"MANY WHO ARE FIRST WILL BE LAST,

AND THE LAST WILL BE FIRST."

MARK 10:31, NRSV

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
*Sunday October 10th, 2021 * 9:45 AM*

St. John Lutheran Church
Williston, Ohio

www.stjohnwilliston.org

20th Sunday after Pentecost **October 10th, 2021**

ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter,
ALL: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

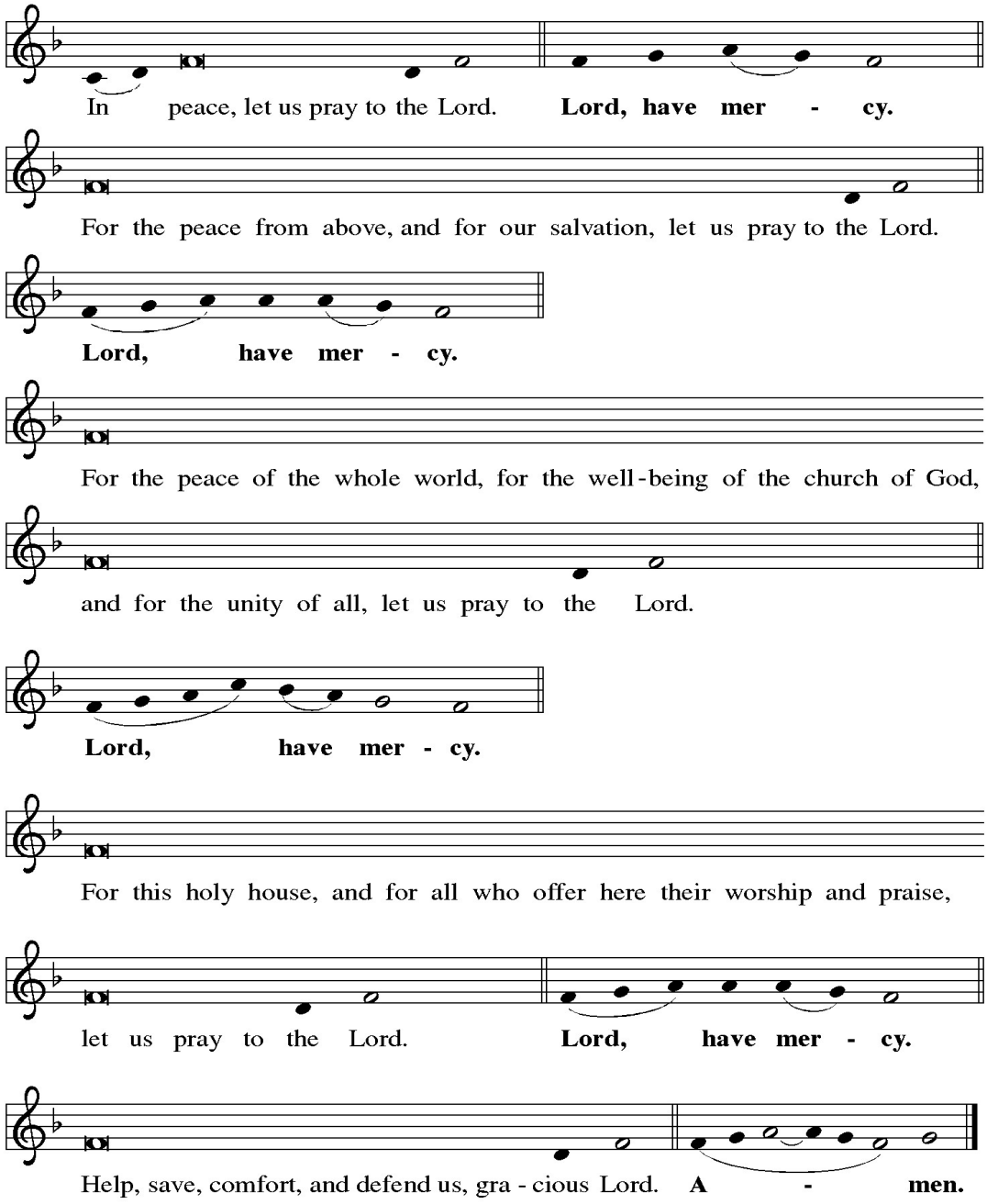
ALL: Amen.

