

*Welcome to
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*By God's example, St. John's invites and welcomes everyone to
be ignited by the Spirit and to grow in God's love.
May all those seeking love, acceptance and support find it here.*

All Saints Sunday • November 1, 2026 • 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM



All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

**Our Mission:
Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love**



We strive to be a community that is open to the Spirit of God that moves, changes and inspires us to connect with God and one another, everyday, everywhere.

WELCOME

We are so glad you are here with us this morning. We pray that you will meet God in worship and that your faith will be strengthened as you prepare to go out into the world in the coming week. If you are a guest with us this morning, welcome to the family! We would love to share information with you about St. John's - fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate or sign the guest book in the narthex so we can reach out!

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Richard Ditzler, Alyson Harvey, Marie Wolfe, Mary Eberle, Brandon Blanchard, Elizabeth Brossett and family, Paige Seasock, Will Morgan, Barry Long, Jim Martin, Mike Wolf, Bob Schanely, Michael Svanson, Marilyn Little-Logan, Ed Bowlin, Josephine D'Amico, Bob Ernst, Bill Hutt, Gordie Moser, Serena Sellers, Sal Aleide, Brian Bealer and Tom Cooney.

Names are kept on the prayer list for three weeks unless specifically requested by the family or for those struggling through long-term illness or treatment. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 215-234-4888 or stj.stown@verizon.net.

+ GATHERING +

WELCOME

The congregation is invited to observe the prelude time as one of reverent silence.

PRELUDE Land of Rest – Charles Callahan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, the whole company of heaven and our sisters and brothers in this community.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and gracious God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have lived too often for the present, without regard for generations to come. We have sought the realms of this world, rather than your promised reign of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

How blessed are those whose sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN ELW 422 For All the Saints vs. 1, 2

Please be seated

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world.

We give thanks today for all those who have been added to the communion of saints through the waters of baptism in this past year, especially those tended to by this community of faith:

Raymond H. 'Bud' Moats, Jr.
Bonnie L. Schirk
Susan Molettiere
Robert C. Ernst, Sr.

Doris M. Blair
Glenn Miller
Ronald L. Keyser Sr.
Louise Clare
Nicole F. Scott
Audrey B. Sell
Eugene “Bob” R. Moran
Myrtle R. Beideman
Jeanne L. Long
Pauline Ann Hahn
Phyllis E. Zepp
Steve A. Keyser
Donald Lodge
Joy Marie Miller
Mildred Anne ‘Sue’ Schramm

Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
And you will find rest for your souls.

HYMN ELW 422 For All the Saints vs. 3, 6 8:00 AM

vs. 3-6, men only vs. 4; women only – vs. 5, 10:15 AM

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of loved ones that have died.

GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in

lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST LESSON: I John 3:1-3

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 34:1-10, 22



- ¹ I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
- ² **I will glory | in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.
- ⁴ **I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
- ⁵ Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- ⁶ **I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.
- ⁸ **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
- ⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

²² O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

The Word of the Lord.

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12

At the beginning of the reading:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Rebecca Schanely

Please rise in body or spirit

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 428 Give Thanks for Saints

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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the phrase:

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

Amen.

Please be seated.

+ THE MEAL +

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING I know that my Redeemer liveth - G.F. Handel
Amelia Shelgren, soprano

Please rise in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "I As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield, so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand."

