

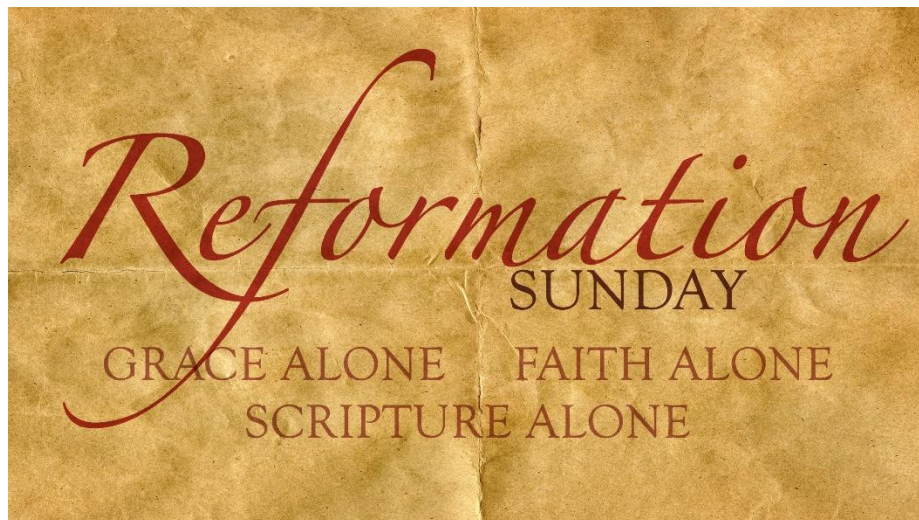
St. John's Lutheran Church

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Affirmation of Baptism

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
October 25th , 2026

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Our worship services are live broadcasted and available for future viewing via YouTube. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

Meditation

During the prelude, we invite you into a time of reflection. The main doors of the sanctuary will remain closed prior to worship so those who wish may have a time of centering and reflection of the past week, our community, our world, and God's sacrificial and redeeming love for us all.

Church Year Information~ Season: Pentecost • Color: Green

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with Christ's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are robed in majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

As the reformers cried, "Grace alone," we rejoice that in baptism we are claimed as Christ's own. In a world of striving, Christ's grace sets us free.

Your love flows through water. It satisfies the thirst of all living things. It sustains life in this community. It nourishes and delights us. We bless you for these gifts of water: for Green Bay, where many of our neighbors live, for Lake Michigan, at the heart of our community, for the Fox River that connects us to oceans and gulfs that touch all the world, a sign of your beauty and delight.

As the reformers held to "Faith alone," we trust Christ's promises. In our anxiety, Christ gives us courage.

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power: Noah and the animals survived the flood. Hagar discovered your well. The Israelites escaped through the sea and drank from your gushing rock. Naaman washed and was healed. The Samaritan woman came to the well and was never thirsty again.

As the reformers stood on “Scripture alone,” we trust Christ’s Word. In a noisy world, Christ’s story calls us to hope and justice.

Your love flows through the water of baptism, joined to your life-giving Word. A cleansing flood, a sea of deliverance from death to life, a river that heals and washes sin away, a spring of living water flowing to eternity.

As the reformers centered on “Christ alone,” we look to Jesus, crucified and risen. In a hurting world, Christ sends us in love.

Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love. Clothe us and all your people with grace. Make us bold to do justice. Teach us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you. Let our whole lives bring you glory.

As the reformers lived for “God’s glory alone,” we dedicate our lives to Christ’s service. In a self-centered world, Christ’s light shines through us. Amen.

