

HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*The **Bold Print** indicates responses spoken by all.*
The ELW hymns are also found in the red hymnal located in the pew.

THE GATHERING

The Gathering Music

There will be pre-announcement music played to allow us all to prepare to hear of the events happening and upcoming. Reminder for 10:15 a.m. assembly – the service is streamed live on Facebook and the camera is prepared during this time.

The Welcome and Announcements

The prelude allows us all to prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of the Lord, our God. During this time, the assembly becomes quiet and prepares for the Call to Worship.

The Prelude *Thine the Amen* Brokering/Schalk

Please stand as you are able.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

C For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Brief silence for self-reflection.

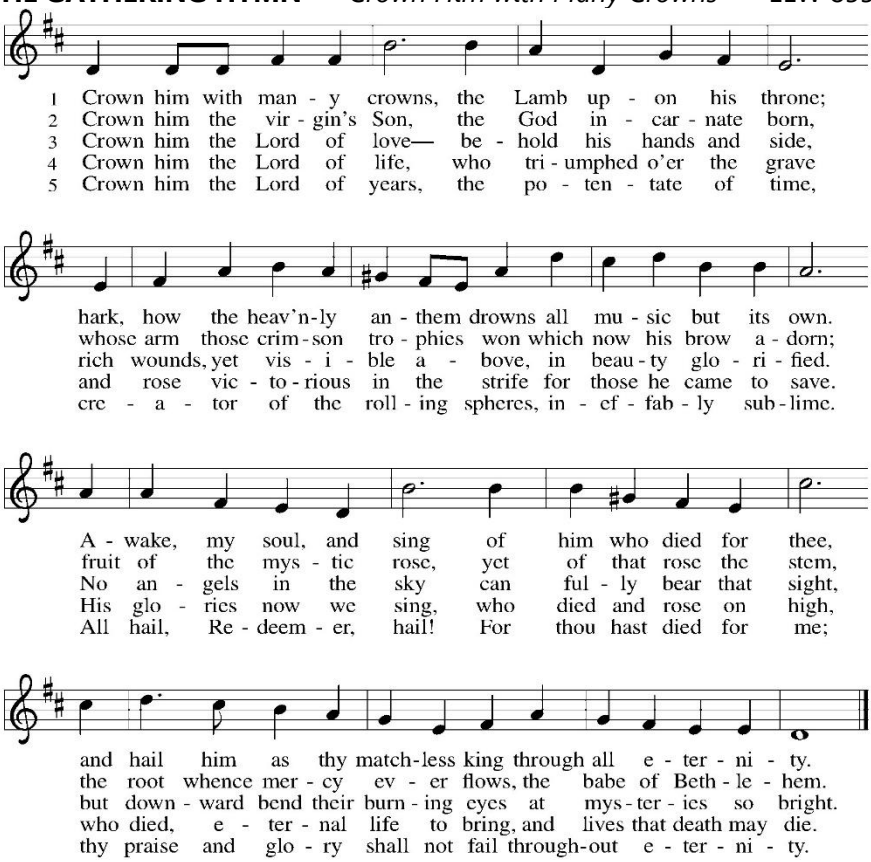
P Holy God,

C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P Inherit the riches of God's grace + Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C Amen.

THE GATHERING HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW 855



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON—EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and
will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are
among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them
from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds
and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather
them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will
feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all
the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture,
and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they
shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture
on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,
and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed
them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with
flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns
until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they
shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON—EPHESIANS 1:15-23

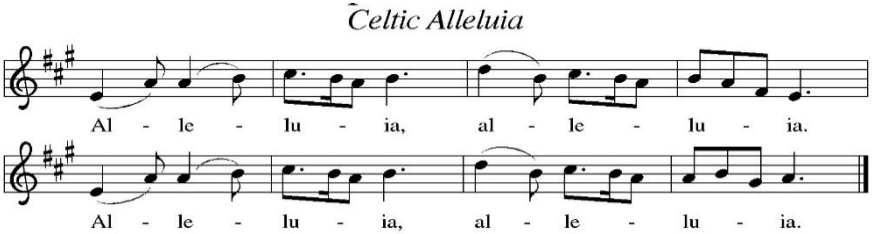
[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 174



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL—MATTHEW 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

