



In everything
GIVE
Thanks

But strive first for the kingdom of God
and his righteousness, and all these
things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33

Welcome

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Sun. Nov. 24, 2024

St. John Lutheran Church



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Together in Thanksgiving

St. John Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight,
our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has
freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**ALL: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in
its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.**

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just
and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our
neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, we are † forgiven and God remembers our sin no more.

Let our hearts be glad again, and rejoice in our salvation.

ALL: Amen.

SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you!

P: As God has reconciled us to himself in Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, let us share a sign of God's Peace with those around us...

(a peace sign, wave, or a fist bump are good alternatives to a handshake)

HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Hymn #693
4 verses

GREETING AND KYRIE (Psalm 95)

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.

P: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

P: For the LORD is a great God,

C: and a great King above all gods.

P: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

C: the heights of the mountains are his also.

P: The sea is his, for he made it,

C: and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

P O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

C: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:21-27
St. John Lutheran Church

- ²¹ Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD has done great things!
- ²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- ²³ O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
- ²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- ²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
- ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
- ²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7
St. Peter Lutheran Church

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Please stand



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus said, ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Hymn #694
3 verses**APOSTLES CREED***please stand*

**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.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

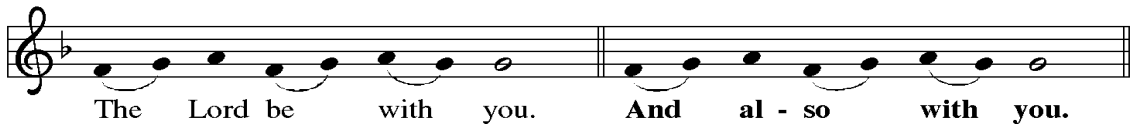
P: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer**OFFERING PRAYER****C: 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****CHOIR ANTHEM**

We Praise You

St. John Choir

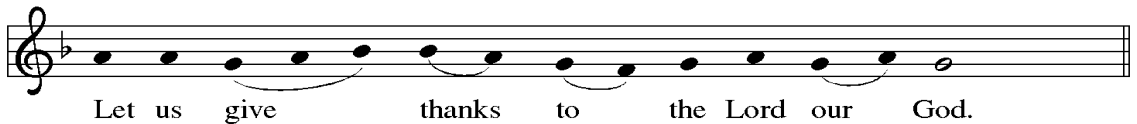
Please stand



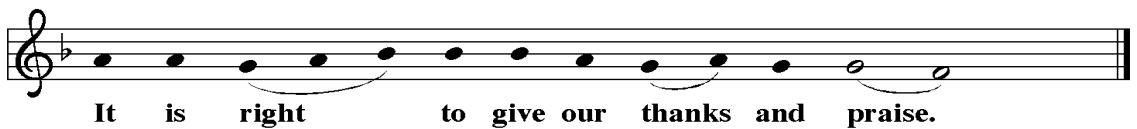
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

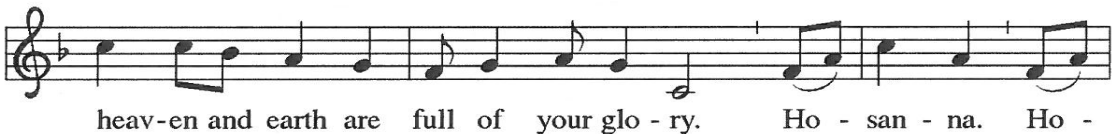


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, 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:



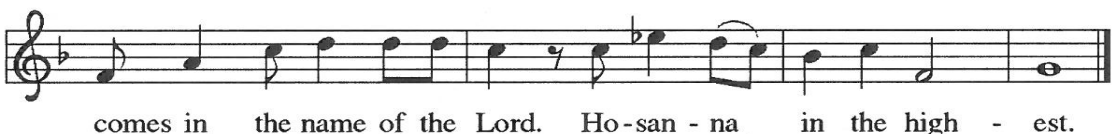
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

COMMUNION LITANY

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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

