



**November 3, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

**All Saints Sunday, Year B**

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**PROCESSIONAL** *For All Your Saints, O Lord (ELW 427) vs 1 & 2*

**1** For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to live,  
who followed you, obeyed, adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.

**2** For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to die,  
who counted you their great reward,  
accept our thankful cry.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.  
Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Creator God, we give thanks for Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan,  
as it was here that a sacred space was opened.

A space that has allowed sinners to be welcomed as saints,  
through Holy Baptism.

We give thanks for this living water.

Water that has been around since the very beginning  
when your Spirit hovered over the deep.

We give thanks for healing at the pool of Bethesda,  
for the water you sprang fourth from a rock in the wild,  
for the water Jesus used to wash his disciples' feet.  
And for calming the Sea of Galilee,

We give thanks for our saints today.

the ones who are with us – from young to old and all those in between.

And we give thanks for our saints who have gone before us.

The ones we hold in our hearts and the ones we never met.

May the everlasting waters of your creation fill us,  
may your unending waves of grace bring us peace,  
and may the promise spoke at baptism remind us to whom we belong.

United in Christ with all the saints who have come before,  
and all who will come after, in the living water of our Creator. Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN *For All Your Saints, O Lord (ELW 427) vs 4 & 5***

**4 For this, your name we bless  
and humbly pray anew  
that we like them in holiness  
may live and die in you.**

**5 To God, the Father, Son,  
and Spirit, ever blest,  
the One in Three, the Three in One,  
be endless praise addressed.**

**REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF ST. JOHN**

*Those who died this past year*

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

*You are invited to light a candle at home in honor of your loved ones who have passed.*



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God,

Your Word brought creation into existence, and through your word we are united to Christ in our baptismal waters. For you are Living Water, and through your promises we are forever transformed. We are forgiven, and welcomed as saints into your eternal being. Today we remember and give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us. Grant us grace to follow your saints, to live faithfully, and to trust in your promises. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **READING: Ruth 1:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.

<sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup> Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup> They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” <sup>14</sup> Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup> So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” <sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **GOSPEL: John 11:32-44**

The holy gospel according to John

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The Gospel of The Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font. The assembly is seated.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world...

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of St. John, do you promise to support Carter and Colter and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**Response: We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors and parents.*

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*The presiding minister addresses sponsors, parents, and assembly.*

People of St. John, do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight...

Carter, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray...

Colter, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray...

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

# Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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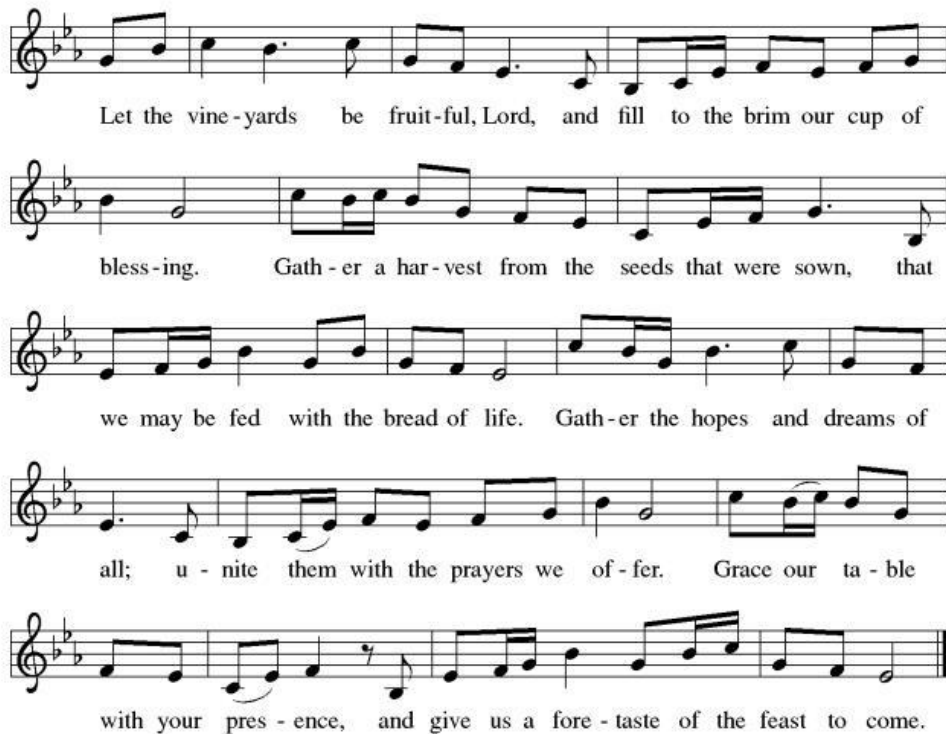
## WELCOMING THE SAINTS OF ST. JOHN