GATHERING SONG As We Gather at Your Table Hymn 522

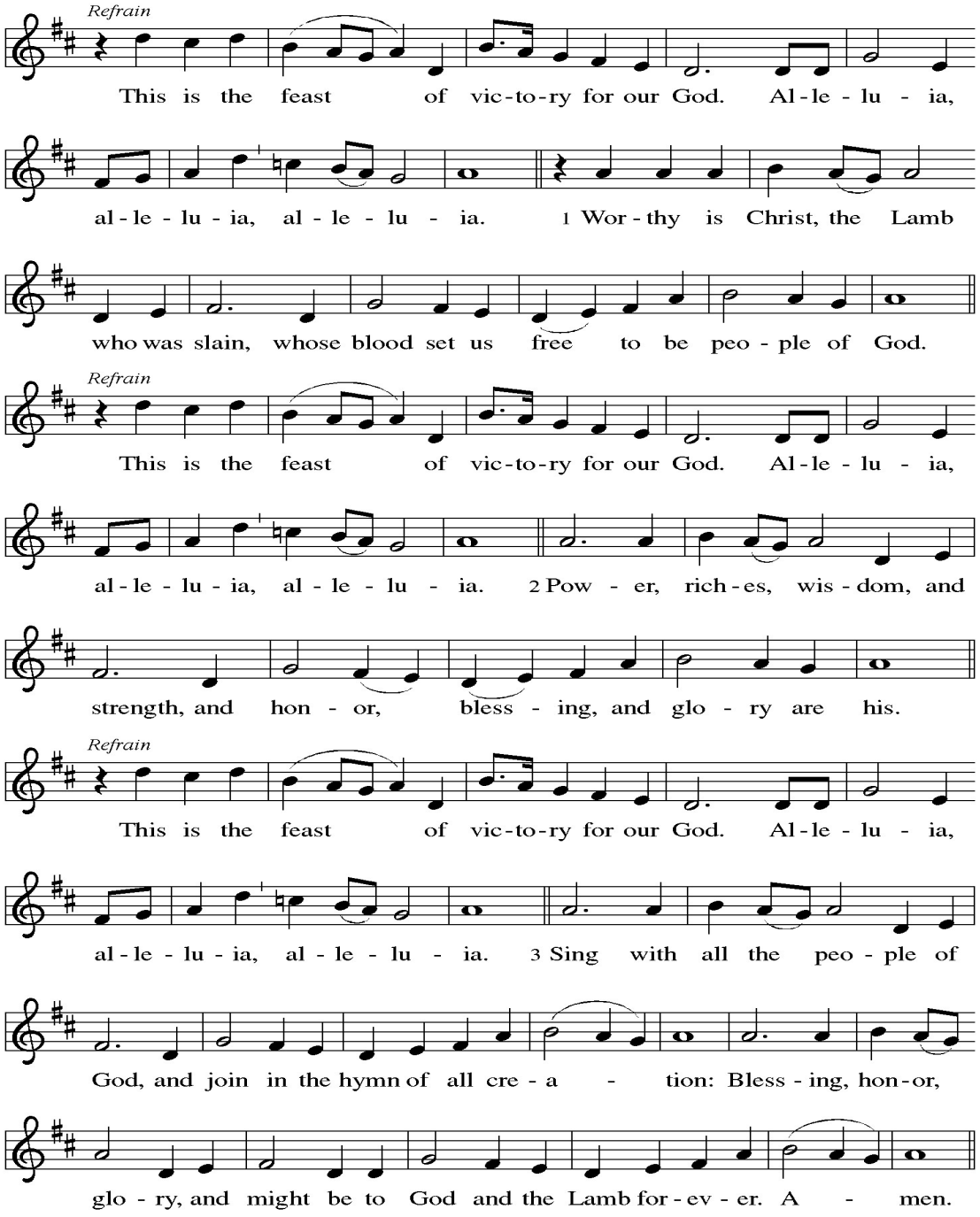
GREETING AND KYRIE

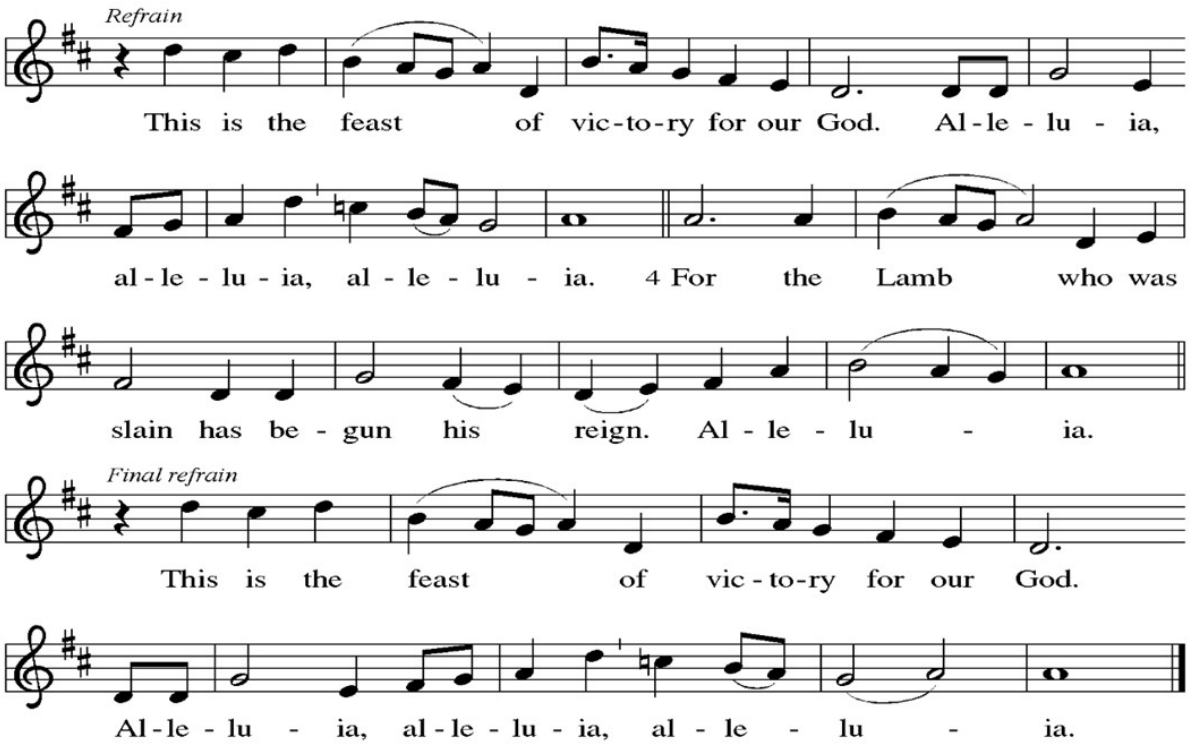
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



This Is the Feast





P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

FIRST READING **Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord…. ***C: Thanks be to God.***

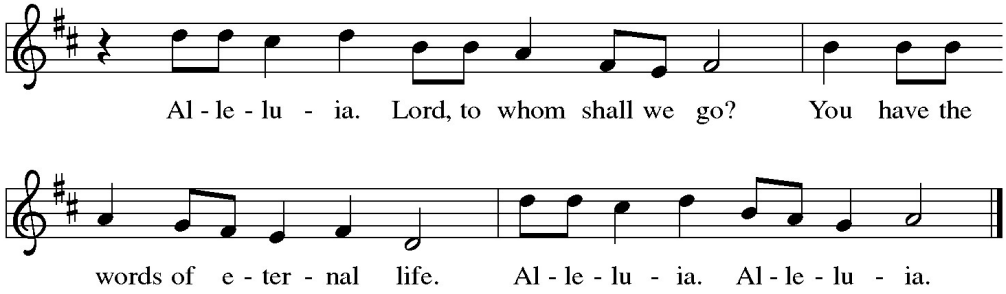
