

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Reformation Sunday
October 31, 2021**



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RINGING of the BELLS
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

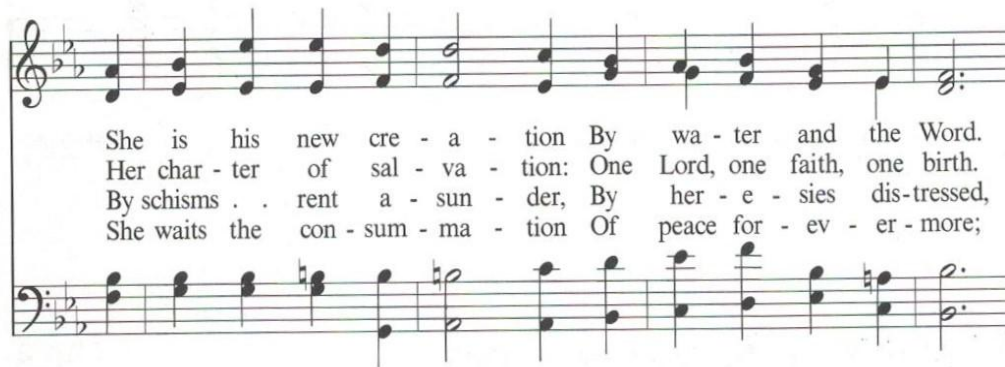
* HYMN ~ *The Church's One Foundation*

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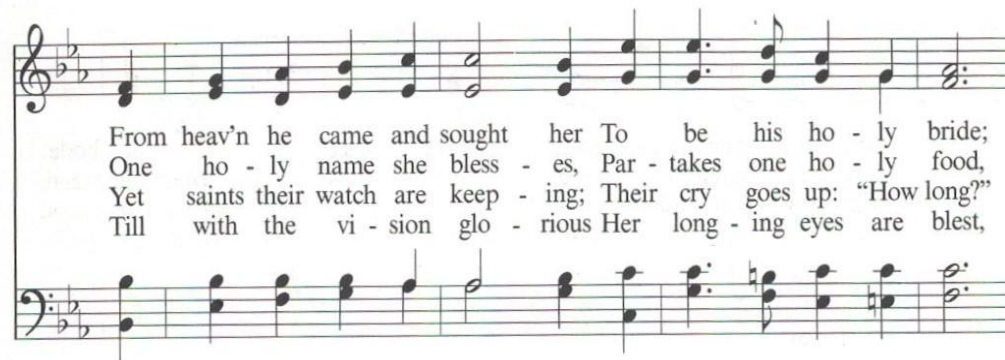
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The Church's One Foundation

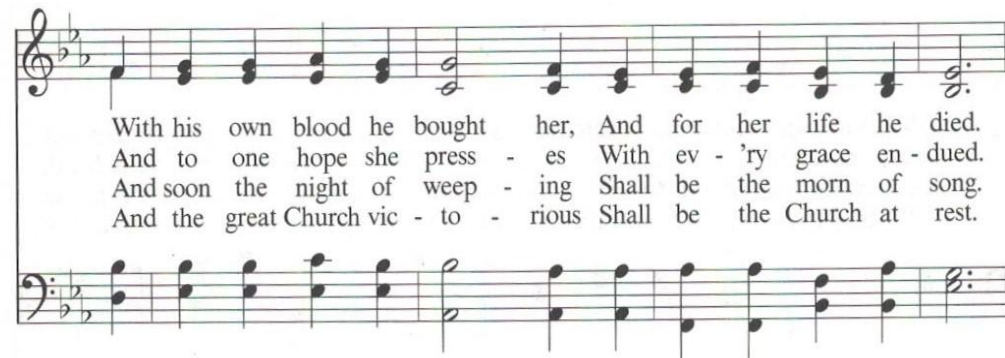

1 The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,



She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;



From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us,
May see you face to face.