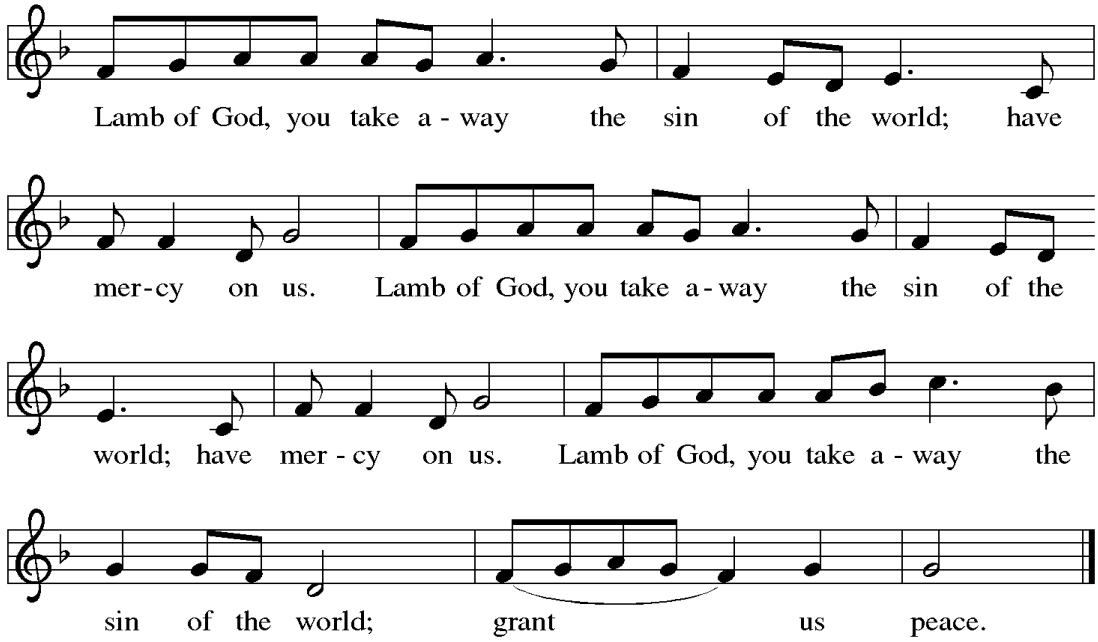
**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

*LAMB OF GOD



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.

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. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us
and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to
rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be
with you today and always.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

Hymn#881
2 verses

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE BASEMENT FOR
DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

WELCOME

Welcome to Thanksgiving worship as together we give God praise for his countless blessings — not least his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Let us be mindful that every good and perfect gift we have has come from the hand of God.

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!”

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are in memory of Loved Ones given in love by
Bob & Diane Kapp

The chancel flowers are in celebration of Lowell Hartman's 89th Birthday
given in love by the Hartman Family

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Michelle Maix by
The Donnelly Family, The Vargo Family and Kayla and Kelsey Miller

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Patricia
Delventhal and Thomas Gillespie by Holly Delventhal, James Gillespie and Lily.

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Worship Leader
Greeters

Organist/Accompanist
Lectors

Communion Setup
Communion Server
Ushers
Sound

Rev. Shawn O'Brien
Kellie Ulrich
LisaAnne Gregg
Beckie Goldstein
Melissa Lammers— St. John
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Cebie Titgemeyer
Tim Titgemeyer
Ron Gerkenmeyer
Andy Kessler/Shane O'Brien

A special thank you to the ladies of the church for providing the dinner tonight.
Thank you to anyone providing a dessert, too!

Thank you for your donations of food items this evening.
These items will be shared with the Jerusalem Township Food Pantry
and the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion UMC.

For more information on these ministries-please contact
Jerusalem Township Food Pantry— Richard Hozak 419-836-1210
Open 2nd Weds from 9-11 am
The LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at EZUMC— LisaAnne Gregg 419-250-1188
Open 2nd Weds from 5-7 PM

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(Thurs. hours vary/closed Friday)

***We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church.
We are... "creating and nurturing life changing relationships
based on the love of God in Jesus Christ,
so that we may grow in faith, serve God,
and serve our neighbor."***

Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm
Confirmation Class: Sunday 8:30 am
Sunday School for all ages...
1st Sunday of the month, October-May at 8:30 am
Traditional Worship: Sunday 9:45 am

**Please join us this Christmas Season at St. John
Christmas Eve Services at 4:00PM * 7:00PM * 11:00 PM**

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