

Welcome to Worship

St. John's Evangelical
Lutheran Church

November 2, 2025



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All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

Welcome: Thank you to those who join us for Worship. We hope you will be blessed as we pray and sing together, as we hear God's Word read and proclaimed. We gather as equals in the sight of God, who loves us, forgives us, and is WITH US. Peace be with you.

Serving at Worship Today:

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Attendance Last Sunday: 13

Offering Last Sunday: \$429.00

Direct Deposit: \$20.00

Mile of Pennies: \$.00

Christmas Families: \$125.00

*Worship
Assistants*

Food Pantry for November: Food pantry requests for November include hot cereal, soup, & crackers. Thank you to everyone that contributed last month.

Hometown Christmas: St. John's will bake cookies for this event again this year the church will provide these cookies to bake. They need to be at the Library on Friday December 5th. Carol will bake one box at her house, the other two boxes will be in the freezer at church for whom ever wants to bake them.

Order of Worship

All Saints' Sunday, November 2, 2025

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

**please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to love like Jesus."

THE GREETING

Leader: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

*GATHERING HYMN #422

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Gracious God,

ALL: our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions to

harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. Amen.

Leader: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

ALL: Amen.

* KYRIE

Leader: In Peace let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us join our hearts and voices together in prayer.

ALL: Although you can make your presence known in a mighty wind,
or an earthquake, or a fire, you often speak to us in the sound of
sheer silence. Help us to hear. Amen.

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 61:1-8

Reader: Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

ALL: From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint.

Reader: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, ³ for you are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

ALL: Let me abide in your tent forever, find refuge under the shelter of your wings.

Reader: For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

ALL: Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations!

Reader: May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!

ALL: So I will always sing praises to your name, as I pay my vows day after day.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 12:27-28

Reader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 12. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reader: “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

Reader: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

1 KINGS 19:1-18

Leader: (19) Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³ Then he was afraid; [\[a\]](#) he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸ He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Leader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #424

YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

ALL: 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 THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: God who became human in Jesus, challenge the church to recognize Christ in all our neighbors. Give church leaders endurance in times of weakness and affliction. Grant wisdom in conflict and joy in service. Lord God of hosts. **ALL: hear my prayer.**

Prayer Leader: God who preserves us in trouble, guide us to properly care for the earth's resources. Heal waters, land, and air to sustain future generations. Lord God of hosts. **ALL: hear my prayer.**

Prayer Leader: God who guides our ways, give the world's leaders, voters, and those seeking election humility and respect for the dignity of all. Accompany local election workers and community volunteers. Increase and sustain your justice through all the world. Lord God of hosts. **ALL: hear my prayer.**

Prayer Leader: God who brings grace and peace, we pray for those who are unhoused and in need of shelter, suffering and in need of comfort, and sick and in need of relief. Hear our prayers for those close to our hearts - John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Brandt, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Vicki, Jim, Josh, Linda, Ruth, Steve, Karen, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, Nancy, John, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Christina, Mike, Riley, Dennis, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Eli, Riley, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, and Cindy. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. Lord God of hosts. **ALL: hear my prayer.**

Prayer Leader: God who knows us by name, bless our congregational leaders with wisdom and give them a faithful vision for your church. Bless this congregation's children and young people as they grow and are nourished. Lord God of hosts. **ALL: hear my prayer.**

Prayer Leader: God who welcomes us home, we remember all your saints. Let us trust in the peace and promise of the resurrection. We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please share God's peace with those worshiping around you.

