



CHRIST
the King
SUNDAY

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ the King

November 21st and 22nd



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**WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING HYMN

Shout To the Lord

My Jesus, My Savior, Lord there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to Praise, the wonders of Your Mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to our King.
Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar,
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy, at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have, in You.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

ALL: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Holy one,

ALL: We confess that we are not alert for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in

Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason. I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL**Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said to the disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

SERMON**Pastor Shawn O'Brien****HYMN****Here I Am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Leader: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Bring peace to every place where conflict rages. Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever

ALL: Amen.

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: God of all goodness, generations have turn to you, gathered around your table and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

ALL: Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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 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.

Amen.

THE 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**



BLESSING

Leader: 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 Spirit, be with you today and always.

All: Amen

CLOSING SONG

Your Name Is Holy

You, are the sovereign I AM: Your Name is holy.
You, are the pure, spotless Lamb; Your Name is holy!

You, are the Almighty One; Your Name is holy,
You, are the Christ, God's own Son; Your Name is holy ...

In Your Name ... there is mercy for sin,
there is safety with-in ... In Your holy Name.

In Your Name ... there is strength to ... remain ...
to stand in spite of pain ... In Your holy Name.

You, are the sovereign I AM: Your Name is holy.
You, are the pure, spotless Lamb; Your Name is holy!

You, are the Almighty One; Your Name is holy,
You, are the Christ, God's own Son; Your Name is holy...
Your Name is holy..

DISMISSAL

Leader: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Our Weekly Announcements

This Week at St. John

Monday: Forerunner Deadline

Tues: Blankets 9:00 AM

Sat: Worship 5:00 PM

Sun: Sunday School 8:30 AM

Sun: Worship 9:45 AM

In our Prayers

Mark Witt-medical concerns

Dave Jensen- medical concerns

Kaylee Burhow- medical concerns

Audry S.-medical concerns

Jim Farkas-medical concerns

Janet Farkas- medical concerns



SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Sunday School is in progress! You can still join us!

Classes for all ages begin at 8:30 AM.

We will be social distancing and
sanitizer will be available. Please wear your mask.



Altar Flowers

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of

Rob and Clara Lasseter given by
Marilyn Sandrock and Carolyn Lasseter.

Office Hours

At this time, Pastor O'Brien and the office staff will maintain office hours Mon-Fri from 830am to 230pm. If you need something, please call 419-836-5514 ahead of time. If the door is locked, please ring the bell. You may also email/text Pastor O'Brien 419-378-1112
pastorobrien@stjohnwilliston.org

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27th.**

Fall Worship Hours

Saturday 5 PM * Sunday 9:45

We hope you will rejoin us for Worship on Saturdays at 5 PM or Sundays at 9:45 AM, however, if you do not feel comfortable coming to church ...that's ok!

You will still be able to join us on Facebook or on our YouTube channel for a live stream of worship.

The weekly bulletin is also available on our website. **www.stjohnwilliston.org**

If you or someone you know would like a recording of the worship service, please let the office know and we will drop off or mail you a CD and bulletin.



The 2021 Altar and Chancel Flower chart is posted outside the church office. Please sign up for the weekend you would like to order Altar or Chancel flowers. Fill out the order slip and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the office with your payment. Or feel free to call the office and Amelia can add your name to the desired dates.

**Altar flowers are \$25.00
Chancel flowers are \$20.00**

Drive-Thru Communion

November 29th we will have a time of "Drive-Thru Communion" for those who would like to receive the sacrament but aren't quite ready to return to in-person worship in the sanctuary. If you would like to participate, worship with us at home on Facebook or YouTube and then immediately following worship drive to the church for communion distribution. I will be outside in the parking lot starting about 10:30-10:45 (when worship is over) on the 29th. Be sure to wear a mask and we will try to make it obvious where you are supposed to go. If you have any questions or need clarification, please see Pastor O'Brien.

Christmas Eve Musicians

We are starting to put together our Christmas Eve worship service and we could use your help. If you know of someone who would like to share their gift of music and submit a recording for our Christmas Eve worship service, please have them contact Pastor O'Brien.
For those who have already said 'yes', THANK YOU! Remember that we need your video by the end of November.



Happy Thanksgiving to all our St John families.

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!"



Shopping with the Stars

*Help bring joy to
our neighbors at Luther Home of Mercy.*

How? Pick a star from the table located outside the church office and purchase a gift for one of our neighbors at the Luther Home of Mercy.

No wrapping needed!

Just place the gift in a shopping bag or a gift bag, attach the star, and return it to the church office by *Wednesday December 4th*.

Craft Supplies

Construction paper (all colors)
White Art paper
Crayons, washable markers, colored pencils
Coloring books (large pictures)
Stickers (all sizes)
Scrapbooking supplies
Simple craft kits

Personal Needs

Body and hand lotion (no sprays/powders)
Shampoo and Conditioner
Body soap/hand soap
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Fingernail polish & polish remover
Norelco electric razors
Socks (men's and women's)
Winter hats and mittens

Miscellaneous Items

Simple board games (card games, Connect Four, Yahtzee, etc.)
Seasonal/holiday decorations
Umbrellas (large golf type)
Stationary, pens and stamps
Music CDs
Movie DVDs
(Disney, Westerns, Super Heroes)

**Gift cards: restaurants, shopping,
Toledo area entertainment**



Seven Faith Practices

I will strive to...

1. **PRAY** daily
2. **WORSHIP** weekly
3. **READ** and study the Bible
4. **SERVE** at and beyond St. John
5. **INVITE** others into a loving relationship with Jesus
6. **GIVE** of my time, talents, and resources
7. **ENCOURAGE** spiritual growth in others



**The Stephen Ministers at St. John are here for you.
If you need assistance, support, information or would just like to
talk...call Pastor O'Brien or the church office at (419) 836-5514 to be
put in contact with one of our Stephen Ministers.**

St. John Prayer Chain is there for you....

"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."

Matthew 21:22

When there is illness, a special need, or a time of thanksgiving in your family, or among friends or neighbors, you may wish to ask for the prayers of your sisters and brothers at St. John. If such a need arises, call Pastor O'Brien (419-972-4003, cell ph 419-378-1112) or the church office (419-836-5514) who will begin the prayer chain. Please keep your message to the minimum to avoid any errors in passing it on. Thank you!