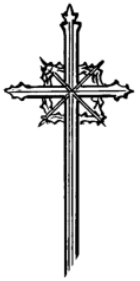
Thanksgiving Eve
November 25, 2026



St. John Ev. Lutheran Church
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For the convenience of all worshipers at St. John, we have:

- **Large-Print Bulletins and Hymnals**
- **A Quiet Room** for families needing to take their child(ren) out of Worship, located at the back (left side) of Church, with a large window and speakers, so that families may still see and hear the Worship Service
- **Restrooms** located at the back of the Church in the Narthex
- **Activity bags for children** which are available in the Narthex, hanging on "Ginny the Giraffe". Children may take home the pictures they color. Please return books, crayons, and bags to "Ginny".

(Please ask an Usher to direct you to any of the above)

IN THE NAME OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOR

HYMN: *"We Praise You, O God"* *Vs 2,3* *LSB 785*

2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
through trial and tempest our Guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
and with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your Strong Arm will guide us,
to You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Pastor: We can gather together in worship because we share the Truth that God has revealed about Himself in History, in Jesus, and in Scripture. Let us join together to proclaim before God, and to one another, the Christian Faith that the Spirit has empowered:

(please stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell. The third day He Rose again from the dead. He Ascended into Heaven and Sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to Judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Triune God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: In the Name of God, the Father, Who is Holy and Merciful,
Pastor: to Whom we ascribe the work of Creation, by Whose decision the plan of Salvation began.

All: In the Name of God, the Son, Jesus Christ, Who is Holy and Merciful,
Pastor: to Whom we ascribe the Work of Redemption, by Whose willing submission to Incarnation and Crucifixion accomplished the task of salvation by obediently fulfilling justice and making mercy available to all, in Whose Resurrection, He has given us His own Righteousness.

All: In the Name of God, the Holy Spirit, Who is Holy and Merciful,
Pastor: to Whom we ascribe the work of Sanctification; by Whose power the Salvation, planned and accomplished by God, became our possession; by Whose Power we come to faith and are sustained in faith.

All: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, Your Mercies are new every morning and You Graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we

may acknowledge Your Goodness, give thanks for Your Gracious Gifts, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

(please be seated)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT *Deuteronomy 8:1, 10-14, 17-20* *ESV 180*
"If you forget the LORD your God"

"The whole Commandment that I Command you today, you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you."

"Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping His Commandments and His Rules and His Statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.'

You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth, that He may confirm His Covenant that He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the Voice of the LORD your God."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Timothy 2:1-6* *ESV 1177*
"The Primary Will of God"

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, Who Desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth. For there is One God, and there is One Mediator between God and mankind, the Man Christ Jesus, Who Gave Himself as a Ransom for all, which is the Testimony given at the proper time.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11-19* *ESV 1041*



"Where are the Nine?"

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When Jesus saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' Feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to him, "Rise and go your way; your Faith has made you well."

Pastor: Jesus is the Good News of Love, Forgiveness and Life.
Jesus is the Gospel.

All: Praise be to You, O Christ.

(please be seated)

HYMN: *"Thank You for Giving Me the Morning"* *Vs 1,3,4* *TOSB 258*

1 Thank You for giving me the morning, thank You for every day that's new.
Thank You that I know my worries, can be cast on You.

3 Thank You I have my occupation, thank You for every pleasure small.
Thank You for music, light and gladness, thank You for them all.

4 Thank You for many little sorrows, thank You for every kindly word.
Thank You that every Word of Love by Faith can all be heard.

SERMON

HYMN: *"Thank You for Giving Me the Morning"* *Vs 5-7* *TOSB 258*

5 Thank You, I see Your Word has meaning, thank You, I know Your Spirit's here.
Thank You because You Love all people, those both far and near.

6 Thank You, O Lord, You Spoke unto us, thank You that for our words You Care.
Thank You, O Lord, You came among us, Bread and Wine to share.

7 Thank You, O Lord, Your Love is boundless, thank You that I am blessed by You.
Thank You, You make me feel so glad, and thankful as I do.

HANDBELLS: *"Ring a Joyful Song"*

OFFERING *(received and brought to the Altar)*

(please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole People of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, giving thanks to the Lord for He is Good.

Gracious God, gratefully we remember Your Bountiful Gifts to all of us. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your People through all ages. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the Earth. We thank You O Lord,

All: for Your Steadfast Love endures forever. ***(after each petition)***

Pastor: Into Your Hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Who instructed us in praying. . .