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: As we celebrate All Saints' Sunday, we remember the faithful lives of those who have gone before us, whose legacies continue to inspire us and guide our church. They have entrusted us with the stewardship of faith and the continuation of God's work.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186**

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Eternal God, as we wait for the fulfillment of your reign, use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to bring justice to those who are oppressed, to set free those who are in prison, to lift up those who are bowed down, and to uphold those who are vulnerable. Amen

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

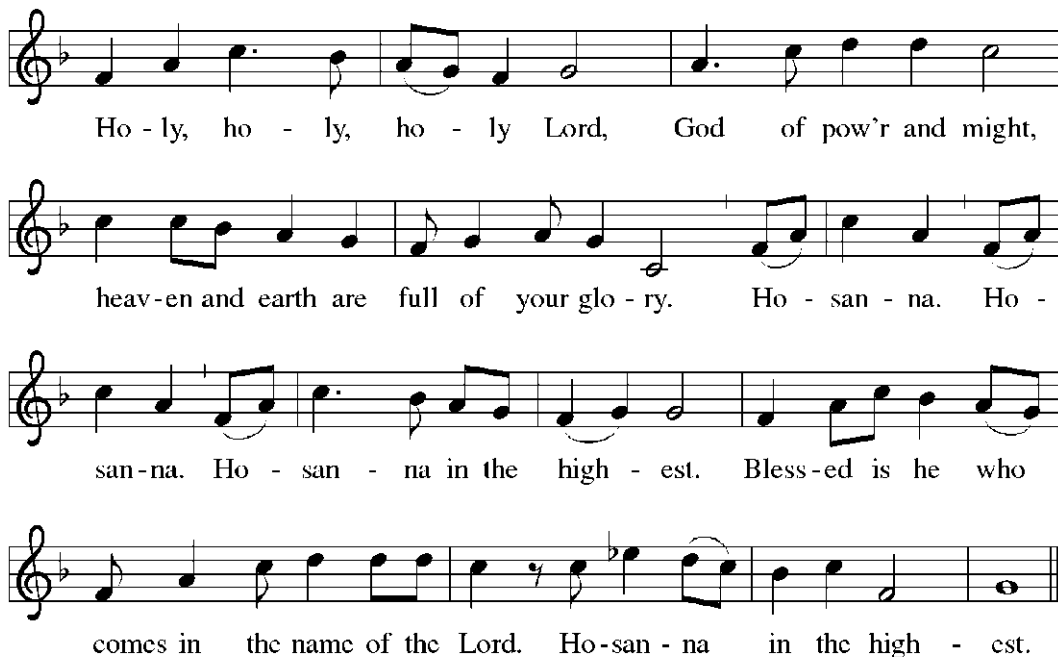
Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL:** We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL:** it is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: And so, with all creatures and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 144



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.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

To you, O God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

***THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**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**

***THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Leader: Come and share in the joyful feast of the Lord.

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

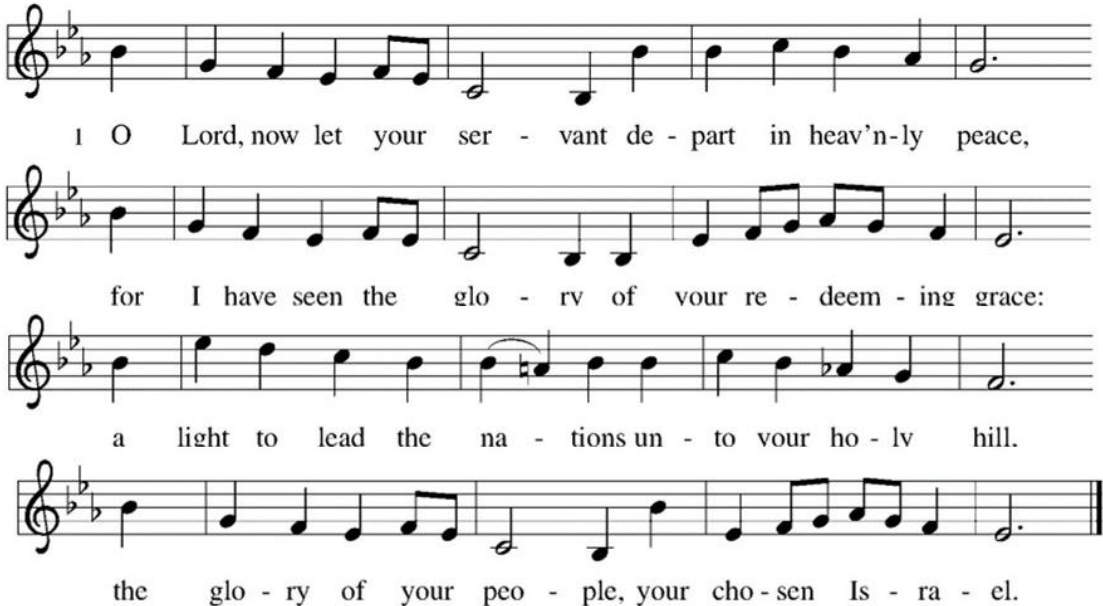
Leader: Please join with me in prayer.

