SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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

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

Please stand as you are able.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
C **let those who love your salvation say forever,**
"Great is the Lord!"

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our dwelling place
for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C **Amen.**
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another .

Brief pause for self-reflection.

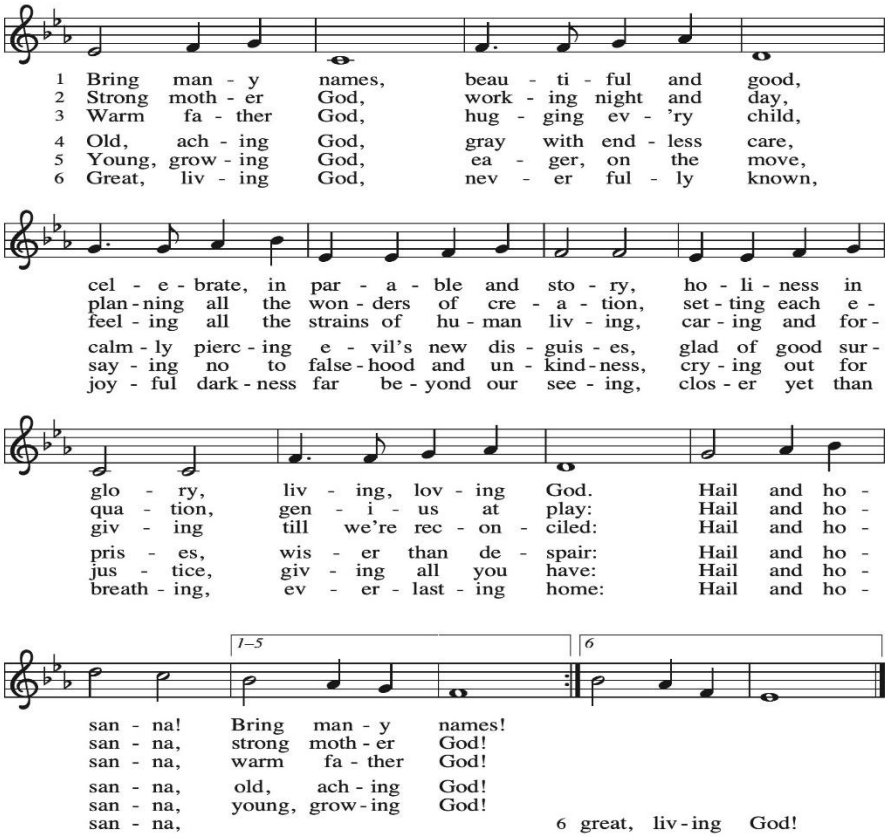
P Holy God,

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 Christ, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C Amen.

THE GATHERING HYMN *Bring Many Names* ACS 1094



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Music: WESTCHASE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926
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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 justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON—AMOS 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want
the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from
a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand
against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD
darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I
despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted
animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your
songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice
roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON—1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have
no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this
we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those
who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with

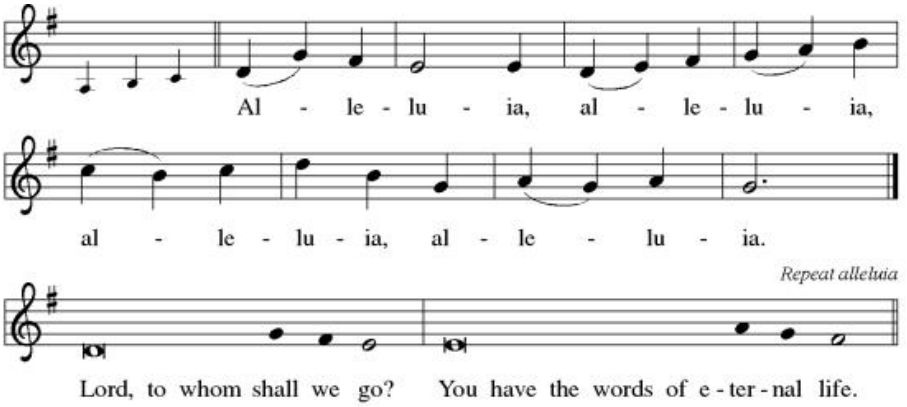
the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 102



