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St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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Christ the King Sunday

Youth Service

November 20, 2022



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)
(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior* *Dale Wood*
 (© 1991 The Sacred Music Press)

(Please stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.

Amen.

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING *Christ, Be Our Light* *ELW 715*

(Text and music: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957; Text and music © 1993 Bernadette Farrell, admin. OCP Publications)

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship
	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
	11 am	Congregational Meeting
Mon.		
Tues.		
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	7 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service @ Hiss UMC
Thurs.		Thanksgiving Day (office closed)
Fri.		(office closed)
Sat.		

Counting our Blessings

		2022	
Sun.	Attendance: 83	September Offering Income	\$18,675
11/13	Offering: \$5,023	September Other Income	\$ 553
	Homebound: 20	September Total Income	\$19,228
		September Expenses	\$34,562
		YTD Offering Income	\$183,710
		YTD Other Income	\$ 19,062
		YTD Total Income	\$202,772
		YTD Expenses	\$273,981



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Raymond Miller, Matthew Miller, Bill & Bonnie Rogers, Jim Morrow, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Bob Murphy, Jen Schoenfliess, Pearl Johnson, Sharon Hunt, Lee Hall, Patricia Kuklinski, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Rejena Hartlove, Chuck Miller, Jeanne Edmunds, John Miller, Arlo Jones, Denise Ferguson, Mary Jo Rother, Bonnie Kellner, Kristin Weger, Linda Fliegel, Helen Bender and Doug Adams

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of:

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul and Alberta Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit home for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Edition! Notes from the Organ Bench

Singers needed! The Adult choir could use a few more singers for the cantata on Sunday, December 18th. This is your chance to make a short term commitment. Practices begin @ 7:30 pm on Wednesdays, November 30th, December 7th, and 14th. A recording of the music is provided for at-home listening and practice. (Mine is playing constantly when I drive.) Please let me know (mrequard1@gmail.com) if you want to take advantage of this opportunity.

Now for the most exciting news of all! Lights! Cameras! Action!

St. John’s Productions is looking for...

Children of ALL ages are needed for this year’s Children’s Christmas Eve service. This year we are creating a slide show for the program. We will be “shooting” at various locations in Baltimore County. We need-

- Photographers (phone pictures will do)
- Children (young and older) willing to dress as players in the nativity story (costumes provided)
- Parents willing to transport our actors to the filming sites

Our “filming” will be done on “location” immediately after church on Sunday, December 4th. Afterwards, we will meet back at the church for pizza. If we have enough people we should be finished in time for the Ravens vs. Broncos game @ 1:00.

In addition to the filming, we need several children and an adult to participate in the service for the play with the slide show. The congregation will be providing the singing.

Let me know if you will be helping with this so that there is enough food for all!

As always, continue
Making a Joyful Noise!
Martha





St. John's Youth is sponsoring **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 10th from 9 am—11 am. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. Please fill out a form and drop it in the box or return it to the church office. Reservations are requested. **Please sign up by December 4th.**

We invite you to participate in the Wreaths across America event on December 17th at 2 pm in St. John's Cemetery. The cost of the wreaths are \$15. \$5 from each wreath sold will go to St. John's. Flyers with more information are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, in the weekly emails and on the website. **Orders must be placed by November 29th.**



Save the Date for St. John's 4th Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast. Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, on the website and in the weekly emails .

Ushers Needed! For more information, contact Tony Jasinski at polishfossil29@verizon.net.



Venmo is Here! We are happy to announce that you can now give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	St. John's Youth
Crucifer	St. John's Youth
Acolyte (s)	St. John's Youth
Lector	St. John's Youth
Communion Assistant	St. John's Youth

(Please stand as you are able.)

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.

GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

(Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Swiss, 1823-1904; Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.)

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 CHURCH

After each petition Lord, in your mercy,
Receive our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Jesus, Full of Grace* *Adult Choir*
(Text and music: Nicole Elsey and Robert Sterling; © 2018 Hal Leonard LLC and Robert Matthew Sterling Music)

(An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.)
(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *ELW 885*
(Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711; Music: Louis Bourgeois 1510-1561)

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Announcements & Upcoming Event

Next Week— 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th

† 9 am— **Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship**

† 10 am— **Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel** at stjohns.lutheran.church.parkville.md.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of St. John's by the Addison family.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: January 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, April 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, May 7th, 14th and 21st. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten. 



Food for Thought Program has begun. We are again partnering with Carney Elementary. **Items that we need at this time are: tuna & chicken salad kits and pudding cups.**

Christmas Plants are for sale. If you would like to sponsor a plant in memory or in honor of your loved one, please fill out a form and place your check (marked Altar Guild) in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Forms are available on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. **Orders are due next Sunday, November 27th.** 



Join us for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service with Hiss UMC and St. Ursula Catholic Church this Wednesday, November 23rd at 7 pm. Pastor Mathew and Pastor Amy will be preaching and St. John's Choir will also be participating in the service. The service this year will be held at Hiss UMC. We hope to see you there!