ALL: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

O LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

(VERSE 1)



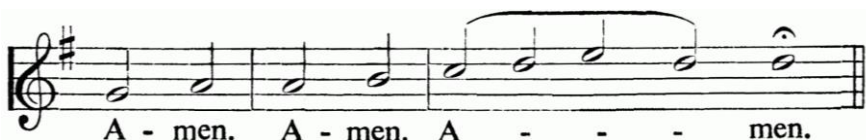
I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

*BLESSING

Leader: Live without fear. Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you like a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*The Amen



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

*SENDING HYMN #423

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ALL  
SAINTS'  
SUNDAY

### **Calendar of Events:**

Tue. Nov. 4 – DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Sun. Nov. 9 - 8:00 A.M. Worship Service

Sun. Nov. 9 - 9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

Wed. Nov. 12 – 5:30 P.M. Church Council Meeting

### **Readers for November & December:**

Nov. 9 - Lori McDaniel

Nov. 16 – Carol Cary

Nov. 23 - Linda Ross

Nov. 30 – Jerry McCullough

Dec. 7 - David Sharninghouse

**In Our Prayers:** John Sharninghouse, Gary Kern, Paul & Sue Maki, Betty Hornbeck, Carol & David Cary, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Eva George, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Don Edler, Ashley Edler, Brandt Edler, Mary Scroll, Pat Newell, Gordon Myers, Vicki Shoop, Jim Cary, Josh, Linda Hoops. Please pray for the victims of all natural disasters, our shut-ins, others absent from our worship this morning, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.

**Christmas Families:** We would like to be able to collect for 3 families again this year, \$200.00 per family. We want to start collecting as soon as possible. The school needs to have the gift cards by the end of the second week in December. December 12, is the date we have settled on. Please write on your envelopes in the memo line the amount of regular offering and the amount for the families.

**The Giving Tree:** Will go up on November 30 this year. Carol Yeager and her granddaughter will be in charge of it. They are asking for Scarves, Hats, Gloves, Socks and/or cash. We will be buying for boys and girls. These gifts will go to McComb, Mohawk, and Liberty Benton. They have requested no underwear this year.

**Annual Meeting:** This year our annual meeting will be on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. We will go over the budget that day and we will accept nominations for new Council Members.





# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

But the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

— 1 Kings 19:12

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Filling in the gaps. Something to consider as you read: **How is God working in each story?***

|           |                            |                                    |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 1 Kings 19:1-18            | God Visits Elijah                  |
| Monday    | 1 Kings 21:1-29            | Naboth's Vineyard                  |
| Tuesday   | 2 Kings 2:1-12             | Elijah Is Taken Up to Heaven       |
| Wednesday | 2 Kings 2:13-25            | Elisha Is Chosen to Succeed Elijah |
| Thursday  | 2 Kings 4:1-44             | Miracles of Elisha                 |
| Friday    | 2 Kings 14:23-29           | The Reign of Jeroboam II           |
| Saturday  | 2 Kings 15:1-7             | The Reign of Azariah (Uzziah)      |
| Sunday    | Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24 | Let Justice Roll Down              |

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. **Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!***

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Ask your pastor or congregational leader to describe ways your congregation helps others in the community. Consider how you can support this work.

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