SECOND READING **Hebrews 4: 12-16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord…. ***C: Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Mark 10:17-31**

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Shawn O'Brien

HYMN Take My Life, That I May Be Hymn 685

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERTORY **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye, heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

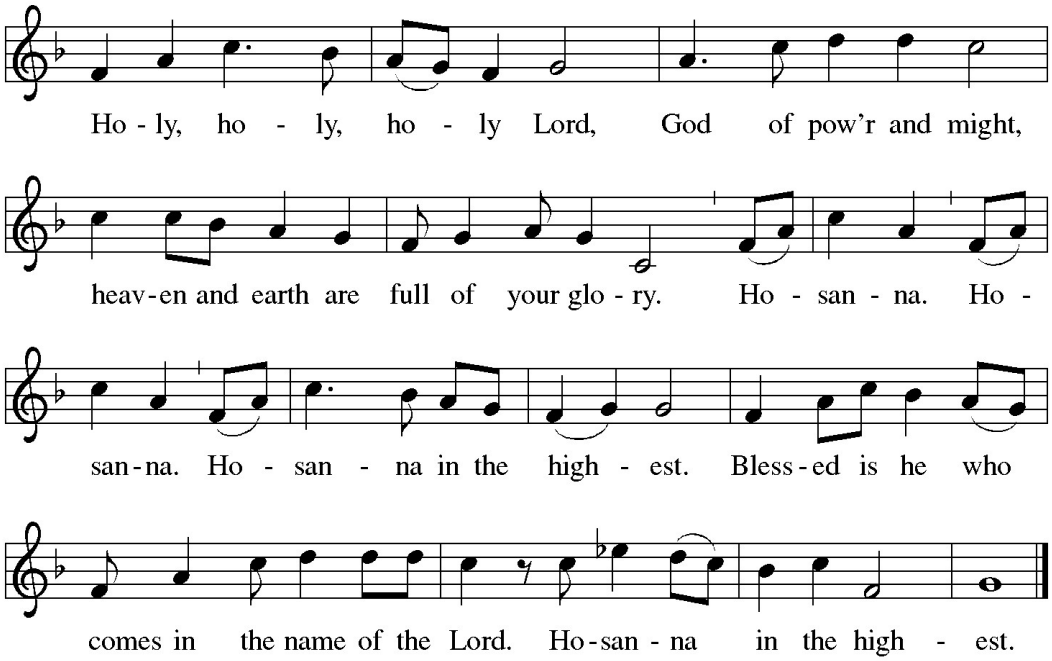
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

