



St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026
8 a.m. Worship



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Blessed Are Those Who Belong to Christ

On All Saints' Day, we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith and rejoice in the promise that, through Christ, death does not have the final word. The saints are not honored because they were perfect, but because they were made holy through the saving work of Jesus. As we gather in worship today, may we give thanks for those who faithfully confessed Christ, find comfort in the promise of the resurrection, and look forward with hope to the day when God will gather all His people into His eternal presence.

Preservice Music

Handbell Choir

Hymn

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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Invocation and Exhortation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

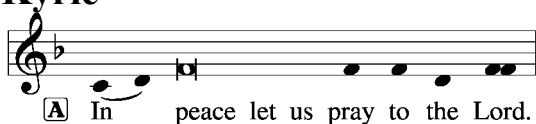
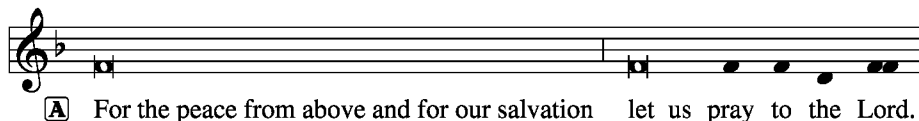
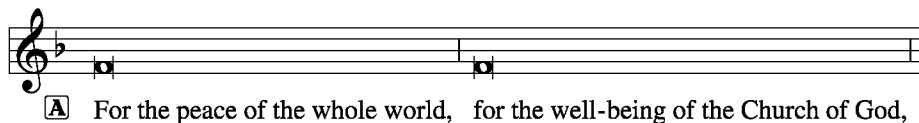
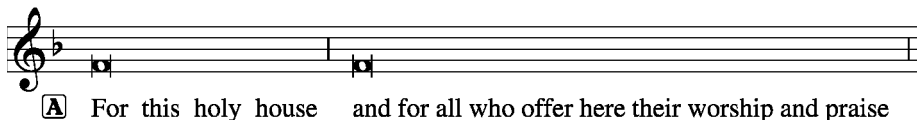
For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

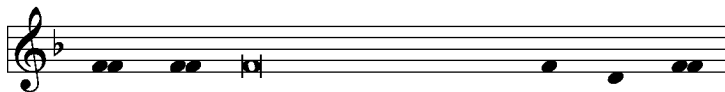
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Kyrie





C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped

God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Common Alleluia and Verse

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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Parsons

Hymn

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

LSB 671

Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

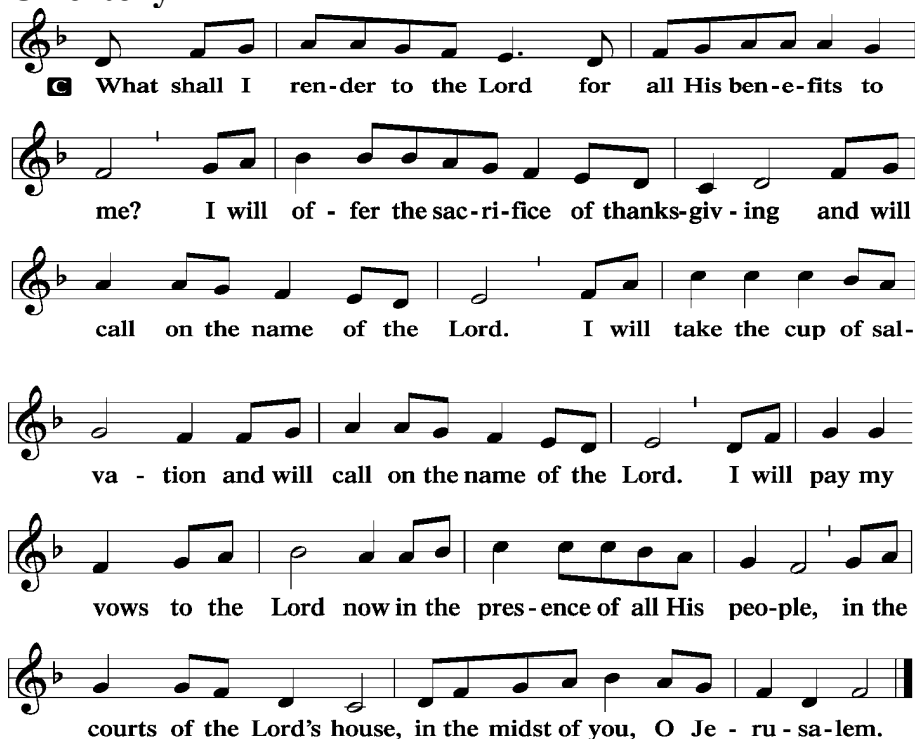
Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:

Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

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Sermon

Offertory

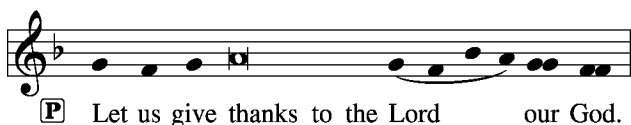


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

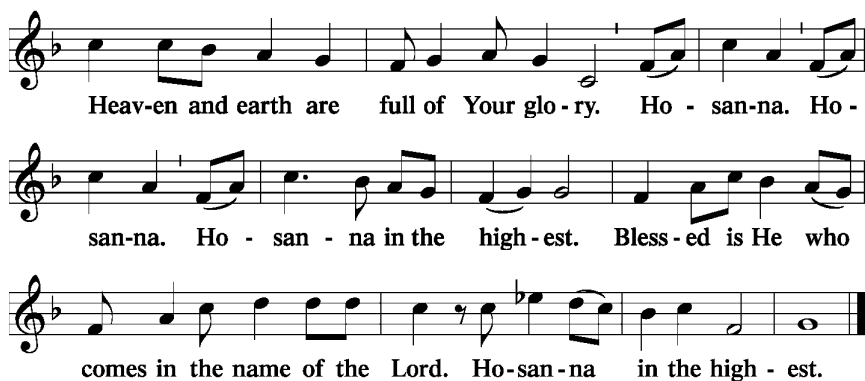
Preface



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus





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.