*Those who were baptized this past year*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

How can we withhold our gifts of gratitude in the face of such wondrous love? With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation & God of plenty,

We give thanks for the gifts brought to your table. May they be used to support the ministry of your church, and may they be an extension of your love and mercy to those in need. In Christ we pray. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

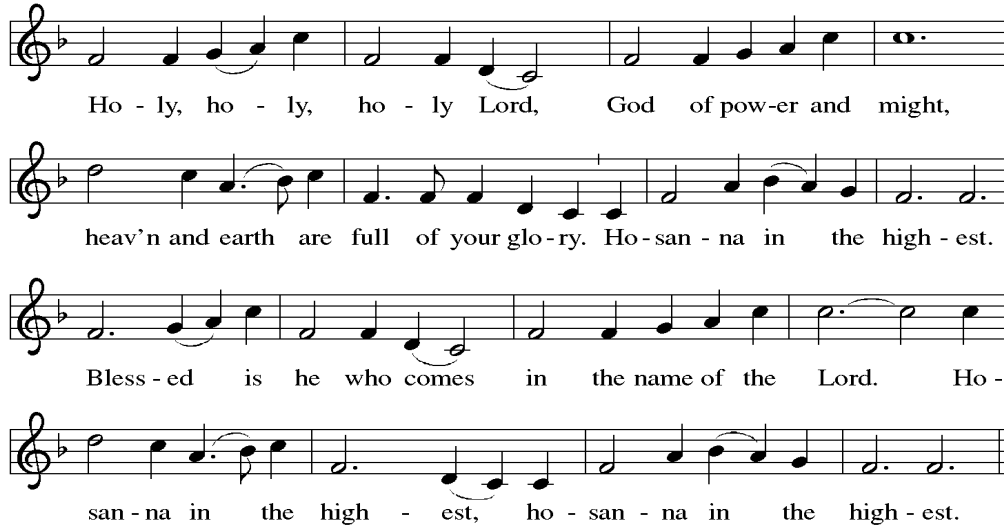
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

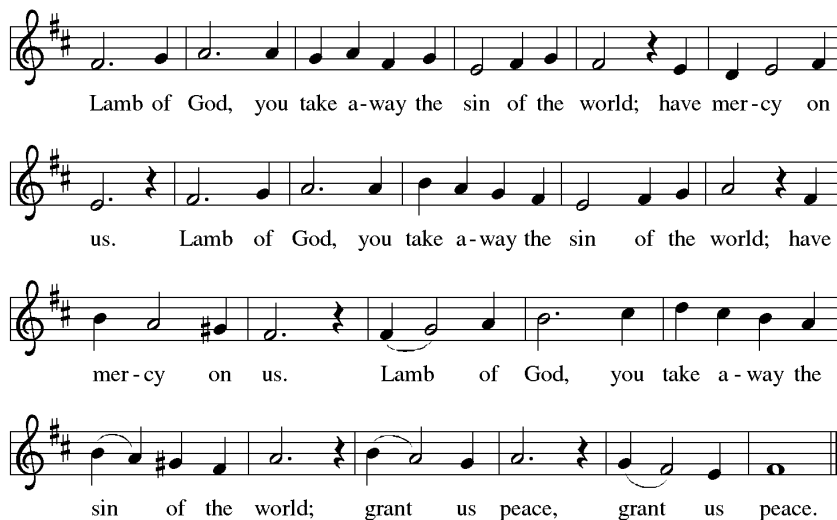
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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 & ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.



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 world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

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## Son of God, Eternal Savior

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE. *Orde en Nieuwe Hollandsche Boerentlies en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we thank you for this meal and for the communion of saints present at your table. May this meal sustain us, and be a reminder that we never journey alone. In Christ we pray.  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

May the God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good,  
who makes us alive in Christ, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen**

## Rise Up, O Saints of God!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Rise Up, O Saints of God!". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics.

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

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**Welcome to all!** Today we gather in Worship for All Saints' Sunday. Together with the faithful of every time and place, let us worship God.

Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones during services.