***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,

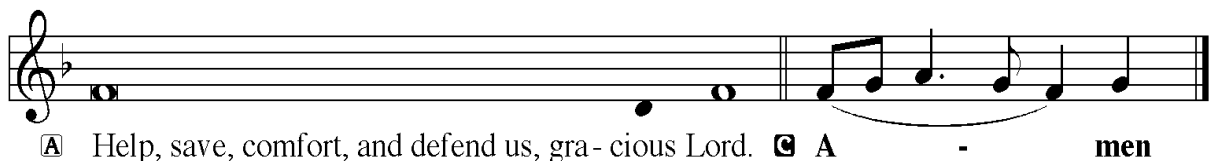
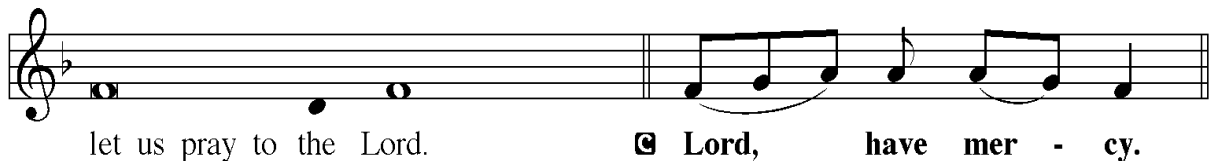
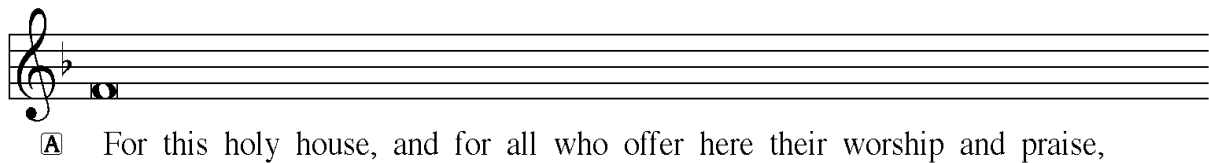
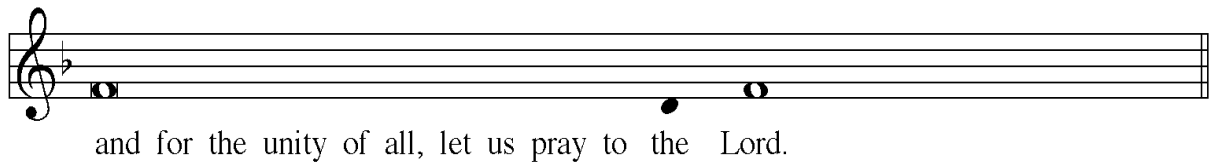
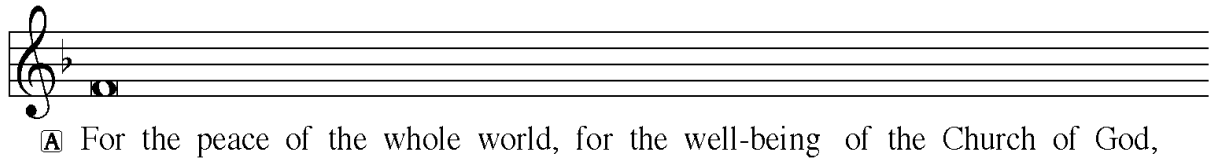
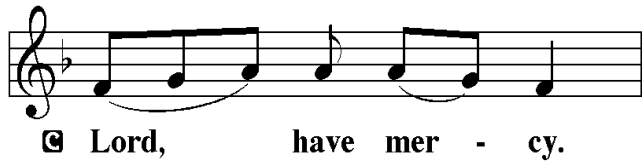
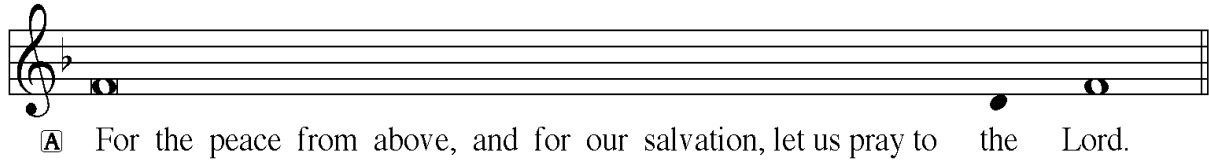
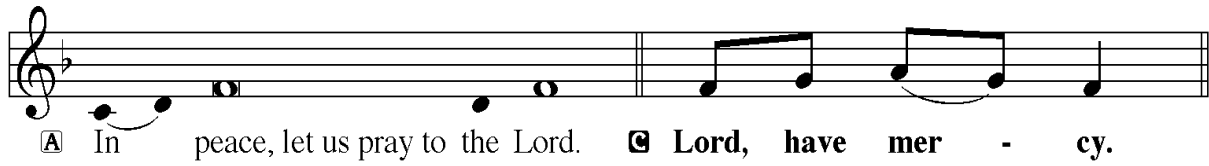
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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**