The Lord's Prayer

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 and
 the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

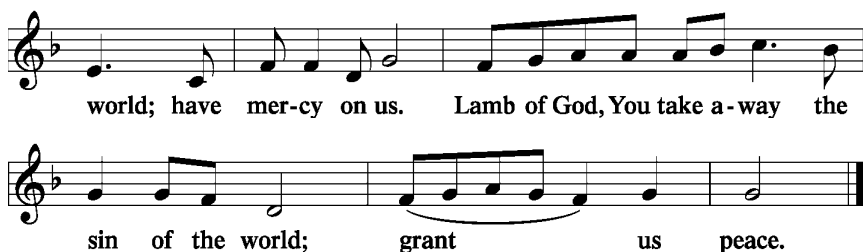


C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



Distribution Hymns

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

LSB 676

Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand;
Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood
Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring
As they all sing
With angels shining bright.

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand,
A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife
To heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord,
At festive board
Himself is host and guest.

O blessèd saints in bright array
Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord,
Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring
Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice;
Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!

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“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

LSB 812

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“To be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
“For He was slain for us!”

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow'r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever Thine.

Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne
And to adore the Lamb.

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Thank the Lord



C 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

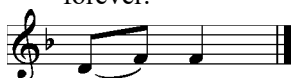


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

(Those who have entered the Church Triumphant during the past church year)

P Here we do not have an enduring city. But we are looking for the city which is to come. Alleluia!

C Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the Dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:13 NIV)

P It is the custom of the church to remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith. In joyful expectation of the resurrection of the body, we remember before you, O Lord, all our

departed brothers and sisters who have gone before us. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of everlasting life and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises. *(A bell tolls for each saint)*

Tom Teague (10-30-2025)

P I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live:

C **Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.**

John “Jack” Donnan (11-7-2025)

P Do not fear any of those things which you will suffer:

C **Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life.**

Thomas Thompson (11-12-2025)

P I know that my Redeemer lives, and in the end He will stand on the earth

C **After my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God.**

Betty Miller (11-13-2025)

P I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall be joyful in my God:

C **For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.**

Don Herringshaw (12-1-2025)

P He who hears my words and believes in Him who sent me, has everlasting life:

C **He shall not come into condemnation, but has passed from death to life.**

Paul Weitfeldt (2-4-2026)

P Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await a savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ:

C **He will transform our lowly bodies so they will be like His glorious body.**

Al Laeder (3-23-2026)

P God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes:

C **And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.**

Rosemary Siebert (6-1-2026)

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C **Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam,**

Gregg Wyse (6-14-2026)

P My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me, and I give them eternal life:

C They shall never perish, neither shall anyone pluck them out of my hand.

Barb Smith (6-25-2026)

P Your mercies are new every morning; great is your faithfulness:

C The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him.

Nancy Weitfeldt (7-19-2026)

P Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

C and do not lean on your own understanding.

Ruth Ann Eesley (8-15-2026)

P I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

C My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Vern Wyse (9-20-2026)

P I sought the Lord, and he answered me

C and delivered me from all my fears.

Tom Dean (10-18-2026)

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Robert Bitner (10-19-2026)

P The Lord is my strength and my song;

C He has become my salvation.

Louise Herringshaw (10-19-2026)

P Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

C and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?

For All Others Who Have Died in the Christian Faith

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation.

C He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious to thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and T give thee peace.



Hymn

“For All the Saints”

LSB 677

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

- P May the Lord strengthen your faith, comfort you in every sorrow, and keep you steadfast in the hope of the resurrection until the day He gathers all His saints into everlasting life.
- C **Amen.**
- P Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Young Adult Meet Ups Monthly meet ups for mid-20s to mid-30s young adults continue this fall! Join us at Nord Social on Sunday, November 8 for a Detroit Lions watch party. Fliers are available in the Lounge with full details. Please consider those in your life who might be blessed by these events and share an invite with them!

Call For Orphan Grain Train Donations Please drop off gently used articles of clothing (infant-adult), quilts, blankets, bath towels, etc in **Room 3** between Oct. 26th and Nov. 4th. They will be delivered on the morning of Nov. 5th. A complete list of accepted items can be found on the bulletin board across from the church office. For easiest handling and delivery, please have items CLEAN and packed in standard kitchen garbage bags. The church is open M-F 9am to 2pm. For exciting info on OGT see Ellen Ware or go to OGT.ORG Thank you!

Midland Community Christmas Dinner Help us keep Christ in Christmas by sharing your time and talents! The Midland Community Christmas Dinner, hosted at St. John's on Christmas Day from **11 a.m.–3 p.m.**, provides a free meal to those in our community. Beginning **Saturday, November 14**, sign-up sheets will be available in **Alcove C (C is for Christmas!)**. Volunteers are needed on **December 23 and 25**, and food

donations such as turkeys, potatoes, and salads are greatly appreciated. Last year, God provided 400 guests to share in this special meal. Will you help us answer the call to serve and share Christ's love with our community?

4th-6th Grade Escape Room Join us on November 15 from 3:00-4:40 for a 4th - 6th Escape Room in the St. John's gym! Come and try to break the code before time runs out. These evenings are open to students in 4th through 6th grade for the 2026-2027 school year. Come enjoy a night of games, fun, and fellowship. **Please register by scanning the QR code.**



*Altar flowers are given in celebration of
Bill and Letha Domina's 14th wedding anniversary!*

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