

TUBILATE DEO
Shout joyfully to God,
all the earth, sing a psalm
to the glory of his name
ALLELUJA

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING TO THE LORD OF CREATION

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)
6:30pm November 24 / 9:00am November 25, 2021

A Blessed Thanksgiving!

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom. They place offerings in the boxes at the North and West doors, or give through our online portal on our website.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card (located in the pew) and to place them in the boxes at the North and West doors. Thank you!**

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's.....	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp.....	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mr. Jamie Lotz.....	Organist
Mr. David Worman.....	6:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Jim Schroeder.....	9:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler 217-821-6135.....	Elder on Duty for Nov 22 – Nov 26
Chatelain School & Baja School.....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins & Mr. Kris Lipe.....	Stephen Ministry Leaders
Mrs. Julie Scott..... (1-217-343-3047)	Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions.....	through our District and Synod

Holy Communion

Welcome! When the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord's Supper we confess the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26) We believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present "in, with and under" elements of the Holy Supper. Please register your intent to commune on the pew card after prayerfully reading it. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

AS WE GATHER

As we gather for Thanksgiving, we give thanks for the land in which we live, where we can freely exercise our religious beliefs. We also take time to remember the land God gave Adam and Eve—a land that was perfect before their fall into sin. There's also the Promised Land that God led the Israelites to after releasing them from slavery and the land of our religious forefathers in Germany, the land of the Reformation. This was a land our forefathers left to find religious freedom in America. We are thankful for this freedom as we celebrate the freedom that is ours because Jesus rescued us from our slavery to sin through His atoning sacrifice on the cross.

Service Order: A Service of Thanksgiving through God's Word

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN #809

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

6:30pm Service:



Holy Baptism for Jensen Wayne Brach

Son of Dalyn & Brianne Brach

Great grandson of Rose & Levi Boggs

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,

People: who created us,

Pastor: in the name of God ☩ the Son,

People: who by His blood has redeemed us,

Pastor: and in the name of God the Holy Spirit,

People: who made our bodies to be His own holy temple and gives us faith that sustains God's grace at work. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30, 33

Pastor: O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

People: These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

Pastor: When You give it to them, they gather it up;

People: when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

Pastor: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

Pastor: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 Timothy 2:1, 4

Pastor: As we gather for Thanksgiving, we sincerely confess to God how we struggle to be thankful and holy in our thoughts, words, and actions.

Silence for personal confession

Pastor: Creator God, You made Adam and Eve in Your image and placed them in the Garden of Eden, giving them dominion over every living thing. In their rebellion, they were banished from the garden. Though we have been re-created through the waters of Baptism, our rebellious sinful nature still leads us away from Your will, and we make idols out of Your created gifts. Forgive us, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Redeeming God, You freed the children of Israel from slavery to Egypt and led them to the Promised Land. You have freed us from our slavery to sin, yet like the Israelites, we fail to live in that freedom and instead fall back into being slaves to our sinful nature. Forgive us, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, You led our forefathers to this land, where they could enjoy being able to worship You freely. As we live here today, there are times when we do not exercise this great freedom responsibly. We neglect Your Word and Your Sacraments, the Means by which You grant us Your grace. Forgive us, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: God's grace is at work among us. Because of Jesus, God graciously forgives us all our sins. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

**All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and Him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven,
 The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heav'n adore;
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore!**

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SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Gracious God, You provide us all we need for our bodies and lives. Lead us by Your Holy Spirit to see and be thankful for all of the blessings You give us, thanking You with our lips and our lives; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

¹"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL*Psalm 145:15–16; 118:1*

Pastor: The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

People: You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

EPISTLE*Philippians 4:6-20*

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #892:*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!"***VERSE***Psalm 136:1*

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN #779 (1-3)

“Come, My Soul, With Every Care”

SERMON:

Thanksgiving Prayer

HYMN #779 (4-6)

“Come, My Soul, With Every Care”

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People: **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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

People: 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.

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

BENEDICTION

Psalm 67:1; Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us

People: and make His face to shine upon us.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN #894	<i>"For The Fruits of His Creation"</i>
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POSTLUDE