

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 8, 2020

Glory, Glory Hallelujah
A Service For Veterans Day

Hymn "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" ELW 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:

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.

C 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,

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 **Psalm 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:

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,

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!”*

The **Prayers** are spoken by the assisting minister:

A 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! 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!”

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM – *Shout to the Lord*

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink,

and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,

through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

**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

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
surrounded by evil and bordered by death
we appeal to you,
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.
We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace
and promised an end to injustice and harm.
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.
Remembering, therefore,
the sacrifice of his life and death
and the victory of his resurrection,
we await with all the saints
his loving redemption of our suffering world.
Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:
teach us your mercy and justice,
and make all things new in Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen

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: There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive the "body of Christ" by holding out your hands in a cup like fashion as far as you can. The Pastor will drop the wafer into your hand, saying "the body of Christ given for you," and you respond "Amen," then go to the left or right and receive the "blood of Christ" from a pre-filled glass. The glasses will be separated so you don't touch one another. Take the glass and the communion assistant standing in the choir loft will say, "the blood of Christ shed for you." There will be a separate tray of glasses with grape juice for those who prefer grape juice.

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 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: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

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.

DISMISSAL

Postlude

Please leave your offering in the offertory plate located at each exit of the church.

Announcements

Remember in prayer: Rowen Aldridge, Luke Antolick, Bob Braucht, Cindy Cummings, Dawn Hauser, Ralph Lehman, Sara Leighow, Caleb Leone, David Mitchell, Bob and Phyllis Moriarity, Kathy Neal, Rev. Donald and Ruth Nice, Cora Pellitier, Jack Rishel, Joann Rishel, Ben Saar, Jane Shaffer, Rev. Gary Shumway, John Truax, Jillian Waldman, and all of our shut-ins; the safety of our military troops around the world (Mark Baier, Jade Cordrey, Paul Laidacker, Kenny Leitch, Maddison Myers, Tyler O'Neal, Adam Shaffer, Aaron Stabley, Paul St. James, Jenna White); Everyone affected by the fires on the West Coast; Family Promise and the homeless in our counties. Bishop Eaton, our Presiding Bishop; and Bishop Collins, Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. For our Companion Synod in Liberia and Ansbach-Wurzburg, Germany; our sister church, St. Wunibald in Heidenheim, Germany and for the New Love Center as it seeks to build a new food hub.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God to all who have and continue to serve,
Happy Veterans Day! Pastor and Mrs. Aucker

Special Thanks to this week's helpers: Lectors – Darlene Bilby; Assisting Ministers - Bill Ely Jr. and Ken Dougherty; Acolyte –; Communion Assistants-; Head Usher -Dawn McCloskey; Tellers- Shane Snyder and Dawn McCloskey; Bulletin sponsor -Cynthia Breon;

Next week's helpers: Lectors –Shane Snyder; Assisting Ministers -Gary Johnson and and Karen Aucker; Acolyte –; Communion Assistants -; Head Usher -Dawn McCloskey; Tellers- Shane Snyder and Dawn McCloskey; Bulletin sponsor -Cynthia Breon;

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

Bible Study

Bible Study is held at 10:00 a.m. every Monday in the large Sunday School room. We are studying the book of Esther. Please join us. We will begin a new Bible Study for Advent: *A Wonderful Life* on November 16.

Chancel Choir is FUN!

Choir invites you to join us—make a joyful noise unto the Lord and have great fellowship! Choir practices are held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Choir members are asked / required to wear a mask or shield at all times. We'd love for you to join us!

Harvest Home

Our annual collection of food donations for Harvest Home will be on Sunday, November 15. This year we will be collecting any flavor of Jello for the Food Pantry.

Congregation Meeting -

The annual congregation meeting to elect new council members, elect synod delegates, and approve the 2021 budget will be held after the worship service on Sunday, November 22. If interested in serving as a synod delegate, please let Pastor or Bill Ely know now. We need 2 candidates. Conference Assembly will be in May and Synod Assembly will be in June.

Giving Plus+

Download the “Giving Plus+” app from your app store for your cell phone. This feature is also available on our web site. Enter your email, make up a password, and walk through the choices to give the church an electronic donation by check or debit/credit card. People were asking if they could give electronically by debit/credit card. Now this feature is available. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Aucker.

Give+ Text:

Simply send a text message to 570-865-1101 with the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you’ll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.

“Grab-a-Tab”

The youth of St. John would like to ask for donations of little tabs from beverage, soup and dessert cans. It doesn’t matter what color the tab, just grab them and deliver them to the church office. This project will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Danville. “Grab-a-Tab” program allows people of all ages to join in the effort of providing a “Home-away-from-Home” to children with cancer or other serious illnesses and their families.

Christmas Toy Shop

Gently Used and New Toys at no charge to parents. In the loving spirit of Christmas, the Oval United Methodist Church is providing Christmas toys for your young ones. Saturday, December 5, 2020 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Have toys to donate? Please provide clean and complete toys. Drop off at Oval UM Church basement from November 30 - December 4, 2020 **Donations not needed to shop Oval United Methodist Church, 6796 SR 44 Hwy, Jersey Shore * 570-745-3197.

Special Council meeting

There will be a special meeting of the St. John Council on Sunday November 15 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

Christmas Bazaar Cancelled

After a long and meaningful discussion about this year’s Annual Christmas Bazaar a motion was made to cancel the bazaar for 2020. A vote was taken and unfortunately yet unanimously; the motion carried. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 8, 2020

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Veterans Day Service

Fall Cash Sunday

9:00 a.m. Nave Worship Service - Choir Anthem

Endowment Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. AA meeting

Monday, November 9, 2020

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

9:30 a.m. Conference Clergy

7:30 p.m. A.A. and N. A. meetings

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

10:00 a.m. Prayer/Communion at Trinity Episcopal

6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, November 12, 2020

noon Jersey Shore Ministerium

4:00 p.m. Pack Boxes

Friday, November 13, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Food Distribution

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Harvest Home

9:00 a.m. Nave Worship Service - Choir Anthem

Council meeting

2:00 p.m. Catechism

7:00 p.m. AA meeting



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