**To those who are visiting:** Welcome to St. John and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

**Reminder!** If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact St. John (715) 675-6950

**Prayer Ministry.** Each week we uplift individual members (selected by random) in the Prayers of the Church. You may wish to uplift these members in your daily prayers throughout this week. Today we uplift in prayer: Bev Landrath, Josh Tesch, Sarah Sala, Karen Ohrmundt, Nancy Voelker, Hunter Landrath, Kelsi Seubert, Debbie Knapp, Pamela Leduc, Jessica Pierschalla, Bill Schwede, Mandy Herning.

**Prayers for Health & Healing.** This week, we pray for Susie Jecovicus, Don Voelker, Joyce, Maddi, Glen Opichka, Colter Grueneberg, Fritz Poeske, Greg Melander, Ron Mootz, Susan Knight, Lee Sillars, Alene Howe, Mary Kay Van Der Geest, Janie Smith, Dorothy Westfall, Rose Rosenau, Jill Cohrs, Anne Ohrmundt, Thia Heil, Carol Fitzke.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to Christ's Table.

**Food Basket.** Each week you are invited to bring non-perishable grocery items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Shopping Cart* next to the main entrance. **Reminder, food pantries cannot accept expired donations.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Monday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. the Book Club** will discuss *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni.

**Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m. Church Choir First Meeting.** Anyone interested in singing in the choir are welcome to join!

**Sunday, November 10 at 10:15 a.m. Church Choir Practice.** Anyone interested in singing in the choir are welcome to join!

**Monday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. the Adult Study** will discuss Chapters 11 – 13 of the Gospel of Matthew.

**Sunday, November 24 at 10:15 a.m. St. John Pie Auction.** For those who like to bake and for those of us who love dessert. Please join us after church!!!

**Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service.**

**Sunday, December 1 at 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Students serving Community Dinner** at First Presbyterian.

**Tuesday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m. St. John's Sisterhood Ladies Christmas Gathering.** Please consider joining the Sisterhood crew for our annual Christmas gathering at 2510 Restaurant. "Happy Hour" starts at 5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 5:45 p.m. As per tradition, we will be collecting non-perishable items for the Women's Community (toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, etc.) and holding our annual white elephant gift exchange... so start looking in those storage rooms and basements (this exchange will be held after dinner – don't forget to wrap your 'gift'!).

**Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. Candlelit Shepherds Meal.** Gentlemen and ladies of St. John are invited to participate in a simple Shepherds Meal of soup, bread, dried fruit, nuts and cheeses by candlelight. Wine and

sparkling grape juice will also be served. After our meal, we will move into the sanctuary where we will watch "Journey to Bethlehem," a 2023 "live-action Christmas musical adventure... that weaves classic Christmas melodies with humor, faith and new pop songs in a retelling of the greatest story ever told." \$10/participant paid that evening - money remaining after cost will be donated to the Salvation Army. Sign-up in the narthex. This is intended for adults and older/mature children.

**Monday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas.** A prayerfully cultivated service for those who have lost loved ones, for those who find the holidays to be a lonely time, and for those who would like to spend more time in prayer. This service will have candle lighting, music, prayers, and a sermon. All are welcome.

**Monday, December 23 at 5:30 p.m. 'The Star' Pizza & Pajama Party.** Kids of all ages are welcome to put on their PJs, grab their stuffies and blankies, and enjoy pizza and popcorn while watching the animated film 'The Star.' A pizza dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Movie will start at 6pm. Sign-up in the Narthex.

**Thank you!** To everyone who contributed items for the raffle and to Linda Graveen for making the raffle so successful. The money made from the raffle will go toward helping with our community dinners. The money raised from the chili dinner will go to support our Church. Thank you to everyone who contributed ingredients and to Connie and Brian Nowak who made the chili.

**Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.** Help support St. John when buying groceries, gas, or getting your car washed at Kwik Trip!

**Live Streaming and Photography Notice.** When you enter a St. John Lutheran Church service or event, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording or live streaming may occur. If you prefer not to be recognized on camera, the back row inside the church is not within viewing distance of a camera and communion will typically be only on a wide shot where it may be difficult to recognize congregants. Parents, please note our children's sermons are being recorded and live streamed. If you do not want your child to be recognized on camera, please refrain from having them participate.

### **Coming This Week @ St. John November 3 – November 10**

#### **Today**

9:00 a.m. Worship – All Saints Sunday & Grueneberg twins baptism!  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

#### **November 4**

6:30 p.m. Book Club

#### **November 5**

9:00 a.m. Pr. Maggie @ Pr. Meeting

#### **November 6**

8:30 a.m. Quilting

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

#### **November 10**

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir Practice