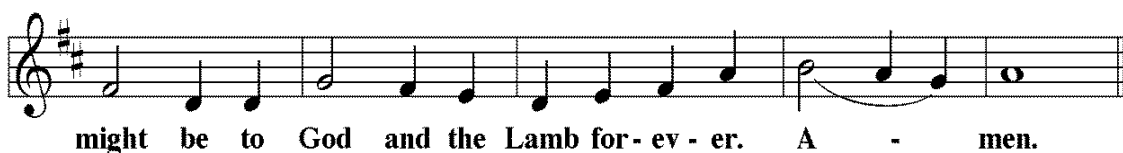
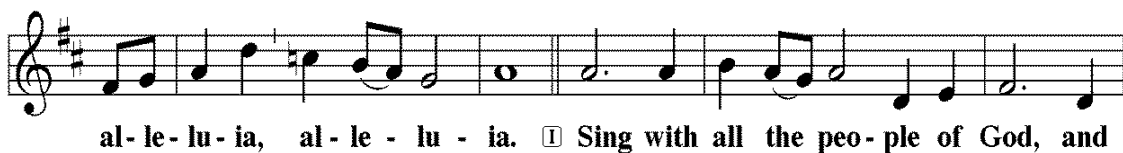
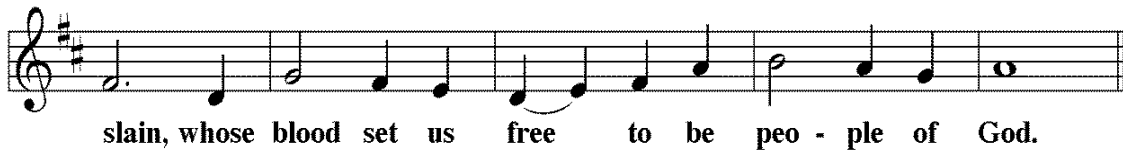
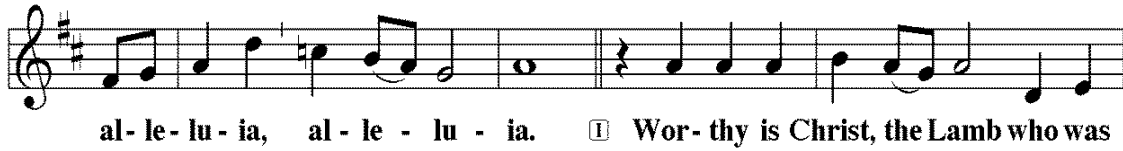
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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



P The Lord be with you. C And al-so with you.

P Let us pray...

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34

*after the reading*R The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**Psalm 46 ~ *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 Romans 3:19-28

*after the reading*R The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.*****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 8^h chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Susi Yoo

***NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and 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 of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one being with the Father, through him all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; and He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge both 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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. 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**

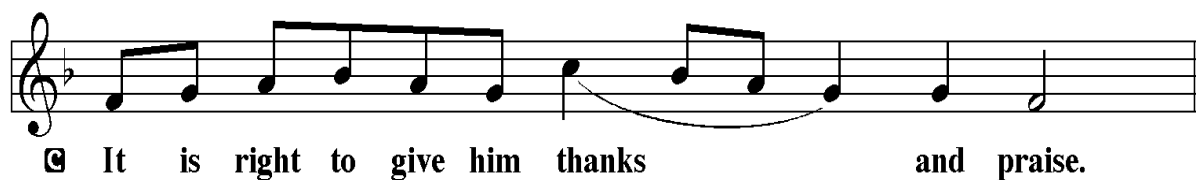
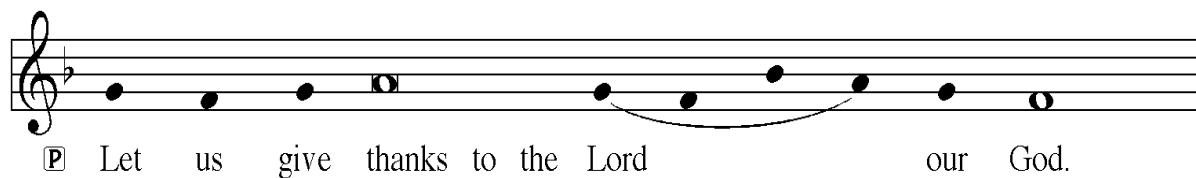
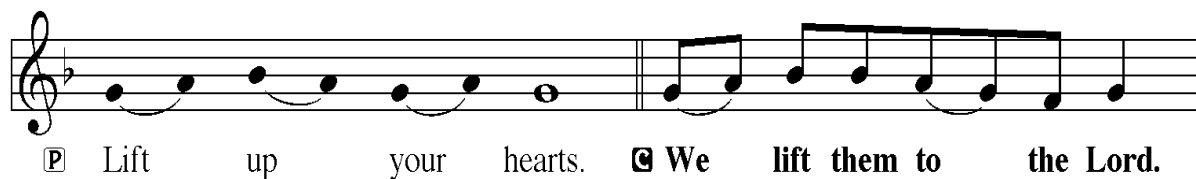
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

SPECIAL MUSIC: Susi Yoo

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.

