Cordrey, Ben Cramer, Trevor and Nehemiah Eberhart, Patrick Hamlin, Paul Laidacker, Kenny Leitch, Steven Moore, Maddison Myers, Tyler O’Neal, Adam Shaffer, Richie Speicher, Aaron Stabley, Paul St. James, and

Jenna White. We also lift up in prayer their families who strive to keep a normalcy in the family and continue on often with added stress.

Special thanks to this week's helper: Lector –Darlene Bilby; Assisting Ministers Bill Ely, Jr, Ken Dougherty; Head Usher – Christine Barner; Teller – Gina Johnson; Bulletin Sponsor – Moriaritys; Children's Church – Molly Hollick.

Next week's helpers: Lector –Shane Snyder; Assisting Ministers –Gary Johnson, Karen Aucker; Head Usher – Christine Barner; Teller – Gina Johnson; Bulletin Sponsor—Children's Church – Cathy Eisner; Flowers—Myers.

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of the birthday of our brother C. William Marks. Love Mick, Carl and family

The Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of loved ones and in honor of everyone's birthday by Agnes Cryder.

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

**Christian Education** is seeking volunteers to lead Children's Church once a month. If interested please see Cathy Eisner. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays are open.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RESUME NURSERY.** We are in need of adult and teen volunteers to supervise toddlers/babies in the nursery during church. Please contact Molly Hollick, or Ken Dougherty if you would be willing to help out or have any questions. Our hope is to get enough volunteers to have a monthly rotation cycle.

**Harvest Home Sunday, Today.** The theme is "Thanks for all we Have." Each year we receive donations of food and place them in the front of the sanctuary. This year the food donations will be kept here at St. John Lutheran to serve the emergency food needs of people locally. Your generosity is appreciated.

The annual **Endowment Committee** meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2022, following the worship service.

Remember the deadline for the **December/January newsletter** is November 15. Please submit your articles early to the church office.

There will be a **Congregation Meeting** following the service on Sunday, November 20. It will be our annual meeting to elect council members, synod delegates, Trinity Endowment members, and approve our pledge to Mission Support and the 2023 budget.

Mark your calendar! The **Annual Christmas Bazaar** will be December 10, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. And as we start to prepare ....

Start saving your items for the **Cherish Moments Table**. You can bring them in and store them in the old kitchen.

It's time to plan your **Baked Goods** for the table at the Bazaar. Baked goods cannot come in early as we are working around the food pantry. Baked goods can be delivered starting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9 as we set up

### **Youth Ministry**

For Elementary youth: Sunday, November 13 after worship, Mrs. Eisner will be demonstrating making apple desserts. Please meet in the kitchen.

### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 13, 2023 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class

9:30 a.m. Children's Church

9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service. Harvest Home

10:30 a.m. Endowment Committee Meeting

10:30 a.m. Elementary Youth Apple Dumplings

Monday, November 14, 2022

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, November 15, 2022

10:00 a.m. Trinity Episcopal Worship. You are invited to attend.

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

6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal "Join the Choir Night!"

Sunday, November 20, 2022 *Christ the King Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class

9:30 a.m. Children's Church

9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service.

10:30 a.m. Congregation Meeting

HOW DO YOU  
THINK JESUS  
KNEW ALL THIS  
WAS GOING TO  
HAPPEN?



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WELL, IT'S REASONABLE  
TO IMAGINE THAT HOSTILITY  
TOWARDS HIM WOULD BE  
TRANSFERRED TO HIS  
FOLLOWERS.



AND A STUDENT OF HISTORY  
WOULD TELL YOU THAT A  
VIOLENT CLASH WITH ROME  
WAS NEARLY INEVITABLE.



AND HE'S  
**JESUS.**



LUKE 21:5-19

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