



ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 1 / 2, 2025

SATURDAY 6:30 P.M. & SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.

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Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our guest register.



PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Almighty God, graciously keep us steadfast in true faith until that hour when one by one we are called before your throne to receive from your Son the crown of righteousness reserved for the faithful, and to join our voices with the saints, who have been gathered there before us, in singing your praises. We pray in the name of him whose voice shall call the dead to life, and whose grace shall grant the victory to us who believe. Until that day, bless us as we worship you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Service Setting 4

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Are They

CW 886

Refrain Blessèd are they which are called, blessèd are they which are called,
 blessèd are they which are called to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

- 1 Multitudes, clothed in white robes, from ev'ry nation and tongue,
 stood before God and the Lamb at the marriage feast of the Lamb. (v. 2)
- 2 They'll neither hunger nor thirst, death, sorrow, pain vanquished now,
 God wipes all tears from their eyes by the marriage feast of the Lamb. (v. 3)
- 3 Blessing and honor, they cry, unto the Lamb that was slain,
 redeeming us with his blood in the marriage feast of the Lamb. (Refrain)
- 4 Servant, saint, martyr at rest, sanctified, ransomed, restored,
 thund'rously sing a new song of the marriage feast of the Lamb. (v. 5)
- 5 Worthy are you, Lamb of God, to receive glory and praise.
 Alleluia and amen for the marriage feast of the Lamb! (Refrain)

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion,



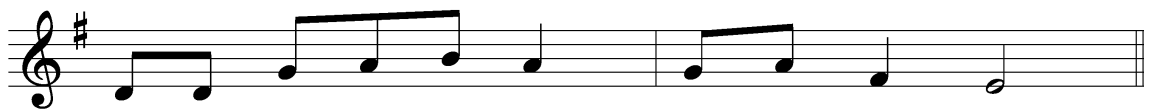
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - be - ing



of the Church of God, and for the un - i - ty of all,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this ho - ly house and for all who of - fer here their



wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

GLORY TO GOD



Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



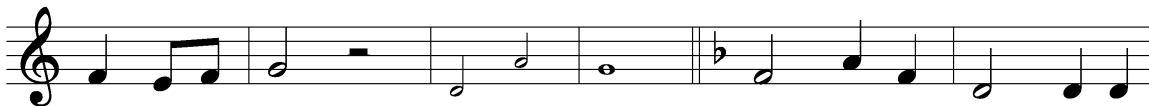
Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

*Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels 'round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues. But all their joys are one.*

Refrain:

Jesus is worthy to receive honor and power divine:

And blessings more than we can give.

Be, Lord, forever, ever thine. Be, Lord, forever thine.

“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “To be exalted thus.”

Oh “Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply. “For he was slain for us.”

Refrain

The whole creation join in one to bless the sacred name

Of him who sits upon the throne. And to adore the Lamb.

Refrain

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

In the Morning I Will Sing

Psalm 63

Jr. Choir sings the first refrain; congregation joins in subsequent refrains;


*Jr. Choir sings the verses. **Only for 8am***

Refrain



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

Verse



1 O God, you are my God; for you I long; for
you my soul is thirst-ing. My bod-y pines for you like a
dry, wea-ry land with-out wa-ter. So I gaze on you in the
sanc-tu-ar-y to see your strength and your glo-ry.

Refrain

Verse

2 For your love is bet-ter than life, my lips will speak your
praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your
name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a

Refrain

Verse

3 On my bed I re-mem-ber you. On you I
muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the
shad-ow of your wings I re-joice. My soul clings to

Refrain

you; your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:32-40

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 6:30 & 8

Revelation 7:15



Refrain



Tone



They are before the throne of God



and serve him day and night in his temple.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-23

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For All the Saints"

CW 880

Stanza 1 – ALL; Stanza 2 – MEN; Stanza 3 – WOMEN



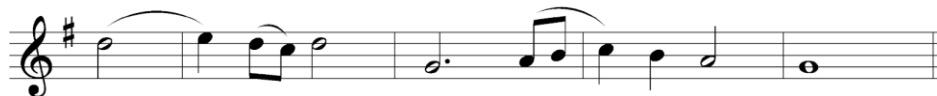
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old and