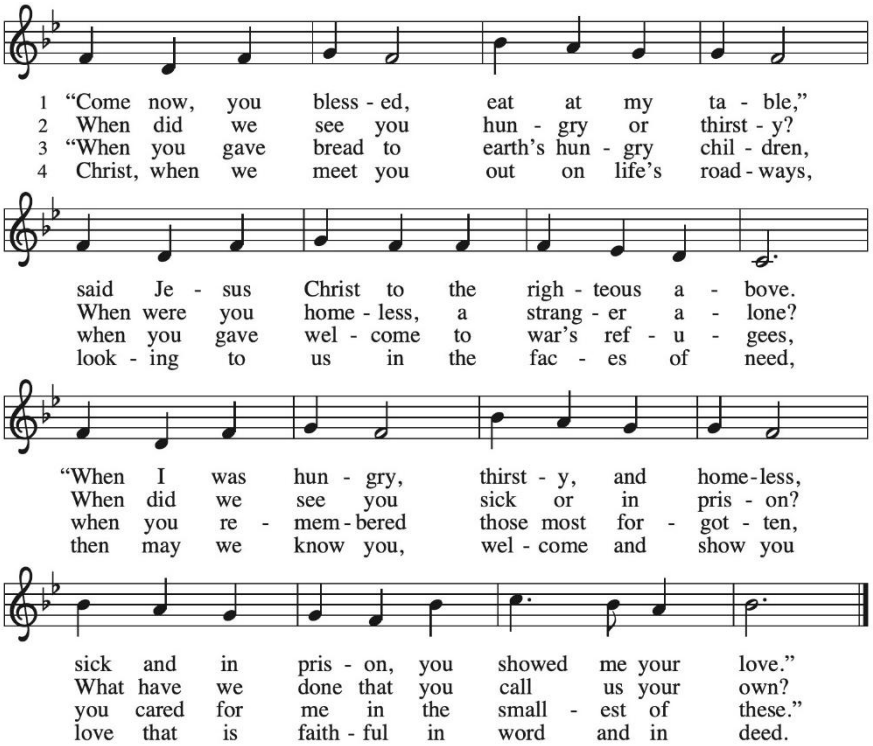
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Trevor Hahn

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THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Come Now, You Blessed* ACS 1059



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Music: MATTHEW 25, Emily R. Brink, b. 1940
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition, please respond:

P God, in our mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you all.
C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

THE OFFERTORY *Rejoice the Lord Is King* Darwall

THE ANTHEM *Simple Gifts From God* Williams/Martin
(10:15 A.M.)

Please stand as you are able.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *The Trumpet Sounds, the Angels Sing*
(The Feast Is Ready)

Verse 1: The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain: Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Verse 2: Tables are laden with good things;
oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
he'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.
Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C ***(SUNG)*** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosana in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

C **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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONG *Lamb of God* ELW, p. 112—113

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We believe distributing and receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion reflects the unity of the Body of Christ and the dignity and new life of the baptized. Therefore, we practice open communion, where baptized Christians of all faithful expressions are invited to come forward to receive our Lord's Supper.

We receive Holy Communion in the form of intinction, where you dip the wafer into the chalice containing either red wine (contains alcohol) or white grape juice (alcohol-free). Please notify the pastor when you come forward if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or need an individual cup of grape juice due to dietary restrictions.

Please stand as you are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C Amen.

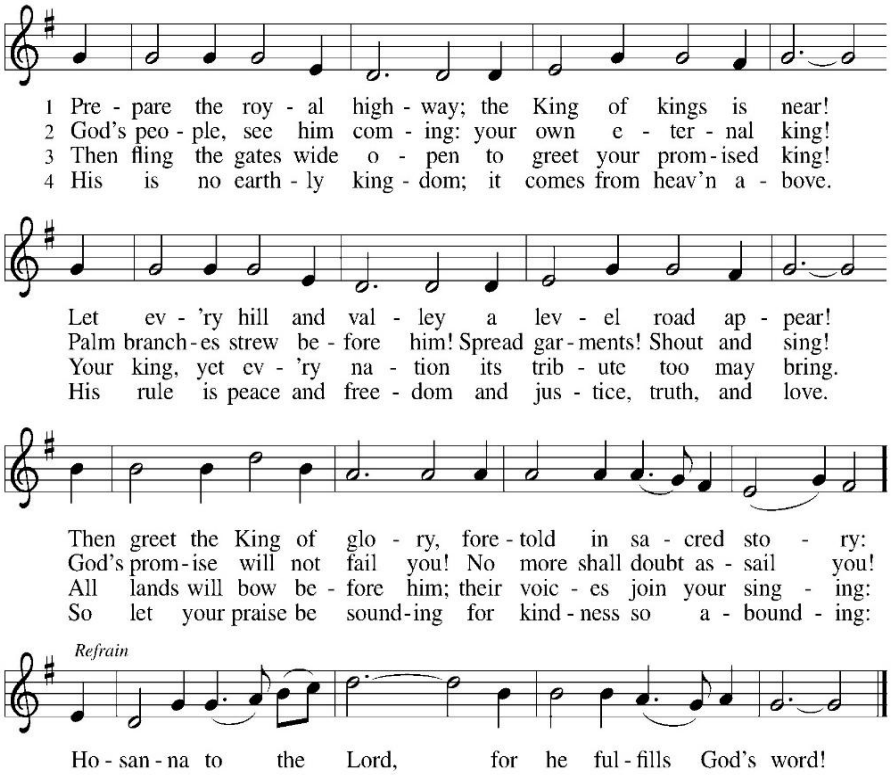
THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