Social Ministry is again participating in the **Shoebboxes for C.A.N. Program.** The shoeboxes will be filled and donated to children in need at the Eastside Shelter. **Items needed are: shoeboxes, matching hats and gloves, small toys that will fit in the shoeboxes. (Please no matchbox cars, we have plenty).** Please drop your donations in the bins in the 2nd & 3rd floor stairwells or in the church office. **Donations are due next Sunday, November 27th.** If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Buckless. 

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

ELW 439

(Text and music: Andrae Crouch, b. 1945; Text and music © 1976 Bud John Songs, Inc./Crouch Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

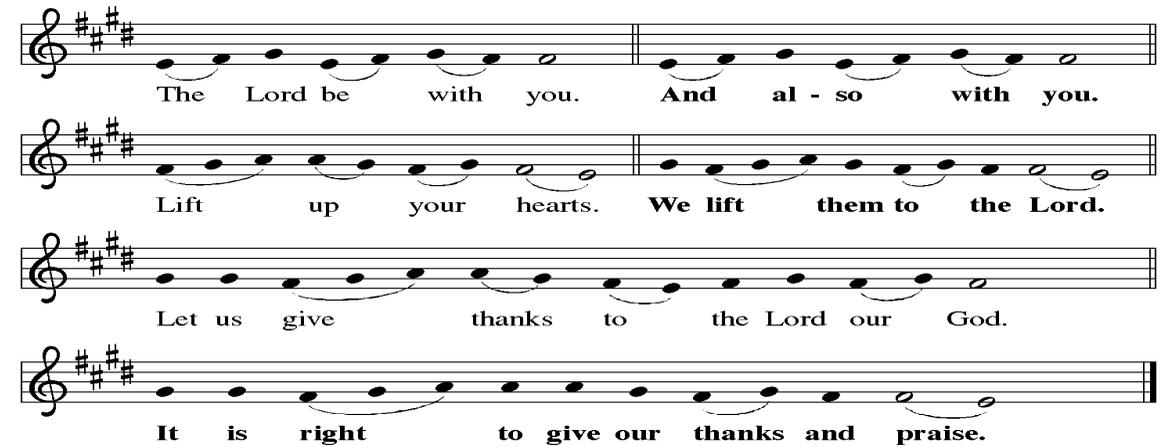
† We would also like to thank our St. John's Youth.
We love having you lead us in worship.

† Don't forget to stay for the Congregational Meeting after worship today.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

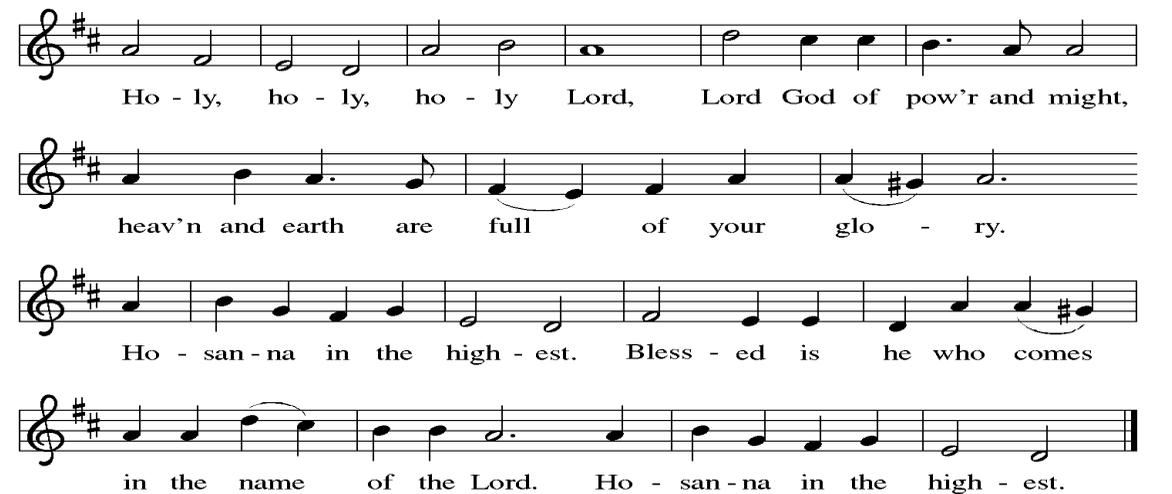


The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God,
creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people,
led them on all their journeys,
and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
in this meal,
and make us one
in this community of faith
and with your people
throughout the world.
Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High,
now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW 595

(Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.; Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868)

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd ACS 954

(Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993; Music: French folk tune, 17 th cent.; Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.