THE HOLY GOSPEL—MATTHEW 25:1-13

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the

other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

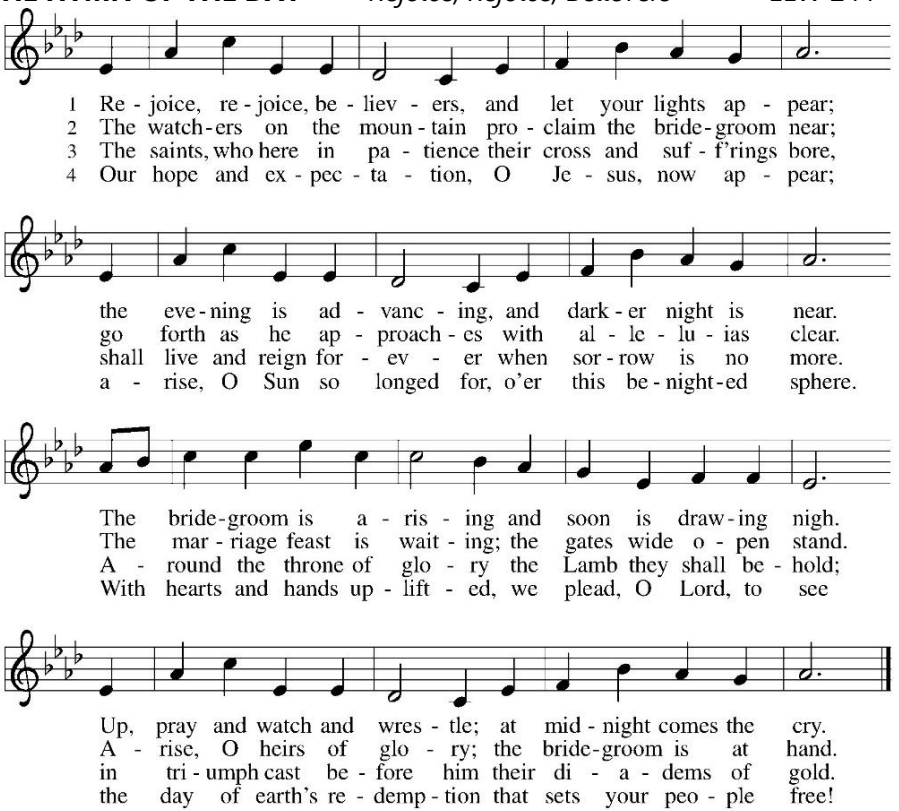
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON Pastor Trevor Hahn

THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* ELW 244



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Please stand as you are able.

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 your 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 THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERTORY

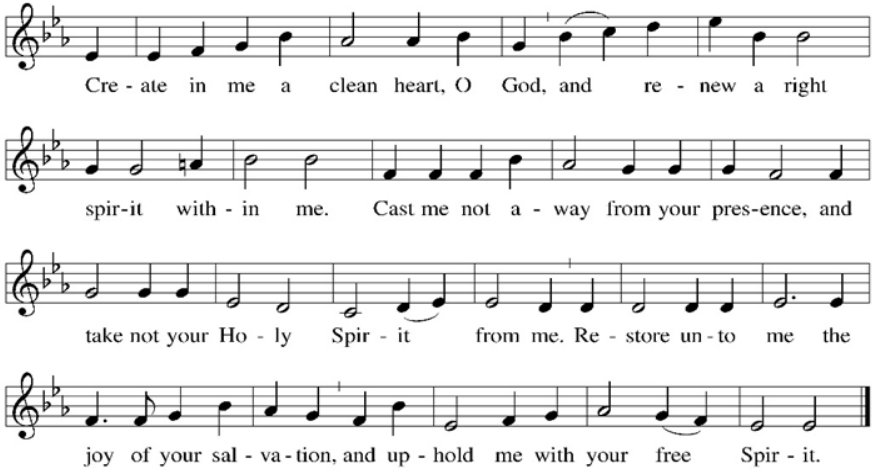
THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEMS (10:15)

All Creatures of Our God and King
Stand in Awe
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SIDEWALK CHALK CONTEST AWARDS Ruthann Mantz

Please stand as you are able.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Create in Me A Clean Heart* WOV 732



Text: Psalm 51:10–12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

C Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.

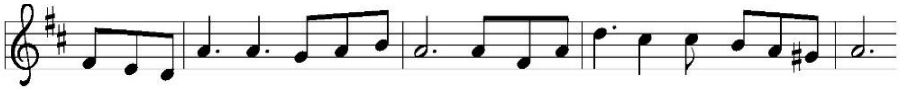
THE SENDING

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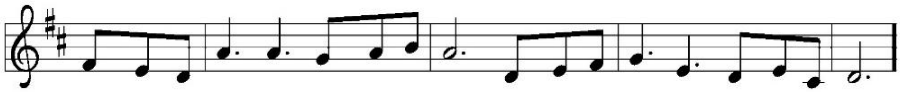
P The holy Trinity, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C Amen. Amen. Amen. (Sung)