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (*John 11:25-26*)

Marlis Schwartz 12/26/24

Faye Vanderlouw 1/3/25

Rosemarie Rich 2/12/25

M: Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

C: We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*)

<i>Kurt Karstens</i>	<i>3/10/25</i>
<i>Bruce Savoy</i>	<i>3/10/25</i>
<i>Dennis Leppla</i>	<i>3/19/25</i>

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: **And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.**
(Job 19:25-26)

<i>Dorothy Kock</i>	<i>3/20/25</i>
<i>Jean Kokesch</i>	<i>3/23/25</i>
<i>Ruth Schultz</i>	<i>5/3/25</i>

M: Be faithful, even to the point of death.

C: **And I will give you the crown of life.** *(Revelation 2:10)*

<i>Curtis Kiecker</i>	<i>6/5/25</i>
<i>Joan Gartner</i>	<i>7/23/25</i>
<i>Dennis Roeber</i>	<i>10/12/25</i>

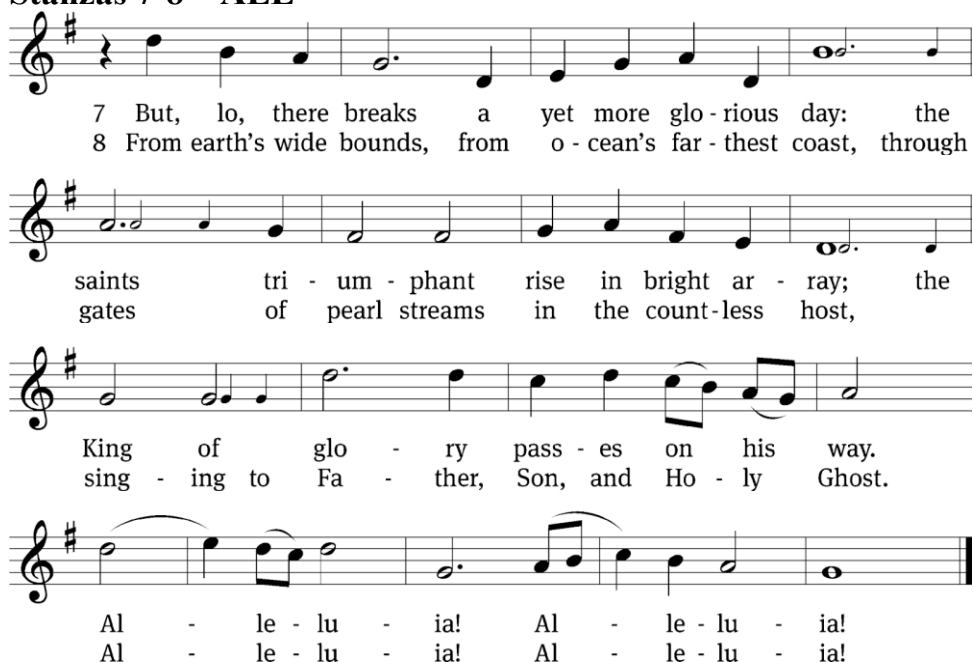
SOLOIST:

4 *Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!*
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 *And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,*
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 *The golden evening brightens in the west;*
soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stanzas 7-8 – ALL



7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

What in the World?

Luke 6:20-23

Stand

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at

the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

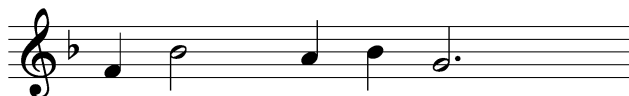
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT

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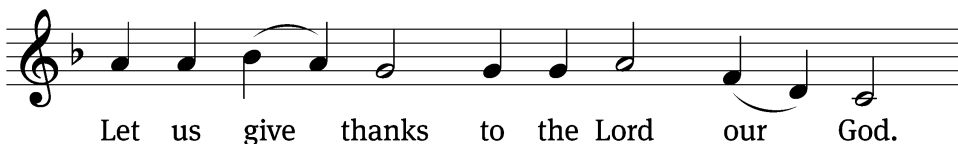
Stand



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho-san - na in the high - est!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Words of Institution