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of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us—those whose lives bore witness to your grace and whose faith still shapes the church we share today. As we remember them with gratitude, we offer these gifts as signs that their witness continues through us. Open our eyes to see your work in the world. Use our voices to give witness to what we have seen of your love and mercy. Use these offerings to strengthen your church, that our lives may also become a testimony to your living Word at work among us. **Through Christ, our Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

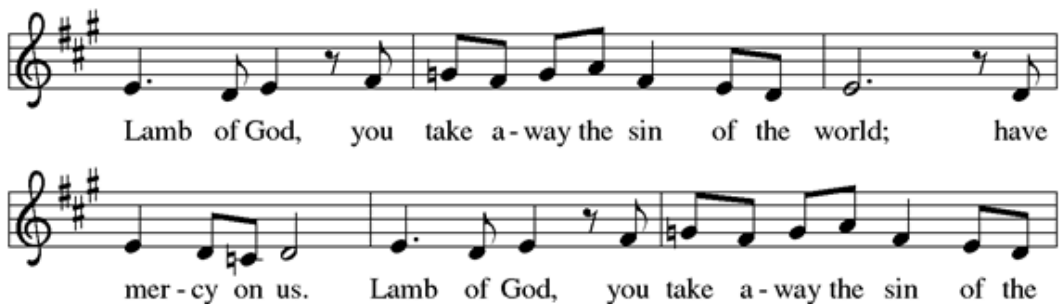
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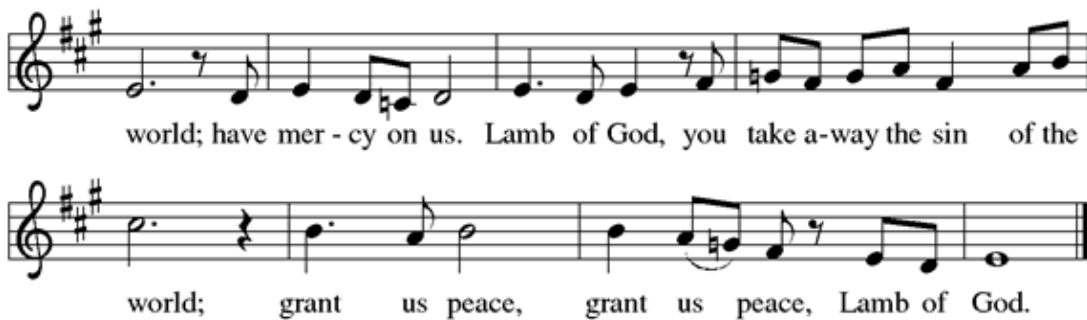
LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

LAMB OF GOD





INVITATION TO THE TABLE

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF COMMUNION

Communion will be shared continuously. Please come forward down the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. You will receive the bread from the pastor and then be invited to take a pre-filled cup from the tray held by the communion assistant. Wine is in the clear cups and grape juice is in the purple cups. Empty cups can be placed in the bowls at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. All are welcome!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION ELW 488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

SENDING HYMN ELW 437 On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Maestoso in E-flat Major – David N. Johnson

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE		
Worship Attendance		
10/25/2026 – 8:00 am 15, 10:15 am 113, Zoom - 7		
	Total received between 10/18/2026 – 10/25/2026 \$5,647	Amount Needed per 2 weeks in 2026 \$11,656
<i>Weekly average is based on the 2026 budget. The above numbers include electronic giving. Mint duty is being done every other week.</i>		

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 2	Fall Soup and Study, Fellowship hall, 5:30pm
Tuesday, November 3	Confirmation – Learning retreat 9am – 3pm, St. John’s
Thursday, November	The Gospel of Mark bible study, St Mark’s 1:30-3:00pm
Saturday, November 7	Private event 8am – 3:30pm, Fellowship hall Heavenly Helpers leave for Mississippi, 7:00 am
Friday, November 20	Red Cross blood drive 12pm to 5pm Fellowship hall
Sunday, November 22	Community Thanksgiving worship 4:00 pm followed by dinner

Sunday Morning Coffee Bar - Join us at the coffee bar at the back entrance for coffee, hot tea, breakfast treats and conversation starting at 8:30AM All are welcome!

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Sunday, November 22 at St John’s. Worship service is 4 PM dinner to follow. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Pastor Becky’s office. Donations of desserts are requested. Two ushers are needed for the worship service, if you would like to volunteer, please email or call the church office.

