

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
October 17, 2021**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** on this twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost as the Holy Spirit and Jesus continue to lead the disciples to understand what it is to be a follower of Christ and we explore this following in our time.

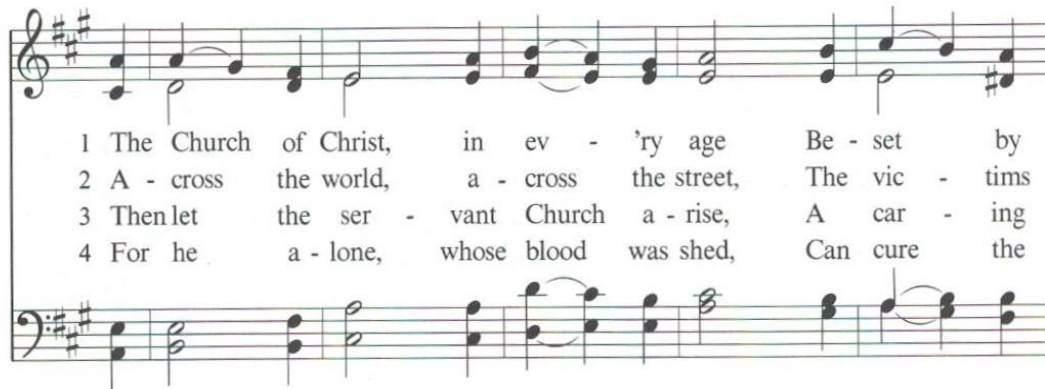
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*HYMN ~ *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

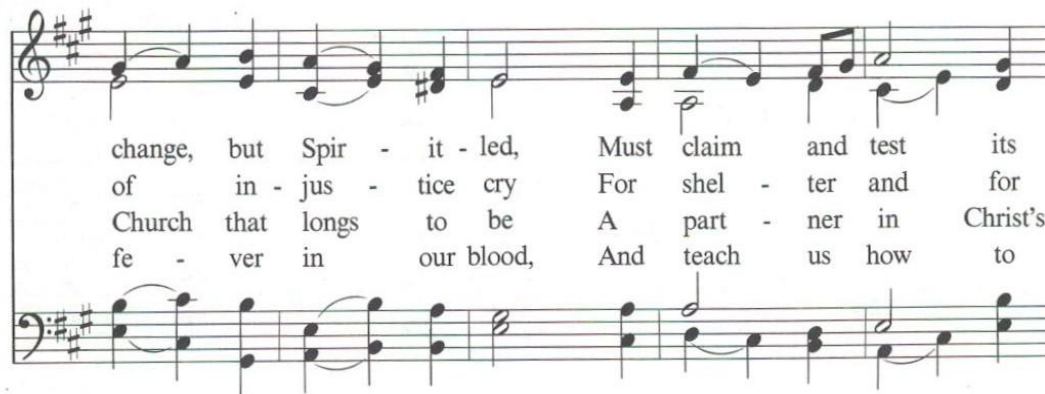
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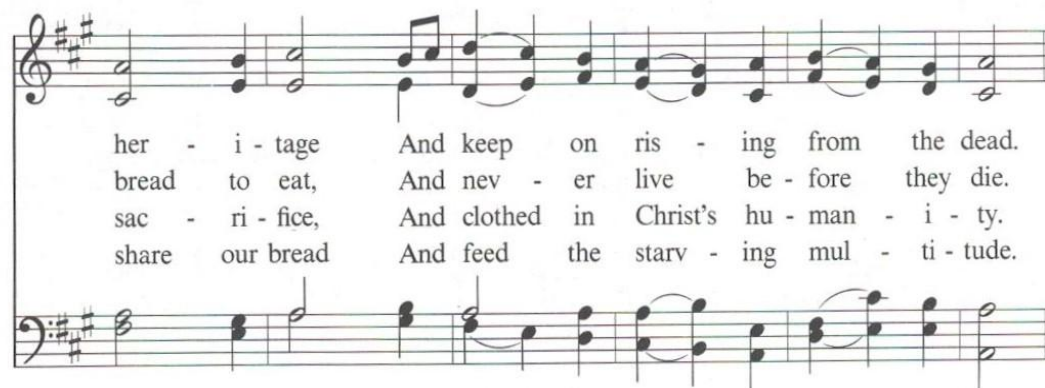
## 433 The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The Church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age Be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the



change, but Spir - it - led, Must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for  
 Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to



her - i - tage And keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, And nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.