All: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name . . . *LSB 162*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: St. John wrote: God is Light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with God yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the Truth. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the Truth is not in us. If we claim we have not sinned, we make God out to be a liar and His Word has no place in our lives. *[I John 1:5,6,8,10]*
Even as we bask in the joy of God's Love and Acceptance, we know that we have sinned against Him. Let us, therefore, search our hearts and confess our sins to God, our Just yet Merciful Lord.

(A moment of silence to reflect upon our sinful condition)

All: Have mercy on me, O God, for I have sinned against You in my thoughts, in my speaking, and in my actions. I have claimed fellowship with You, yet so often I have decided to seek the dark instead of the Light. Sometimes I have been hesitant in my witness, sometimes I have been slow to forgive, sometimes I have rejected the joy of my faith, sometimes I haven't wanted to produce the good works You desire. Sometimes I have not shown Your Love to my family, co-workers and others. Sometimes I have gossiped, lied, or held a grudge. For these and other sins, even those of which I am not aware, I ask for Your forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Savior.

Pastor: St. John wrote:
If we confess our sins, God is Faithful and Just, and Will Forgive us our sins and Cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we walk in the Light as

God is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus, God's Son, purifies us from all sin! *[I John 1:9,7]*
Therefore, as an Ordained servant of the Word, it is my privilege to announce the Grace of God unto you, and to assure you: your sins are forgiven, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Pastor: We bless You, Lord of Heaven and Earth. Even while Your Creation rebelled against You, You gave Your Only Begotten Son into death that we might be saved. You have given us this Holy Supper, *"For as often as we eat of this Bread and drink of this Cup, we proclaim the Lord's Death until He Comes."*

All: Christ has Died; Christ is Risen; Christ will Come again.

Pastor: By Your Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts to receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with living faith.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the Disciples and said: *"Take, eat; this is My ✢ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *"Drink of this, all of you; this Cup is the New Testament in My ✢ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST *(sung)* *(setting 2) LSB 171*

All: This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain,
Whose Blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, Riches, Wisdom, and Strength,
and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His.

This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
blessing, honor, glory, and might, be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb Who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

(please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION:

All who Commune receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
Therefore, each one must take seriously the responsibility to examine oneself:

- To acknowledge oneself as a sinner and repent of one's sins.
- To trust Jesus as one's Savior for forgiveness and submit to Him as Lord.
- To believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, that His true Body and Blood are received in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.
- To ask the Holy Spirit to assist in living a moral and obedient life to glorify God.

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[Please follow the instructions of the Usher. Exit the pew down the center aisle.
As you approach the Altar Rail, if you desire the Individual Cup of Wine, please take one with you.
Stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. (Non-alcoholic individual cups are available in the center of the trays.)
Receive the Wafer, then receive the Wine, either from the Common cup, or the Cup you brought.
If you have selected the Individual Cup, please discard the cup
in the container on the side aisle as you return down the outside aisle to your pew.]

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMN +

HANDBELLS: *"Praise to the Lord"*

HYMN *"Take My Life and Let it Be"* *LSB 783*

1 Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of Thy Love.
Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.



4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine Own, it shall be Thy Royal Throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour, at Thy Feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee.

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SONG OF THANKSGIVING *(sung)* *(setting 1)* *LSB 164*

All: **Thank the Lord and sing His praise;**
tell ev'ryone what He has Done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His Name.
He recalls His Promises and Leads His people forth in joy,
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His Face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you His Peace.

All: **Amen. Amen. Amen.** *(sung)* *LSB 202*

(please stand)

HYMN: *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* *LSB 805*

1 Praise God, from Whom all Blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him Above, ye Heav'nly Host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
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THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant: Rev Carl Krueger EM

Elder on Duty:	**Ushers on Duty**	**Organist:**	**Altar Guild:**
Scott Lucas	Mark Baggenstoss Bob Weber	Betty Johnson	Set Up:

The Church Office and Day Care will be CLOSED Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 & 27

NOTE: First Weekend of Advent is Nov. 28 & 29

IT IS KOLACHE BAKING TIME

All women and men are welcome to help when available – Lunch will be provided Mon. & Tue.

Dorcas Kolache Bake Sale process dates:

Nov. 29, Sunday at **3:00pm** we will be making and rolling the dough.
Nov. 30 / Dec. 01, Mon./Tue. **9:00am**, Kolache rolling & baking begins. *(Lunch provided)*
Dec. 04, Friday at **3:00pm**, packing and pricing of bakery
Dec. 05, Saturday from **9:00am – Noon**: "The Bake & Craft Sale"
Questions? Call Dianne at 414-870-3777