The Open Link – Harvest home Sunday, we collected a total of 208 items. 107 were for Thanksgiving meal preparations. We also donated \$500 in gift cards to Redner’s and Weis Markets for turkeys. Thank you all for your continued support of our community!

We welcome November - The end of daylight savings and our thoughts move toward Advent newsletter preparations. Please submit your articles for the Advent newsletter by November 22.

Family Bathroom - The family bathroom project has been completed! Thank you for your generosity we could not have done it without you!

Heavenly Helpers – Thank you to all who ordered the BBQ Chicken meals, 102 meals were sold.

The team is scheduled to leave for Ocean Spring Mississippi, Saturday, Nov. 7. All the hard work and support of the fundraisers, has helped them reach their goal to replace the roof. We invite you to join us in surrounding them with prayer. Pray for safe travels, wisdom in their labors, and that Christ's love is clearly demonstrated in every task they complete."

First Monday Meal – November 2nd is the First Monday Meal served at Pennsburg UCC and New Goshenhoppen churches. New Goshenhoppen is a drive through style from 6-7pm, meal is a bowl of chili, slice of cornbread, and a piece of spice cake, prepared by The Upper Montgomery Joint Authority. Pennsburg UCC is a sit down style meal, beginning promptly at 6pm. The meal is spaghetti and meat balls, side salad, garlic bread and a dessert, provided and served by New Goshenhoppen. All are welcome to attend.

Annual Christmas Bazaar – The committee is asking for volunteers to support this year's event.

We have broken down the duties for volunteers as follows:

Thursday evening, December 10th at least six men are needed for table/chair set up.

Then on Saturday, approximately 2:30 volunteers are needed to break down the bazaar to get our church back in order for Sunday School & Worship services. Starting at 2 pm a volunteer could remove outdoor signs etc.

Many hands make for light work. If you come to shop, consider before or after shopping you volunteer for an hour or two. Contact is Diane 215-234-4001, greatly appreciate your consideration to volunteer.

Library – Please be sure to stop by and see the newly refurbished library. There are books for everyone. Couches available for you to enjoy sitting and reading or you may check out the book and take home. We simply ask that you sign out the book. Or select a book to read to your child or grandchild. If you would like to donate books, please contact Diane Appold.

Devotional booklets – booklets are available in the Parlor or the Narthex for the months of October, November and December. Large and small prints are available.

Cookie walk – Don't forget to sign up to donate cookies or volunteer to man the table at this year's event.

Please contact Kathy Drosey, kjdbeach@comcast.net OR Sarah Toback, sarahtoback@gmail.com with any questions.

2026 Cookie Walk Sign-Up

Please fill out this slip and return to the church office or complete the form online

<https://forms.gle/wfNp7jVjseoyTFUx6> or scan the QR code here!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Check all that apply:

- I am able to help set up the evening of December 11.
- I am able to help on December 12 (sign-up with times coming later)
- I am able to bake cookies (8 dozen of the same cookie) for the Cookie Walk, to be dropped off no later than December 11 at 5pm.
 - I will make _____ dozen of _____ (style of cookie).
 - My cookies contain common allergens of _____.



SCAN ME



Blood Drive – Please note the change of location for the November blood drive. The gym has an event and the blood drive is moved to Fellowship Hall. Blood remains in demand as donations continue to be lower than usual. Check out the Red Cross website to schedule an appointment, find information on being a Power Red donor.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StJohnSumneytown to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.



SCHEDULE YOUR BLOOD DONATION APPOINTMENT TODAY!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App





THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING THIS SUNDAY

8:00 AM –Shannon Renninger, Reader
Dave Chadwick, Ushers
Paul Barndt, Communion

10:15 AM – JR Scott, Reader
Susan McNeill & Elaine Keller, Ushers
Colleen Carlin & Erika Haldeman, A/V team
John Hovanec & Mike Herm - Communion

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