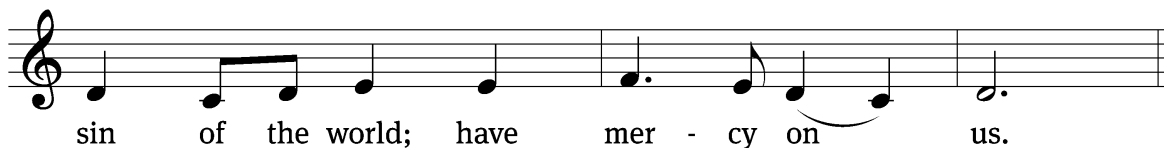
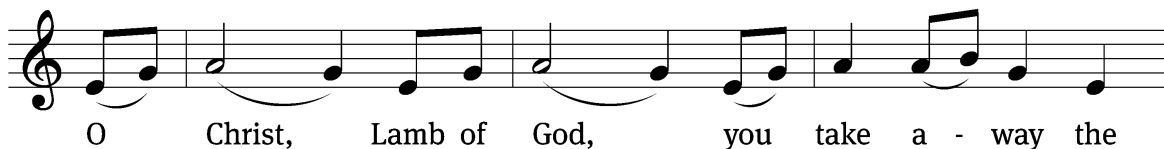
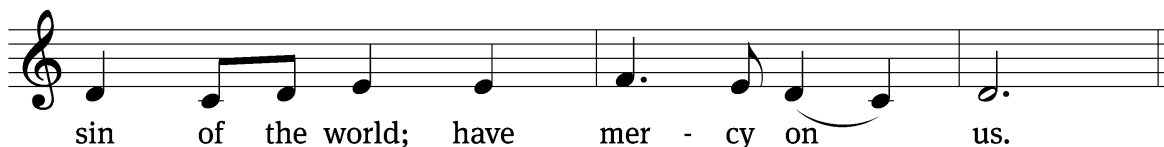
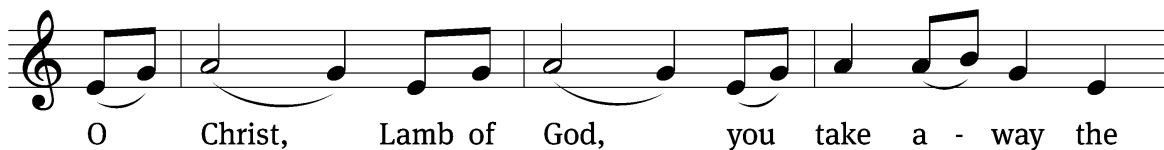
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden

CW 889

- 1 Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest—
the sight of it refreshes the weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare:
to sing the hymn unending with all the martyr throng,
amidst the halls of Zion resounding full with song.
- 2 O sweet and blessèd country, the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country that eager hearts expect,
where they who with their leader have conquered in the fight
forever and forever are clad in robes of white:
in mercy, Jesus, bring us to that dear land of rest
where sings the host of heaven your glorious name to bless.
- 3 The Christ is ever with them, the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessèd are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory the Church's voices blend,
the Lamb forever blessèd, the Light that knows no end.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our
love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class and Sunday School https://bit.ly/SJBibleClassonline
Monday	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday	7 pm	Women of St. John's
Wednesday	5 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Public and Homeschool Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday	10 am	Adult Bible Class
	11:30 am	Stewardship Meeting
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class
Saturday, Nov 8	6:30 pm	Worship
Sunday, Nov 9	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Bible Class and Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Youth Group: Raking
Monday, Nov 10	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting @ St. John's
Tuesday, Nov 11	6 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 12	6 pm	Handbells
	6:30 pm	Public and Homeschool Catechism
	7 pm	Choir
Thursday, Nov 6	10 am	Adult Bible Class
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for this past weekend was 601.