THE SENDING HYMN *Blessed Assurance* ELW 638

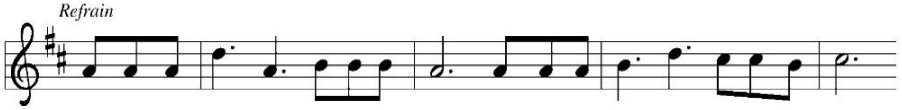


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

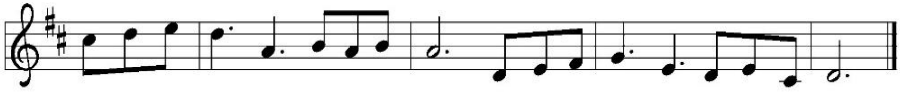


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

SERVING OUR PARISH TODAY

	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Presiding Minister	Pastor Trevor Hahn	
Organist / Choir Director	Fawn Albert	
Organist	Halle Colabroy-Whitmire	
Lector		Lynne Fedorcha
Acolyte / Bell Ringer	Callen Glatfelter	
Ushers	Cheryl Burke (DIC) & Ron Kuntz	Joe Krempasky (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, Jodi Kocher, & Trisha VanHorn
Camera Operator		Jayden Rehrig
Altar Guild	Sharon Stehly	

COMMEMORATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The chancel flowers are presented in honor of Nancy Rehrig's Birthday.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Carl Cunfer by Debbie Cunfer.

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, Lee Henninger, Linda Humanick, Bob Kroboth, Dawson Kunz, Paul L., Joanne M., Jeff McAuliffe, Bartine Mummey, Preston Raber, Betsy Rauch, Veronica Redline, Hope Roberts, Ed Stephen, Colson Tkach, Lydia Weaver, and Bill Yelland.

PLEASE PRAY for the Snyder family in the passing of Doris on October 30.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00 AM—24 10:15 AM—56
S.S. —28

OFFERING LAST WEEK: $1,268.25

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today	8:00 AM—Service of the Word
	9:00 AM—Sunday School / Confirmation
	10:15 AM—Service of the Word
	11:30 AM-3:00 PM—W.I.S.H. Basket Social
	3:30-5:00 PM—Basket Winner Pick-Up
	8:00 PM—A.A.
Monday	4:00-6:00 PM—Basket Winner Pick-Up
Tuesday	11:00 AM—Second Chance Shoppe Meeting
	6:30 PM—Christian Education Meeting
	MARTIN LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY
Wednesday	10:00 AM—Chair Yoga
	7:00 PM—Choir
Thursday	8:00 PM—A.A.
Friday	9:30 AM—Sewing Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: Dana Arnold, John Chandler, Kristy Fogel, Chelsea Humanick, Dee Incorvaia, Ryan Incorvaia, Jeff Kuntz, Michael Mantz, James Rauch, Lauren Scanlon, Chloe Schifferle, and Kevin Smith.

HAPPY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK TO: James Balliet III, Alexandra Feifel, Jodi Kocher, Alexis Papay, Paige Reph, Lauren Scanlon, Clarence Smith, Malorie Snyder, and Beau Stahler.

THANK YOU to Halle Colabroy-Whitmire for being our organist today while Fawn is away.

BASKET SOCIAL IS TODAY! The W.I.S.H. (*W*omen *I*nvolved with *S*haring & *H*elping) Circle will hold a walk-in basket social *TODAY* from 11:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. We will also have a bake sale, food for sale, and 50/50 drawing. All baskets are displayed in the Fellowship Hall. You can drop your tickets in the containers any time between 11:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. You will be notified later that day via a phone call if you have won a basket.
THE YOUTH GATHERING COMMITTEE will be selling hamburger BBQ, walking tacos, snack bags, water, and soda at the W.I.S.H. basket social and bake sale. Proceeds from the food sales will be used to help send four of our youth and their chaperones to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis June 28-July 2, 2027.

INSTANT POTATOES NEEDED – The Northern Lehigh Food Bank was formed in 1987 to help families in our community who need assistance in feeding their family. Each church has been given one item for the holiday meal baskets. Our church's responsibility is 200 bags/boxes of instant potatoes. *Donations for the Thanksgiving baskets are needed at church by Thursday, November 12* (basket distribution is Saturday, November 14). We are collecting the boxes/bags of instant potatoes here at St. John's Lutheran Church until the due date. We have 195 boxes/bags so far – only five more to go for the Thanksgiving meals! We will need 200 more for the Christmas baskets. Financial donations are always needed and welcome for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank!