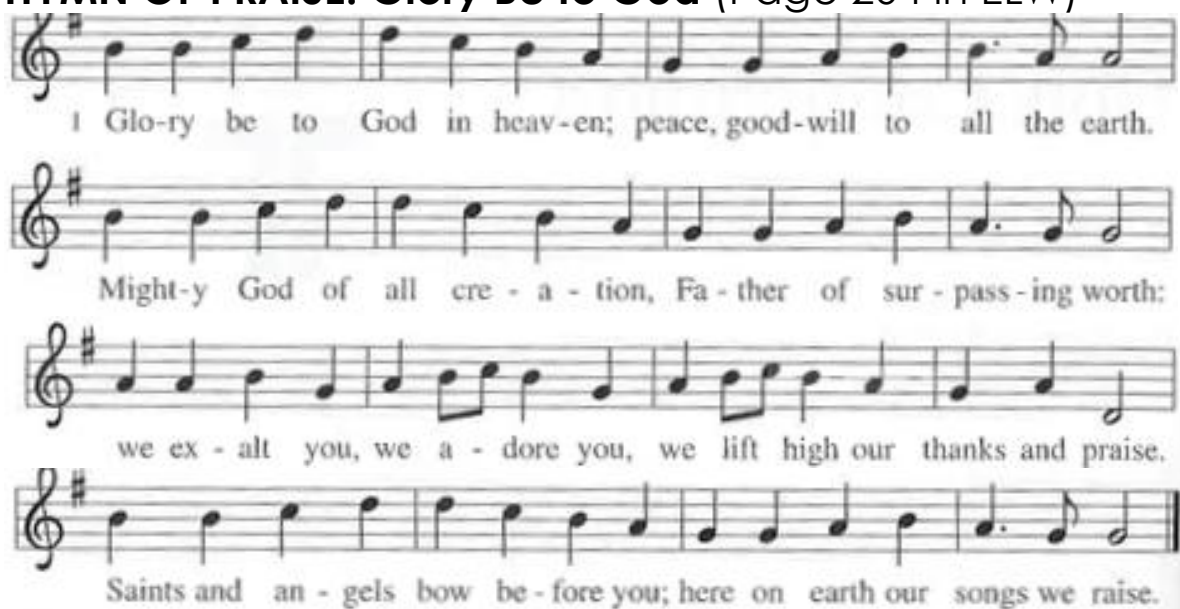
GATHERING HYMN: The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing (ELW 531)

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory Be to God (Page 204 in ELW)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³ though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**

⁷ The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the
earth.”**

¹¹ The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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Refrain F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

F Dm Gm C F

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (ELW 836)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM..CONFIRMATION (ELW Pgs. 234-236)

Payton Kay Eder & Easton Thomas Eder
Aubrey Joyce Schuh & John Daniel Schuh

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Response: I renounce them

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.**

AFFIRMATION

....People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

...Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF PEACE

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

MEAL

God has offered us our lives and bestowed us with mercy, grace, and love. Let us now respond to God's offering to us by returning to God in part what is God's in whole. (based on Exodus 32:7-14)

OFFERTORY

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of St. John's Ministries.

Offerings may be given in the following ways:

- Use the QR code to the right to make a gift.
- Place your offering in the plate when it is passed.
- Enroll in Simply Giving for automatic giving from a bank account or credit card.



OFFERING OF SERVICE



OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

Make me a servant

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Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek.

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

make me a ser - vant to - day.

Chords: F, Dm⁷, Gm⁷, C⁷, Gm⁷, Bb/C, C⁷, Bb/F, F, F^{sus}₂⁴, F, A, Dm, Dm/C, G²/B, Bbm⁶, F/A, Gm⁷, F/A, Gm⁷, F/C, C⁷_{sus}, F².