- 5 We have no mission but to serve  
 In full obedience to our Lord;  
 To care for all, without reserve,  
 And spread his liberating Word.

**\*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

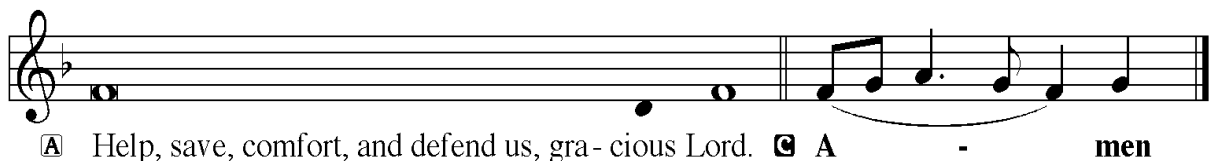
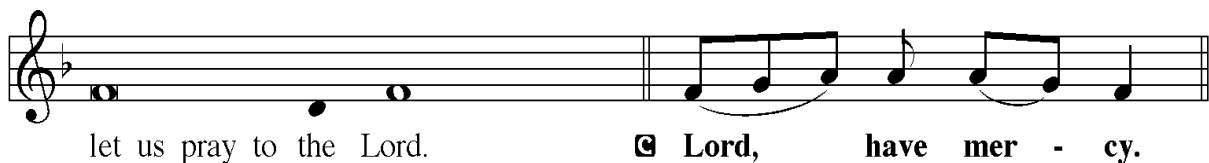
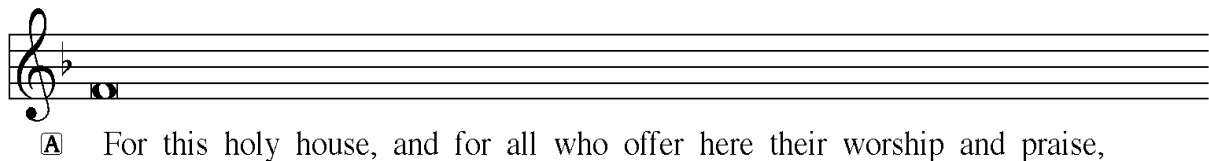
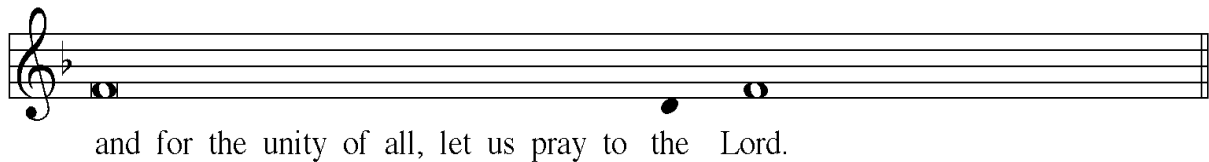
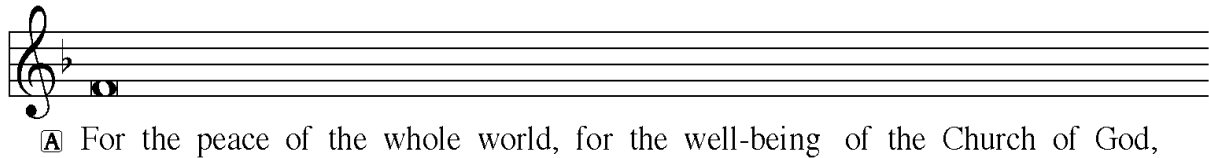
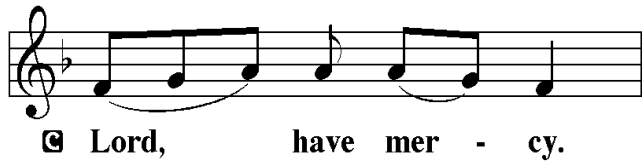
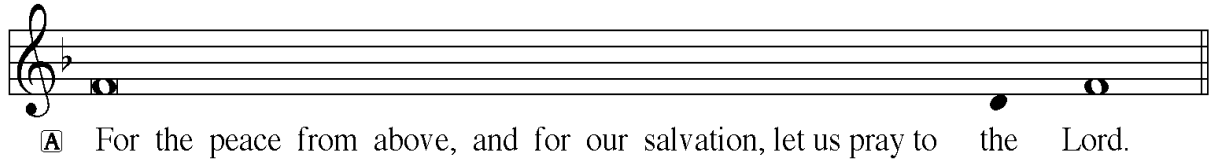
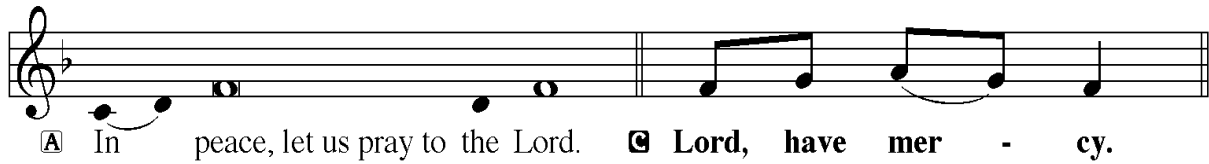
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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**