FEET TO FAITH FUNDRAISER – A United States map is posted in the front of the Fellowship Hall with footprints on it. This is a fundraiser for the youth and chaperones going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in June 2027. You can help them to get to the youth gathering by grabbing a paper foot print for $1, $5, $10, or $20 as a donation toward the costs of attending the youth gathering next summer. Thank you for your support!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the December/January newsletter are due in the church office by *next* Sunday, November 15. Pink sheets for submitting the information are in the tract rack outside the church office. Any information received after the November 15 deadline cannot be included in the December/January newsletter.

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED – The Nominating Committee is looking for several candidates to serve on the Congregation Council. We will be electing a few people to serve for three-year terms. Please nominate one or more people you think would be a good council member on the sheet below. You may place the form in the offering plate. Please return the form to the church office by *next* Sunday, November 15.

NOMINATION FORM

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NOVEMBER FOOD SALE – The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale for November. The order forms are blue and due back by *next* Sunday, November 15. Pick-up will be on Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. Sandwich choices are: Apple 'n cheddar tuna in a pita pocket ($7.00 each) and cold Reuben sandwich ($6.50 each). Soup choices are ($7.50 per quart): chicken bow tie soup, creamy pumpkin soup, and halupki (stuffed cabbage) soup. 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.

THANKSGIVING BASKET HELP NEEDED – The Social Ministry committee will prepare Thanksgiving "Thinking of You" baskets for our shut-in/special concerns members on Saturday, November 21, at 9:00 A.M. Help is needed to prepare the baskets and with delivering the baskets. The list of shut-in/ special concerns members and a sign-up sheet is in the rear of the church. Please sign up to deliver a basket or two to our special concerns members.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

TO ELECT CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS
AND ADOPT THE 2027 BUDGET

Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.

INGATHERING GIFTS are due by Sunday, November 22. A list of items needed by the various organizations are in the October/November newsletter and on the rear radiators in church. Boxes for your donations can be found in the narthex and fellowship hall.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE INSTALLATION OF REV. TREVOR J. HAHN

Sunday, November 22, 2026, at 2:30 P.M.
RSVP by November 10 to 610-767-6361.
Service will be presided by Bishop Jennifer Dee.

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.*

SPONSORS are needed for a couple Sundays this Fall. Open dates are:
Bulletin sponsor for December 6. Bulletins are $25.00 per date.
Flower sponsor for December 27. Flowers are $35.00 per date.
Sign up for any open dates on the sponsor charts outside the church office.

COFFEE HOURS – Coffee hours will be held the first Sunday of the month if there are people willing to bake. Hosts and hostesses are needed each month. Please sign the coffee hour sign-up sheet at the rear of the church if you are willing to help provide baked goods for one of the coffee hours in 2027. The coffee and paper products are provided by the Catering Committee.

PLEASE CALL the church office (610-767-6361) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of St. John's is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Please give our church code "290" to the hospitals when being admitted. As the two hospital networks have grown, we often do not get names even when calling with our church code. Please call the church to keep us informed of any hospitalizations so we can keep people in our prayers and Pastor Hahn can visit.

BUILDING HOURS – The church office is open daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (except for holidays/vacations). The church building is unlocked Monday through Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and in the evenings when there are meetings in the church building. The church also will be open Sunday mornings for the church service. Anyone needing to get into the church building other than the above times should call the church office at 610-767-6361. When Sharon is alone in the office, the front doors will be locked. Just ring the bell to gain access to the building.

CHURCH CALENDAR – A master calendar of all events held on the church premises is retained in the church office to avoid double booking the available rooms in the church and ensure the building is unlocked. Please call and talk to Sharon in the church office (610-767-6361) to make sure the building is available for use. Do NOT mark the event on the calendar posted on the bulletin board across from the church office; Sharon will mark dates on that calendar so there are no conflicts.

CHURCH EQUIPMENT – Anyone wanting to borrow church equipment (tables, chairs, coffee pots, etc.) for any outside events must sign out the borrowed equipment in the church office. Call the church office at 610-767-6361 prior to your event to make sure the church equipment is available for the dates you would like. When returning the equipment back to the church, please sign your name and the date the equipment was returned on the sign-out sheet in the church office. Thank you for your cooperation.

MOVING? If you are moving, or have just moved, please notify the church office of your new address and phone number so that our records are accurate. We receive address corrections from the post office ***at a fee***. Please also keep us updated on contact numbers as people are going to cell phones only.

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

40 2nd Street, Slatington, Pennsylvania 18080

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

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Trevor Hahn, *Pastor*
Sharon Stehly, *Church Administrator*
Fawn Albert, *Organist and Choir Director*
Angela Schoenberger, *Sexton*

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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 9 PM

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ONLINE GIVING

For your convenience, St. John's Lutheran Church accepts online offerings through Vanco, an online payment processing service.

With Vanco, you can choose to give a one-time offering, or you can create an account to schedule weekly or monthly tithes.

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