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

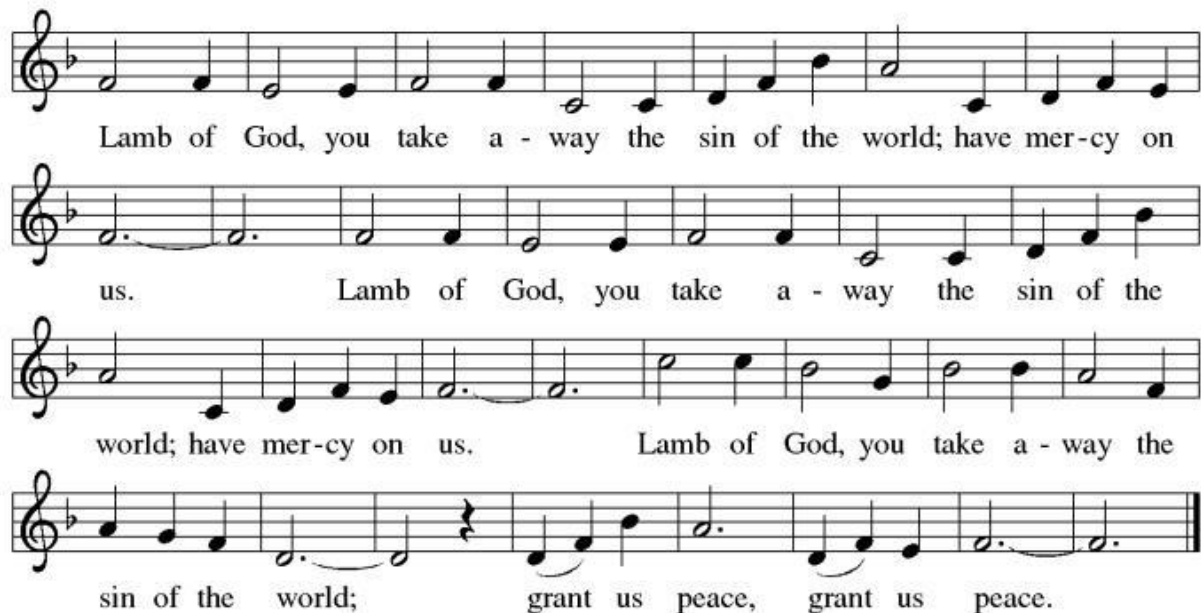
LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW Page 191)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW 195

Lamb of God



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COMMUNION HYMN: Just As I Am, Without One Plea (ELW 592)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God (ELW 504)

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near.

Gather, Give, Grow and **Go with God!**

POSTLUDE

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*Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your
faithful;
and kindle in them the
fire of your love.*

*Congratulations to Aubrey, John, Easton,
and Payton! May your faith continue to
grow as you begin this next chapter in your
journey with God.*



Please remember these people in your prayers.

There are **Prayer Cards** in the Narthex between the nametags and the pews. If you have a prayer request, please complete the form and place it in the offering plate or the office mailbox. Your prayer will then be added to the prayer list for **3 weeks**. If you wish to have the person's name included longer, you must notify the church office in writing on a prayer card or by email. Please be sure to let us know when a person can be removed from the prayer list as well. If any questions, please contact Aymee in the office.

Those who mourn:

The loved ones of Ann Wardecke (Mother of Barb Dorn)

The family and friends of Mrs. Harry [Marie] Hazen (Friend of Janet Francies)

The loved ones of Darwin Barron (Son-in-law of Barbara Peterson)

Those who are home bound:

Arlene Matuszewski Fran Koski Arlene Giese Ron & Diana Sefcik

Yvonne Virtues (Mother of Pat Virtues)

Donna Ward (Sister of Lorna Koch)

Bud Wardecke (Father of Barb Dorn)

John & Shirley Tramontin (Parents of Tess Smith)

Those who are ill/recovering/ have special needs or concerns:

Ron Koch Doris Fleck Joe Kozlovsky John Demney

Susan (Cahoon) Olson Marie Zirbel Meyer (Aunt of Janet Francies)

Mark Heisel (Friend of Greg & Tammy Yager) Al Reimer (Friend of Pam Giese)

Jason Heider (Son of Janet Heider) Brian Giese (Brother of Pam Giese)

Peggy Foltz (Sister of Beth Wentz) Erin Culbertson (Friend of Doris Fleck)

Kerry Pranica (Friend of Doris Fleck)

Helen Mohan (Daughter of Tess Smith)

Carla Hedtke (Mother of Shellie Virtues)

Kelly Havlik Lacera (Friend of Desiree Kozlovsky)

Nick Carter (Friend of Duayne & Pat Rosenberg)

Sharon Hanson (Sister/Sister-in-law of Doug & Helen Malueg)

Sophia Franda (Granddaughter of Dawn Demeny)

Dave Hansen (Nephew of Doug & Helen Malueg)

Chris Johnson (Brother-in-law of Tammy Yager)

Those who are serving in the Military:

Gage Boyd- Air Force (Grandson of Tracey & Pamela Krumrei)

Alex Culbertson-Wisconsin National Guard (Grandson of Dave & Ginny Burkart)

Sam Cooper-Captain, Army Reserves (Son of Jerry & Michelle Cooper)

FALL BAZAAR

Please sign up to make any pies, bars or torts to serve or sell, cookies for the cookie walk, baked goods, as well as help at the bazaar on November 14th.