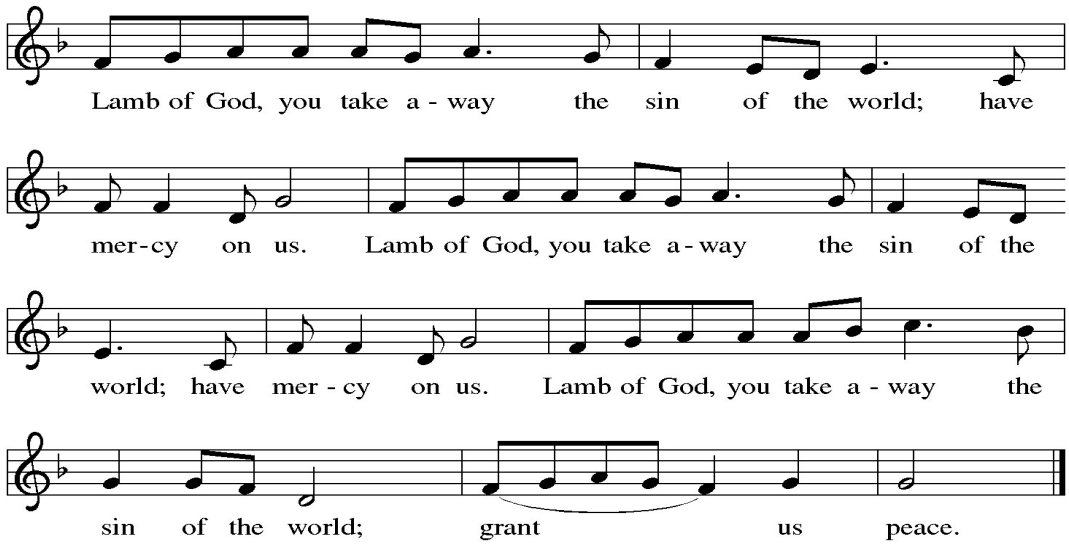
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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



THE DISTRIBUTION

Welcome!

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. We are using pre-sealed communion elements. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, you may come forward and receive communion from the table. You may consume the elements when you return to your pew or wait until you get outside if that is a more comfortable place for you to eat and drink. Young children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

Leader: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen

SENDING SONG God of Grace and God of Glory Hymn 705

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements

This Week at St. John

Tues: No Blankets
Wed: Northwood McDonalds
Thurs: Committee Night 7 PM
Sat: Worship 5:00 PM
Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

SERVING THIS WEEK

Lector: Seidona Brossia
Acolyte: Aiden Johnson

In our Prayers

Audry S.-medical concerns
Clarence Smithers– medical concerns
Marilyn Sandrock– medical concerns
Brad– medical concerns
Betty Roecker– medical concerns
Luanne Schlievert– medical concerns
Gary Gregg– medical concerns
Joe Brossia– medical concerns
Jeanette Lentz– medical concerns
Sandy Schneider– medical concerns
Ron and Diane Gerkensmeyer– medical concerns

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of Roland and Ronald Sandrock and Aiden Johnson given by their family.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mary Lowe and given by Mark, Julie and Kallie Stahl.

The Chancel Flowers are given by Ron and Diane Gerkensmeyer in thankfulness to God and in honor of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.

USHERS AND LECTORS NEEDED

If you would be willing to help , please sign up outside the church office.
Now accepting volunteers through November. If you have any questions please see Pastor Shawn or contact the church office.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be October 17th from 2:00 – 4:00. Please consider decorating a vehicle for this event. We'd love to have you! We also need donations of wrapped candy. The candy can be dropped off in the box outside the church office.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you have not sent in your updated form, please do so. You can go online to the St John website or call the church office. Even if you have no changes since the last directory published in 2016, please do so and mark no changes.

We would like pictures of individual families.
On October 16 and 17 someone will be available to take your picture by the elevator. If you need someone to come to the house, call the church office and we will be in contact with you.

CAT AND DOG FOOD DRIVE!

Christian Community Life has delivered the supply of contributed Cat and Dog Food to Senior Resources in Oak Harbor. They were absolutely thrilled with the donation that will be given to seniors in Ottawa County who "need a little help" with their pets. If you can continue to help with this caring for pets, please drop off cat and dog food, treats and/or kitty litter at St. John/Williston (near the office) or to Genoa Jewelers. Your continued help will be greatly appreciated by our Ottawa County Seniors and their pets.

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