P The holy Trinity, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C *(SUNG)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN *Prepare the Royal Highway* ELW 264



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THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

The Postlude *Great God of Glory* Paxton

SERVING OUR PARISH TODAY

	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Presiding Minister	Pastor Trevor Hahn	
Organist / Choir Director	Fawn Albert	
Communion Assistants		Kathy Hahn & Sharon Stehly
Lector		Jill Schaffer
Acolyte / Bell Ringer	Cooper Glatfelter	
Ushers	Scott Raber (DIC) & Jessica Smoyer	Tom Campbell (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Sharon Stehly, & Ariana Williams
Camera Operator		Bobbi Jo Kline
Altar Guild	Denise Miller & Sharon Stehly	

COMMEMORATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The chancel flowers are presented in honor of Malorie's 7th Birthday & Alexis' 22nd Birthday by Mom & Bella.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Fiana Christman by Brian & Debbie Geiger.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Fawn Albert, Burlene Balliet, Janice Beck, Donna Blose, Carolyn Bostick, Nancy Ceci, Steven Ceci, Dolly Cunfer, Janice Dormida, Linda Durback, Elise, Carol Evans, Gayle, Linda Humanick, Jamie Incorvaia, Bob Kroboth, Dawson Kunz, Paul L., Joanne M., Jeff McAuliffe, Briar & Blakley M., Corrina Moser, Bartine Mummey, Preston Raber, Betsy Rauch, Veronica Redline, Hope Roberts, Denise Stehly, Ed Stephen, Steven, Colson Tkach, Lydia Weaver, and Bill Yelland.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Weaver and Scanlon families in the passing of Doris Weaver on Monday (November 16). Funeral service will be on Monday (November 22) at 11:00 A.M. at Harding Funeral Home. Calling hour prior.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00 AM—22 10:15 AM—61
S.S. —31

OFFERING LAST WEEK: $4,639.29

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today	8:00 AM—Holy Communion
	9:00 AM—Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:00 AM—Congregational Meeting
	10:15 AM—Holy Communion
	2:30 PM—Pastor Hahn Installation Service
	8:00 PM—A.A.
Monday	7:00 PM—Church Council Meeting
Thursday	**BUILDING CLOSED – THANKSGIVING DAY**
	8:00 PM—A.A.
Friday	**BUILDING CLOSED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: Burlene Balliet, Janice Beck, Dennis Corby Jr., Cooper Glatfelter, Sue Heiney, Alexis Henninger, Sanjeev M, and David Sigley.

HAPPY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK TO: Barbara Campbell, Callan Charles, Maela Charles, Luke Chudzik, Myra Handwerk, Michael Hayduk, Jeffrey Heintzelman Jr., Michele Horn, Kathy Kemp, Nicole Nothstein, Jordan Rehrig, Jonah Sigley, and Mary Stahler.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING of St. John's Lutheran Church will be held *TODAY* at 10:00 A.M. to adopt the 2027 budget (enclosed) and elect church council members.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR YOUTH – The following students had instruction this month in the meaning and practice of Holy Communion. They will be admitted to the Lord's Table this morning at either the 8:00 or 10:15 A.M. service:

Ella Brunner Connor Farrell Tessa Scanlon

PASTOR HAHN WILL BE INSTALLED this afternoon at 2:30 P.M. as our permanent pastor by Bishop Jennifer Dee. All are welcome to attend.

INGATHERING GIFTS are due *TODAY*. A list of items needed by the different organizations is in the October/November newsletter. Copies of the lists of the items needed are also on the rear radiator in church.

THANKSGIVING BASKET HELP NEEDED – The Social Ministry committee prepared Thanksgiving "Thinking of You" baskets for our shut-in/special concerns members on Saturday. Help is needed with delivering the baskets. The list of shut-in/special concerns members and a sign-up sheet are by the baskets. Please sign up to deliver a basket or two to our special concerns members.

THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The building will be open Thursday evening for A.A.

URGENT FOOD BANK NEEDS – The Northern Lehigh Food Bank has put out an urgent plea for canned meats such as Spam, small canned hams, canned chicken, etc. (no tuna needed). All groceries that anyone can provide are much needed – their shelves are empty. No crackers, low on soup and cereal (hot and cold), no baking supplies, no extra snacks of any kind, low on vegetables, no pasta or pasta sauce, toilet paper, etc. They are critically low on almost everything. Thank you for anything you provide!

NEWSLETTER HELPERS will be needed *next* Tuesday, December 1, at 1:00 P.M. to collate the December/January newsletter. Please let Sharon know if you can help

BEST/SELL SCHOLARSHIP – Applications for the Best/Sell Scholarship are available in the church office for students who are completing at least their first semester of higher education by January 2027 as well as any student who needs to make any significant changes to their original application (such as school transfer, tuition change, major, etc.). The scholarship is available to anyone in college, community college, graduate, or trade school. If you have filed an application before for the Best/Sell Scholarship and have no changes, please call the church office at 610-767-6361 to indicate your desire to be considered for the scholarship. *The deadline for applications for the Best/Sell Scholarship is Sunday, December 6.*

THE ALTAR GUILD is again planning to decorate the church with poinsettias this Christmas season. Donations to the decoration fund are $10.50. Green order forms are on the rear radiator of church. Complete a form and return it, with payment, to any of the Altar Guild members (listed on the order form); place it in the offering plate in a sealed envelope, or mail/return to the church office. *The poinsettia donation deadline is Sunday, December 6. The grower cannot accept any orders after December 6.*

TAKE A TAG FROM THE ANGEL TREE! The Youth Fellowship class has adopted seven children from the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association's Christmas Gifts for Children Program. An "Angel Tree" is on the pulpit side rear radiator in church. Take a tag to help make the children's Christmas bright! ***Please write you name on the sheet by the tree with what tag you took.*** The value of each gift should be at least $25.00. All gifts must be new. NO GIFT CARDS! *Please return the wrapped gifts with the price tags removed to the church by Sunday, December 6.* Please return the tag from the Angel Tree attached to the gift.

DECEMBER FOOD SALE – The Catering Committee is sponsoring soup, macaroni & cheese, cranberry orange nut salad, and creamy cole slaw sale for December. The order forms are green and due back by Sunday, December 6. Pick-up will be on Saturday, December 12, from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. Return order forms to Harrison Williams. You can call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361, Harrison at 610-216-4284, or e-mail him at williamshj2514@msn.com.

INSTANT POTATOES NEEDED – The Northern Lehigh Food Bank was formed in 1987 to help families in our community who need assistance feeding their family. Each church was given one item for the holiday meal baskets. Our church's responsibility is 200 bags/boxes of instant potatoes. *Donations for the Christmas baskets are needed at church by Thursday, December 10* (basket distribution is Saturday, December 12). We are collecting the boxes/bags of instant potatoes here at St. John's Lutheran Church until the due date. We have 41 boxes/bags so far – 159 more to go for the Christmas meals! Thank you to everyone for the 200 bags/boxes we received for the Thanksgiving meals!

HOLIDAY BREADS – The Youth Gathering Committee is selling holiday breads again this year. The bread sale is a major source of funding to send our youth to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis from June 28 to July 2, 2027. St. John's has four youth signed up to attend. These breads freeze beautifully and make wonderful Christmas gifts! Bread choices are: apple raisin nut, banana, blueberry, and pumpkin chocolate chip. These are mini loaves of bread. Cost is $3.50 each. Place your orders in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings before and after church *TODAY,* November 29, and December 6 & 13; on the order form in the rear of the church; or by calling the church office at 610-767-6361. *The deadline for bread orders is Sunday, December 13.* Breads can be picked up on Sunday, December 20.

LIVESTREAM NOTICE — Our 10:15 AM service is streamed live online every week on Facebook. The front of the sanctuary, which includes the space for holy communion and children's messages are included in the video. By being in this space, you may be included in the livestream and/or the recorded video posted on our website.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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St. John's Lutheran Church is located in the heart of Slatington, Pennsylvania and has served the Lehigh Valley since 1868.

CHURCH STAFF
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SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:00 & 10:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 AM

BUILDING HOURS

Weekdays	9 AM to 3 PM
Saturday	9 AM to 3 PM
Sunday	8 AM to 3 PM

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