Sign up sheets are on the narthex table below the mailboxes.

Items can also be dropped off Friday the 13th or early morning Saturday the 14th.

Thank you!

JOIN US FOR A

Grace & Gratitude Gathering

A casual evening of music, food, fun and fellowship to benefit EPH!

Thursday, November 5th
5pm-8pm • FREE entry

Stadium View – Traditions Event Hall, 1963 Holmgren Way, Green Bay



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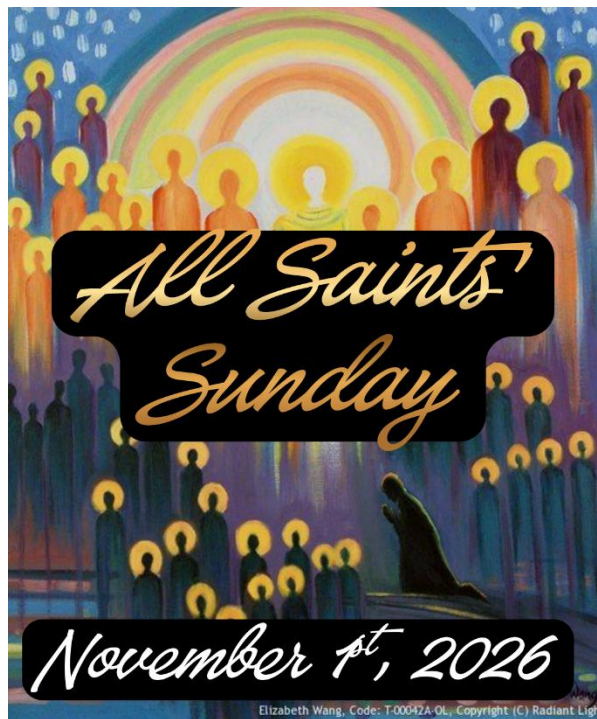
LIVE Musical
Entertainment
by Jim Campbell

SOUP & BAKE SALE • CASH BAR
BASKET RAFFLES • 50/50 RAFFLE



Ecumenical
Partnership
for Housing

Donations & proceeds benefit EPH • Putting faith into action for families experiencing homelessness for over 30 years.



A special worship service in honor of loved ones who have passed to the Glorious Kingdom of our Lord.

Please notify the church office to have your loved one remembered and honored.

Families are encouraged to bring a picture of their loved one to share. Prayerful remembrance will be offered with candlelight during worship.

<i>This Week at St. John's</i>			
Sun, Oct 25	Mon, Oct 26	Tues, Oct 27	Wed, Oct 28
9:00am, Worship, Affirmation of Baptism 10:15am, Fellowship, Faith Finders, FALL BOOYAH!			5:00pm WELCA Craft Night
Thurs, Oct 29	Fri, Oct 30	Sat, Oct 31	Sun, Nov 1
	<u>Office</u> <u>Closed</u>	6:00pm, AA Mtg	All Saints' Sunday 9:00am, Worship, 10:15am, Fellowship, Faith Finders,

	<i>Sunday October 25th</i>	<i>Sunday Nov 1st</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Pat Rosenberg	Beth Wentz
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Needed	Needed
<i>Communion Steward</i>	Ginny Burkart	Lorna Koch
<i>Greeters</i>	Needed	Needed
<i>Technology Team</i>	Needed	Doug Malueg
<i>Scripture Readers</i>	Sindi Anschutz	Nancy Valentine
<i>Scrip Volunteers</i>	Steve & Angie Larsen	Steve & Angie Larsen
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Warern Kelly Stellmacher	Kelly Stellmacher Betty Stevens
<i>Ushers</i>	Tracey Krumrei Pat & Shellie Virtues	Jerry & Michelle Cooper Family