**\*HYMN of PRAISE**

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** 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.



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.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

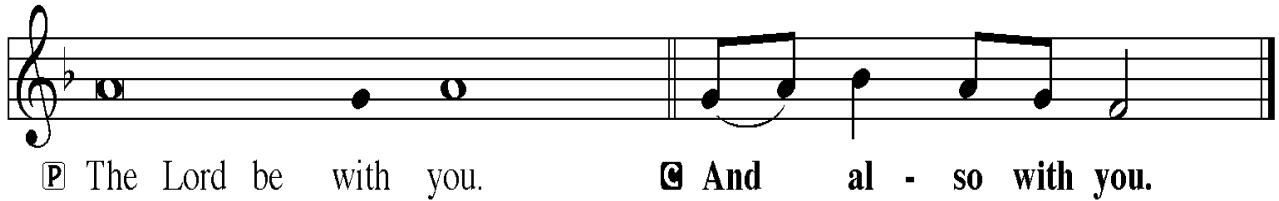


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**\*PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**



P Let us pray...

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 53:4-12

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:9-16 ~ *with response*

*The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Hebrews 5:1-10

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

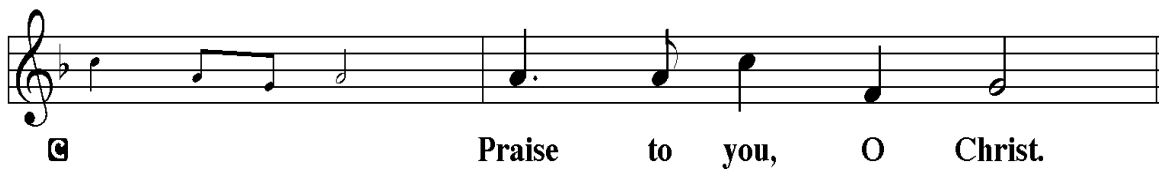


Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.



*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord



**MESSAGE**



HYMN ~ *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

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## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service 423

F B<sup>b</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> Dm F B<sup>b</sup> F

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home - less; Still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ing light

F B<sup>b</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> Dm F B<sup>b</sup> F

Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, Worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 In its height and depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,

F C Dm C Dm B<sup>b</sup> maj<sup>7</sup>

We, your ser-vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 Mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com-pas - sion bids us bear,

C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F Gm<sup>7</sup> Am Gm<sup>7</sup> F

Con-se - crat - ing to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 By your Spir - it send your pow - er To our world to make it whole.  
 Stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.



**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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 ~ *See Celebrate***

