

He opened His mouth
and taught them



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2020

Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:

Thank you for attending. We thank God that we are once again able to gather inside the church. For those who are not comfortable entering the church we are also broadcasting as we have for the past several weeks and you are more than welcome to remain in your car. Today is a communion service and it will be station communion due to the restrictions. If you are listening to the broadcast and want to take communion please park on the west side of the church and notify the persons assisting with parking that you would like to commune, communion will be brought out to you. The service, the organ music, and Pastor John's message will be routed through the church's sound system and broadcast on your car radio on FM channel 101.5. Please follow the service in the bulletin.

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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.

Amen

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 Meditation

Most merciful God,

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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives 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.

Hymn:

"For All the Saints"

LBW #174

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

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

Oh, may your 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 within your great design.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife 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 comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then 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!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
Blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and
the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us Pray

Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17

[²I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.] ⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵Therefore 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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 149

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

**²Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

³Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**⁴For the Lord takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds.

**⁶Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two edged sword in their hand;**

⁷To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;

**⁸To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;**

⁹To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

¹Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Blest Are They”

WOV #764

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Refrain

Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart
they shall see God!

Refrain

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;
Shine for all to see.

Refrain

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
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.**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

OFFERING

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P 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

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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
That all those who believe in him should not perish,
But have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation

You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
That we may receive our Lord
With a living faith as he comes to us
In his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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

Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

Amen

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with

Shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed 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.

Amen

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Go in peace; serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE DOXOLOGY: Hymn #565 LBW

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 11/1	All Saints Sunday 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Daylight Saving Time Ends-Fall Back!</i>
Mon 11/2	Office Closed
Tues 11/3	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. VOTE ~ Election Day!
Wed 11/4	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Thurs 11/5	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 11/6	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Property Team meeting 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship



Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, October 25, 2020

General \$2,506.00, MOM-NALS \$2,477.00, Operation Christmas Shoeboxes \$20.00, Sunday School \$61.75, Youth \$25.00, Organ \$60.00, OSC \$25.00, Cemetery \$25.00, Building \$100.00, Reno. \$505.00

Total: \$5,804.75

Attendance: Worship - 84 Sunday School - 16 - Children, 16 - Adults Confirmation - 5

UPDATE - Worship Team Notes - UPDATE

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will be by stations on the 1st Sunday until further notice. Please note there are certain guidelines that have to be followed. These specific guidelines are posted on our website & FaceBook page. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. The service will also be videoed & posted to the church website on Sundays, after noon sometime. Please continue to check the church website & FaceBook page for updates.



ELECTION 2020

Over 230 years ago, in 1788 and every four years since, an event takes place that has the ability to change the course of our nation. On November 3rd, the presidential election will take place. Whether it will result in a second term or the election of a new president, it will definitely bring about a change for our country. No matter which candidate or party one associates with, we each have a responsibility to take part in making our voice heard by voting our conscience.



Mission of the Month of November



Christmas Family 2020

Mission Statement

Note: We may have more than one Christmas Family

Our Christmas family is a grandfather and granddaughter. She is in high school and he is elderly and in poor health. He has sole custody of the granddaughter and is her only close relative. Their needs are great.

The Mission Team has a list of their wishes. Please see Linda Ruschhaupt, team leader so we can coordinate efforts to make some of their Christmas wishes come true. Monetary donations will help them also. If we are presented with another family, we will consider that family also.



Congratulations to Rick & Kally Garrett on the birth of their baby girl, Sadie Mae ~ Born on Monday, October 26, 2020, Weighing 6 lbs. 9.5 oz. Sadie is the granddaughter of Brian & Laurie Wendel.

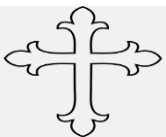
Christmas Church Decorating

Christmas church decorations will be put up Saturday, Nov. 28 at 2 PM. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to come.



NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting toys for the month of November. Thank you.