Fruits of Faith:

\$35,413 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$765,310 / YTD: \$737,201
\$1,576 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$85,190 (2025 Goal: \$87,000)
\$1,636 MVL ~ YTD: \$52,903 (2025 Goal: \$57,000)
\$430 Building Fund
\$45 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$5 Food + Fellowship
\$75 K-12 Education Assistance
\$20 Benevolence Fund
\$210 Endowment Fund
\$100 St. Paul's School
\$200 Christian Aid and Relief
\$25 Technology Equipment

Close Communion ~ At St. John's we practice "close communion." That is, we invite only those who are in fellowship with us as members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church (or of a synod that is in fellowship with us) to commune with us. We are in no way judging your personal faith. But we recognize that in the Lord's supper we enjoy not only a close communion, or fellowship, with God, but we also enjoy a close communion with one another as we publicly express our agreement in every teaching of God's Word. And we wouldn't presume to ask you to publicly confess your agreement with all that we teach and believe without first being instructed in what it is that we teach and believe. But if you do desire to commune with us, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

Wish List Item: Junior Choir Music Folders ~ The St. John's Junior Choir is made up of St. John's students in fifth through eighth grade who attend St. Paul's Lutheran School. We use a variety of anthems and hymn arrangements throughout the year to share God's word in song about once a month. The Junior Choir currently uses some inexpensive folders to hold sheet music as we are practicing it in school. Some sturdier folders would do a better job of preserving our music for years to come. If you are so inclined, please consider giving toward the purchase of new folders for our choir. Thank you! - Emily Stoering, St. John's Junior Choir Director

Cards of Caring ~ Members of St. John's are invited to help make the cards our congregation sends to homebound members and others during the year. We used donated, recycled, and created cards. You can help by making cards, writing messages, using stamps and seals to assemble the cards. We make cards for birthdays, anniversaries, get-well, sympathy, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentines, Easter and Confirmation. Please join us at 403 N. Minnesota St. between 9:00 a.m. and noon on Saturday, November 15, 2025. Come and go as your schedule allows. About 80 cards are needed for each occasion. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our members. For further information contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wreath Sales ~ Tis the season!... MVL will again be selling wreaths, swags, crosses, and live garland to help bring the sights and scents of Christmas to your home or business! Look for friendly MVL students at your church to help you place your order starting October 26th. Or if you prefer, go to the MVL website and place your order online. Order deadline is Sunday, November 16th, and we hope to deliver most products to your church by Thanksgiving weekend. This year's proceeds are designated to help outfit a workshop space for our fine arts backstage area. Thank you for your support!

MVL Concert ~ Come join us for an evening of music from the MVL Jazz Band, Concert Band and the Chargaliers. The concert will be held in the MVL Fine Arts Center on Wednesday, November 5th, at 7 p.m. see you there!

Veterans Honored ~ The public is invited to MVL annual Veterans' Day Recognition Program on November 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the fieldhouse. A complete breakfast specifically for veterans and their personal guests will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. If you or a veteran you know would like to come, please RSVP at mvl.org, sallee@mvlhs.org, or 507-354-6851.

Spirit of MVL ~ You are invited to join MVL in a night of fellowship supporting Christian education as we recognize and celebrate our Spirit of MVL award winners: Greg, Galen, & Grant Holzhueter, Kyle Smith, and Gary Hulke. The gala will be held on November 22nd, at 5 p.m. at The Venue in Mankato. The night includes a social hour, dinner, an award program, a live auction, and the Afterglow. Tickets are for sale on the MVL website, mvl.org. You can also contact Sarah Allee with any questions at sallee@mvlhs.org. RSVPs are due by November 7th.

Parade of Lights ~ "Walk, ride, or sing with John & Paul Ministries in the Parade of Lights, on Friday, November 28th at 6:00 pm! We need many volunteers so please register at bit.ly/J&PParadeofLights to sign up and receive more detailed info. Help us invite our community to hear about Jesus this Christmas!"

About the Cover ~ Although the term "saint" is sometimes thought to be a reference to only the super pious and holy people of old such as the prophets, apostles, evangelists, and the Virgin Mary, the words which are translated "saint" mean those to whom God has shown kindness and blessed in Hebrew, and in Greek, those who are set apart by God for his consecrated use. In the Bible a saint is really a reference to believers. Everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as his or her Lord and Savior has been shown his loving kindness, is blessed by him, and is set apart for his sacred use. Therefore, on this All Saints Day, we rejoice as the Holy Christian Church who together rejoice in our gracious God and Savior.