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***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."***

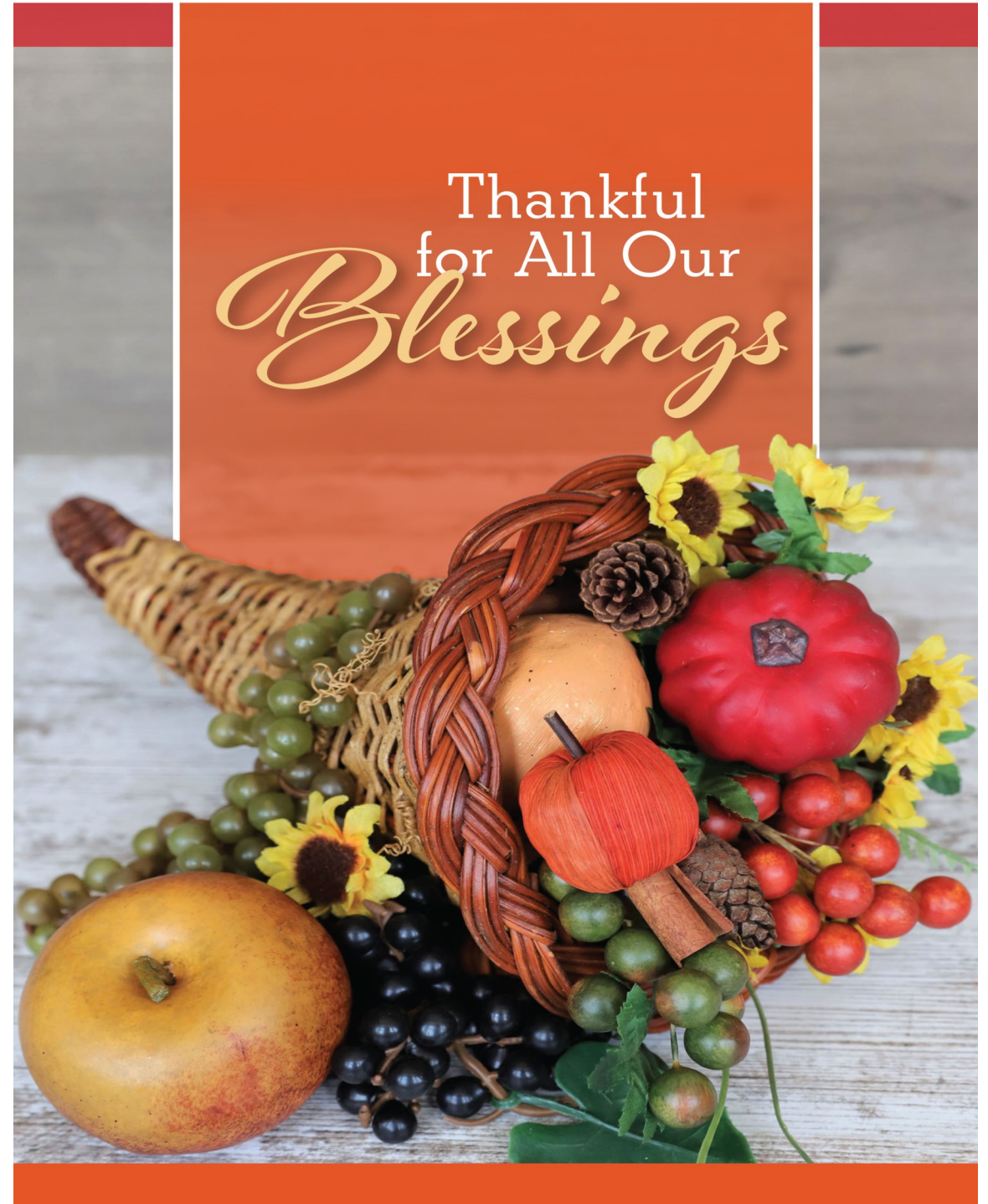
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1st Sunday of the month, October-May at 8:30 am  
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Welcome to join  
St. John Lutheran Church - Williston



**Community Thanksgiving Worship**

**November 19, 2023**

Reverend Matt Musteric– St. Peter's/St. Luke's Lutheran Churches  
Reverend Shawn O'Brien– St. John Lutheran Church

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Carillon Bells*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**C: Amen.**

P: Our memories are short, Eternal God, and we need your nudges to remember your blessings. We get caught up in the worries and wrinkles of living and lose sight of your abiding presence. The urgent and the necessary crowd out playful thanksgiving and heartfelt gratitude. We are polite, but distant. We have manners but lack feeling behind the words.

Forgive us, faithful God, for outward obedience and inner resistance. Let your light brighten our way, your peace ease our anxious moments, your love heal our troubled minds, your joy kindle our memory and hope. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

P: Our Good News this evening is that God is a merciful God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are kept in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

**SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you!**

  
I will *praise*  
the name  
of *God*  
with a song, and will  
magnify him  
with  
*Thanksgiving.*  
Psalm 69:30, NKJV  




**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 Rob & Clara Lasseter given in love by Carolyn Lasseter & Marilyn Sandroock

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

The chancel flowers are in celebration of Lowell Hartman’s 88th Birthday given in love by the Hartman Family

**TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Worship Leaders	Pastor Shawn O’Brien- St. John Pastor Matt Musteric- St. Peter/St. Luke’s
Organist/Accompanist	Beckie Goldstein
Lector	LisaAnne Gregg
Communion Setup/Server	
Ushers	The Titgemeyer Family
Sound	Andy Kessler/Shane O’Brien

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING!  
GOD’S BLESSINGS ON YOUR WEEK!**

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

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, a wave, or a fist bump are good alternatives to a handshake)*

**HYMN** ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*** **Hymn #693**

**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*

**CHOIR ANTHEM** ***Together in Thanksgiving***

**FIRST LESSON** **Deuteronomy 8:7-18** ***LisaAnne Gregg***

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

**PSALM 65** *(read responsively by verse, congregation \* bold)*

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

Our sins are strong- er than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded a- bout with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths over- flow with plenty.

**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

**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*

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**



**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.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**\*LAMB OF GOD (I accidently omitted, sorry)**

**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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: 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.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

**SECOND LESSON                      2 Corinthians 9:6-15                      *LisaAnne Gregg***

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*Please stand*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke                      **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL                      Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

*P: The Gospel of the Lord*                      **C: Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE**

*Pastor Shawn O'Brien*

**HYMN**

**Sing to the Lord of Harvest**

*Hymn #694*

**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:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.

*Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*We Praise You*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND PRAYER**

*(please stand)*

**P:** Let us pray... O Lord our God, maker of all good things.

**C:** Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

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.