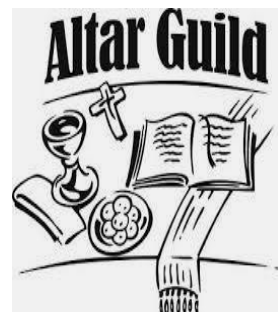


Altar Guild

DECEMBER Altar Guild volunteer needed!

ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITY/PLEA

One of our faithful Altar Guild teams is no longer able to serve. Therefore, the Altar Guild is urgently asking for each of you to prayerfully and seriously consider being a part of a team to serve on the Altar Guild. You and your teammate (as do the 5 other teams) serve approximately 2 months per year setting up communion before and cleaning up afterward and filling candles. Please contact Carol Ann Sagebiel (361)243-0122 or any Altar Guild member for more information, etc. Thank You.





St. John Lutheran Sunday School & Youth Group Christmas Program Information

Christmas is right around the corner, and it's time to prepare our Sunday School Christmas program! "The Village of Bethlehem" will be held on Sunday December 20th at 6 or 6:30 pm outside under our new covered walkway. Each class will be assigned a booth to create and learn about for the program. These parts of the play will be practiced during Sunday school starting at the end of October. As an example, our Pre-K and Kinder class will be The Shepherds booth. They will learn in their classroom what a shepherd did, how they took care of their flocks, what the animals ate and drank, etc. They will also be working on decorations for their booth. During the program, the booths will be setup for all attendees to pass by with a list of questions you can ask the students. All the booths will be setup in a village format to allow all attendees to see and visit every booth. The Live Nativity will also be setup to complete our Bethlehem village! Each class will also learn a Christmas song to sing with their class, which will be performed at the beginning and ending of the program so all attendees can watch.

We hope you are as excited about this program as we are! We're looking forward to learning more about each of the booths in the village and seeing all the decorations the students create! It is highly important to keep attending Sunday school from now until the program. Each class will be working on their booths in addition to their daily lessons. The students will also be practicing their songs for the program in their classes. Please contact us with any questions, and we thank you so much for having your child be a part of our Sunday School program.

With God's Love, Johnna Kethan 361-649-4234, Wendy Bishop 361-935-2123, Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322
Laurie Pokluda 361-275-4232, Trish Hood 361-212-7322

Special Prayers for Cole

~NEW UPDATE~

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and will soon also be doing therapy in Victoria. God continues to be with Cole each and every day strengthening his faith, patience, and courage as he travels down this long and difficult journey. We thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for you to continue praying for Cole's healing and for strength and patience for him and his family. Thank you and God Bless.

+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+

At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

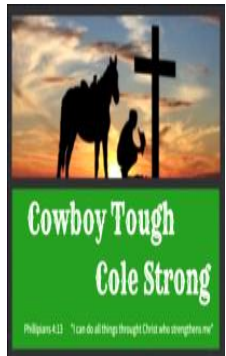
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



Church Renovation Update

Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals is \$599,553. We are required to pay as construction progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project.

GOAL: \$599,553 RECEIVED AS OF October 30, 2020: \$555,415.80



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request please contact Evelyn Diebel (361)275-5979 Or Linda Ruschhaupt (361)275-4990 or the Pastor. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel at (361)275-5979.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Kuwait
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Janice Turner
Sarah Cooper
Jimmy Caskey
Britany Jank Tomas
Dot Ball (John Swannack's Sister)
Dugan Chandler

Nursing Home: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun
Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow



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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2020

All Saints Sunday (Year A)

In the waters of baptism we were called by God and identified as “saint” even while we are still “sinner.” Our saintliness comes on no part of our own, but on the holiness bestowed on us by Jesus. Out of our chosenness we experience trials and joy, but all are used by God to bring us closer to him. The theme of justice and judgment pervade today’s readings as God works to bring salvation to his people.



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

But this is what it means: If you will not have the gospel or be a Christian, then go and be a worldling, and nobody will persecute you, and you will be a friend of the world. But if you will have the gospel and Christ, then you must expect to have trouble, contention and persecution wherever you go.

- Martin Luther - Sermon on the Beatitudes