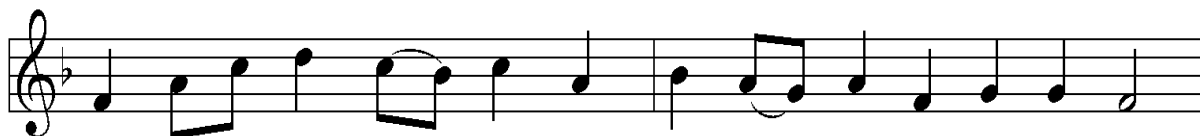
(After all are seated)

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 ~ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
 your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
 fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,



He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 They can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

Church Office: 935-2032 **Email us at** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org

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

Today

Greeter: Sue Lynch; **Lay Reader:** Sandra Metz

Next Sunday, November 7 ~ All Saints

Greeter: Carolyn Conner; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

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
Reba Harmon in honor of her children,
Holly, Jami and Jimmy.

Please remember in prayer ~ Scott Plank, Steve Rodgers, Steve Weikel, Stacey Spicher, Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Ohesson Manor), Vivian Plank, Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe and Carol Yoder (VVH).

FROM the PASTOR

Valley View Terrace Communion 6:30PM November 10, followed by video of concert of spiritual songs by Lisa Griffith and Patty Loudenslager.

Next Sunday is All Saint's Sunday, we will have banners displayed, use the chimes for those who have passed on in the past year, and have flowers available for all who would like to take one home in memory or take one to place on their loved one's graves, even if they passed away more than a year ago.

Camp Mt. Luther Dinner and Fundraiser:

There are still open slots available for our annual event at Shade Mountain Winery. This is a fundraising opportunity to share fellowship, entertainment, and locally produced wine, all to benefit Camp Mount Luther. It's held at Shade Mountain Winery, 16140 Route 104, Middleburg, PA.

There will be a limit of 50 people for this year's event, which will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021. Entertainment will be provided by KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner, a local folk musician. Menu to include heavy appetizers, desserts, and a complementary glass of wine. Reservations required. Call 570-922-1587 or email cml@campmountluther.org

Camp Mt. Luther 5K -

Your gifts to Mount Luther help make Christ known to children, youth, adults and families through unique worship experiences, prayer, meditation, study and adventure in the midst of Christian community. Mount Luther is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation that is dependent upon the sustained generosity of our many friends and the congregations of Central Pennsylvania. Your gifts to Mount Luther will continue to touch the lives of many for generations to come. A gift to the camp is a gift to a camper. A gift to a camper is a gift to the Church.



RUN4CAMP DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN THROUGH THE CAMP MT. LUTHER WEBSITE , <https://www.campmountluther.org/give/>. YOU MAY ALSO INCLUDE A DONATION WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING AND IT WILL BE SENT THROUGH THE CHURCH.

Upcoming services

Nov 7 - All Saints Day - with Communion
Nov 10 - Wednesday 6:30PM - Communion for Valley View Terrace.
Nov 14 - Rosalie Smith ordination anniversary - with Communion
Nov 21 - Christ the King
Nov 28 - First Sunday of Advent
Dec 5 - Second Sunday of Advent - Communion
Dec 12 - Third Sunday of Advent: Congregational Meeting
Dec 17 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Communion
Friday, Dec 24-Christmas Eve Service - 7PM at St. Johns; 11PM at West Kish
Sunday, Dec 26 - Special caroling service
January 2 - Epiphany service - Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daylight Saving Time Ends next Sunday. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour.

The November newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those persons who do not receive it by email.

Included in the October and November newsletters 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.

Volunteers are still needed to help with **Altar Care and Flower Delivery** in November. Please sign-up in the narthex if you can help in this way.

On Sunday, November 14 we will be celebrating the 30th (now 31st) 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 afterward.

In the narthex, are sign-up sheets for anyone who would like to place Altar flowers next year. We will once again refrain from using them during Lent beginning Sunday, March 1 through Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 5.

Please remember to notate whether you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered. At this time, the cost remains at \$40.00.

The 10th annual gift show to benefit the Casey Marthouse Memorial Scholarship Fund is only away a month away. **Apologies...there is a change in the price and type of wreaths.** The person who supplied them is not able to this year, so they are being purchased from another wholesaler. The cost of \$25 is a little higher, as they only offer wreaths with mixed greens. **In addition to the wreaths we will also be offering swags for \$18.00.** Each includes a homemade bow with your choice of color.

If you are interested in pre-ordering either, there is sign-up in the narthex. All wreaths and swags must be picked up at the show; payment can be made at that time.

Donations of homemade soup, baked goods, candy and other treats is always appreciated. If you would like to help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex.

January 1 thru October 27, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 22 Offering ~ \$ 1,155.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 172,300.80 Expense \$ 169,811.25

Net Income \$ 2,489.55

Daycare ~ Income \$ 249,064.58 Expense \$ 240,783.53

Net Income \$ 8,281.05