

Welcome to Worship

at

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
a reconciling in Christ congregation



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

10:30 am

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Statement of Welcome

*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. — Galatians 3:28*

As a community of God striving to be open to all people, we at St. John's Lutheran Congregation believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally. We welcome all to join us as we struggle to better understand the mysteries of God's teachings. We are challenged by Christ to care for, to love, to understand, and to listen to each other, regardless of race, age, gender, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual/affectional orientation, national origin, or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation is a place for each person to shine in their own unique gifts.

Statement of Mission

St. John's Lutheran Church is a downtown, community-oriented, congregation of Christians. We worship God, strive to welcome, and wholly accept everyone, and reach out with and in God's love.

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Communion is a time we invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament. If this is your belief, there are instructions to follow at the time of Communion later in the bulletin.

Service Notes:

- (asterisk) indicates, please stand as you are able.
- Page # indicates the front of the hymnal is used . . .
- Hymn # indicates the back of the Hymnal is used . . .

Hymn Book Abbreviations:

ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book
WOV – With One Voice
ACS – All Creation Sings

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Prelude *“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”*
Tune: *“Hyfrydol”* by Rowland Prichard (19th c.)

*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,

C: 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, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

ELW # 679 *“For The Fruit of All Creation”*

***Greeting**

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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.

***Kyrie**

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***Canticle of Praise**

“Glory to God . . .”

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***Prayer of the Day**

A: Let us pray. O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Children's Chat

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³ Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those
who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸ **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those
who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹ The Lord cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of
the wicked.

¹⁰ **The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

“Alleluia”

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*** Gospel**

Mark 12:38-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd

putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — The Reverend Mike Button

***Hymn of the Day**

ELW # 678 *“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*

***Apostles Creed**

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.

***Prayers of Intercession**

A: Let us pray. Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill including *those we mention on our prayer list . . . and those we name aloud or silently in our hearts . . .* Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen

*** *The Sharing of the Peace***

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

(Ushers now proceed to the Altar to receive the offering plates...)

Offertory *“Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia!”* by Joseph M. Martin
Sung by the Wittenberg Choir

***Presentation of Gifts** *(Ushers now bring the offering plates forward.)*

***Offertory Hymn** *(following page)*

ELW# 531 ***“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”***

1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.

Refrain
 Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.
 Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.
 Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.
 The feast is read - y to be - gin;

*Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen

***Great Thanksgiving** - page 152

*** Preface** (*Leader continues . . .*)

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***Thanksgiving at the Table** (*Leader continues . . .*)

***Lord's Prayer** - page 154

***Lamb of God** - page 154

***Invitation to Communion** - page 154

Holy Communion - *If you are baptized and believe that it is the real blood and body of Christ, we welcome you at the Lord's table.*

**At the invitation of the usher, please proceed to the front to receive communion. Communion is also available in your pew, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.*

Communion Hymns

ELW # 712 ***“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”***

ELW # 685 ***“Take My Life, That I May Be”***

ELW # 638 ***“Blessed Assurance”***

*Table Blessing

*Post Communion Hymn

ELW# 207 *“Thankful Hearts . . .”*



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

*Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. 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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

*Blessing

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

ELW # 441 *“Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand”*

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *“Allegro”* from *“Concerto in G Major”* by J.S. Bach
BWV 980, 3rd mov't.

Based on Antonio Vivaldi's Violin Concerto, Op. 4, #1

Thank you to our Worship Volunteers . . .

Worship Assistant–Steve Moyer

Ushers – Bob & Cindy Black

Reader – Cindy Black

Altar Guild – Judi Kalapay & Linda Kalapay

Video Team – David Faulkner

This Week at St. John's November 10th – November 17th

Today (11/10/24) – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30 am

Today (11/10/24) – Following Worship: Membership – Office

Monday (11/11/24) – Choir Rehearsal, 1:00 pm

Monday (11/11/24) – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm - Chapel

Wednesday (11/13/24) – Prayer Group, 11:00 am, Hospitality Room

Friday (11/15/24) – Newsletter Deadline

Sunday (11/17/24) – Sunday School / Adult Forum – 9:00 am

Sunday (11/17/24) – Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30 am

Sunday (11/17/24) – Following Worship: Property - Office
Outreach - Chapel

Week 44, 10/3/24 - Attendance: 51

Last Sunday's Envelope / Plate Offering	\$3000.00
Weekly amount needed to reach our Budget:	\$2,126.00
Year to Date Envelope / Plate Offering:	\$90143.00
Behind Budget	-\$3401.00

Prayer Concerns: Chuck, Clark, Don, Joe, Kara, Christine, Bill, Michael, Shelley, Jan, Paula, Matt, Carolyn, Lois Anne, John, Donald, Lenny, Jim, Shirley, Jeff, Karla, Debbie, Charlie, Peggy, Tony, Geroge, Joan, Our Homebound Family and Friends, the St. John's Call Committee, our Future Pastor, and the family and friends of William M. Calloway III.

Please find the Christmas Ingathering Envelopes in today's bulletin. This year Outreach is collecting funds instead of items to donate to the Bethlehem / Easton Mission District Ingathering in December.

Thank you - Outreach



Every year for Thanksgiving, The Outreach committee helps those in need by giving out \$25 gift cards from a local grocery store. This year is no different.

If you would like to help someone from the congregation and community this thanksgiving, Outreach is accepting monetary donations.

(please place donations in the offering plate marked "Thanksgiving".)

We thank you for your support. - The Outreach Committee




Adult Forum: For All the Saints!

Come explore some of the exceptional believers who have shaped our life together in Christ. Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. - in the Chapel.

**Call to Artists . . . The Gallery at St. John's
"Holiday Show" December 1st–December 22nd, 2024**



*The gallery is accepting works in any medium including:
Photography, Fine Art, Fine Art Crafts, and Visual Articulation.
The theme need not be Holiday related.*

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 22nd
Registration forms can be found: In the Gallery,
or on our website @:
www.stjohnseaston.org/ministries/gallery/

Harvest Home / Thanksgiving



**With the spirit of Thanksgiving in
our hearts, during the month of November, please bring non-perishable
food items to be placed on the Altar and then donated to the
St. John's Blessing Box & The Project Food Pantry.**

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**The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.
—Psalm 85:12**



“The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.”

John 1:9

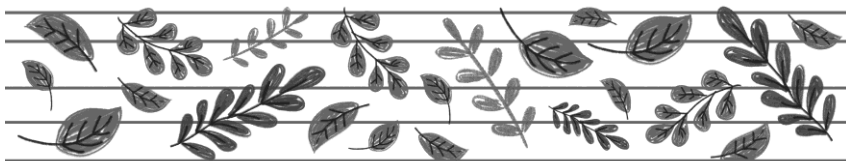
Midweek Advent Worship:

*Join us for a light Soup Supper at 6:00 pm,
followed by Worship at 7:00 pm*

December 4th—Arndt’s Lutheran Church

December 11th—St. Paul’s Third Lutheran Church

December 18th—St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church



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Lutheran Disaster Response

The situation:

Hurricanes continue to hit the coast of Florida, dropping heavy rains on the southeastern United States and leaving millions of people without power. As the storms move inland, it has caused dangerous flooding and landslides, as well as downed trees and power lines.

Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response works with its partners to provide immediate relief, such as water, food, clothing, and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, attention to unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

What you can do: Pray

Please pray for the safety of communities impacted by hurricanes, including people in their paths and any emergency services personnel who are responding. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to rescue survivors.

Give:

Your gifts will support disaster-impacted communities. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

Mail your donation:

Make checks payable to: Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Or put your donation in the offering plate marked "Hurricane"