**P** Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in  
prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

**\*PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end  
of the front and back pews on your way out.

**\*OFFERTORY**

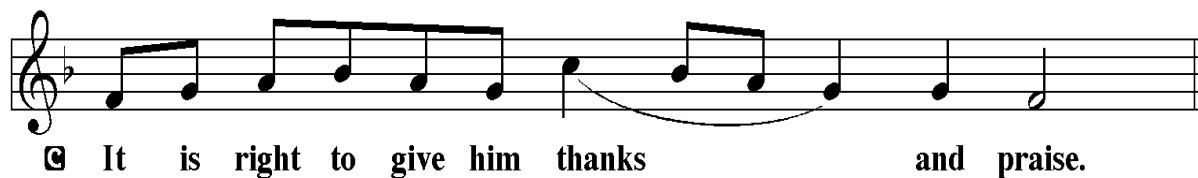
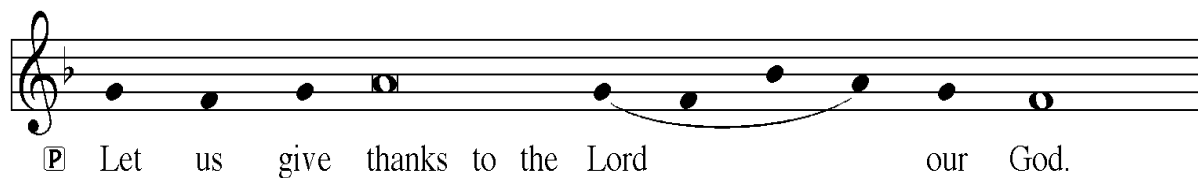
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given  
us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your  
gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered  
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**



# **\*PREFACE**



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.

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.

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

**COMMUNION**

*Maintaining social distancing we will each come forward to take the bread and wine from the plates. Remaining standing you may pause for blessing and prayer before returning to your seats. A receptacle for the cups will be at the end of the front pew.*

**Invitation to Communion:**

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.

P The Bread of Life. The body of Christ, given for you;

C Amen.

P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

*(After all are seated)*

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



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

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**\*THE BLESSING**

P 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 peace.

**C Amen**

\*HYMN ~ *My Faith Look Up to Thee*

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*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my  
 My zeal in - spire; As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
 Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
 Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior, then, in love Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887  
 Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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**\*DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

**R Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

**Organist:** Seulki Susie Yoo

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**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

**Today**

**Greeter:** Ed Bilich; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

**Next Sunday, October 24**

**Greeters:** John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** Sandra Metz

***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share  
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another  
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community  
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Mike and Michele Harshbarger in honor of their children.

**FROM the PASTOR**

Upcoming special services;

Oct 31 Reformation Sunday

Nov 7 All Saints Day

Nov 14 Honoring Rosalie Smith 31yr Ordination Anniversary

Nov 28 1st Advent

Dec 5 2nd Advent

Dec 12 3rd Advent

Dec 19 4th Advent

Christmas Eve services

## **Come to the ADVENT ROUNDTABLE 6:30PM this Wednesday October 20**

This will be a time for fellowship and refreshments as we walk through an inspiring and down to earth step by step process for writing an Advent devotional. Our goal for the evening would be for each person to complete a draft of an Advent devotional for our Advent book. Everyone will be invited to choose from an assortment of pictures and materials to take home for an Advent wreath or home altar and will receive an advent candle to start the season well. You may bring along old Christmas cards to share if you like.

Our Advent Devotional book has continued to grow in the ways each individual expresses how Christ lives in their lives. It has been a great way to get to know each other and God and was greatly appreciated by all who followed it during Advent last year. This is a great way to complete it together in one evening! **We will meet in the West Kish Fellowship room** already set up with round tables where we may comfortably social distance and spread out to work. Pastor Ela

## **SAFETY CONCERNS**

Cases of Covid and its variants continue to pop in our community in the last two weeks. Even those who have been vaccinated may be transmitting the virus to others. Consider wearing masks to keep others safe while we worship inside and pray for health, wholeness and wisdom as we move into the winter season.

## **SYNOD NEWS**

The October 12 gathering of congregational leaders and pastors from around our county stirred up ideas for collaboration in mission and inspiration from Bishop Collins, Rev. Craig Miller and all who participated. More will be shared in our next newsletter.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Gift Show is scheduled to be held on held on Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27. Live wreaths are once again being sold; and include a hand-crafted bow; please notate your choice of color. You can pre-order by signing up in the narthex or contacting the church office (2032). All orders must be picked up at the gift show; payment can also be made at that time.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 14. After being postponed last year, we will be celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> (now 31<sup>st</sup>) anniversary of Rosalie Smith's ordination into the ministry. Bishop Collins is presiding over the service and Reverend Laura Klick will be giving the message. The Social Ministry committee is hosting a reception afterword.

Included in the October newsletter was a member information update form. Extras can be found in the narthex. Please fill out and return to the church, by Sunday, November 14. Thank you.

January 1 thru October 13, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 22      Offering ~ \$ 1,220.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 168,739.80    Expense \$ 166,734.94

Net Income \$ 2,004.86

Daycare ~ Income \$ 236,801.92    Expense \$ 230,774.04

Net Income \$ 6,027.88