

St. John’s at Worship
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude “From the Rising of the Sun” *Anonymous*

Welcome and Announcements *(please pass the fellowship roll)*

Introit “Shining in the Distance” *DeVitry*

*Call to Worship Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live!
I will sing praises to God all my life long!**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

**People: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.**

Leaders: The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

**People: The Lord will reign forever!
Praise the Lord!**

*Hymn 73, vss. 1, 2, 5 “O Worship the King”

*Prayer of Invocation and The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Do not judge us, Lord, the way that we judge others.
Have mercy on us for the ways that we fail to have mercy.
Forgive us for the ways that we fail to forgive.
Love us, despite the ways that we fail to love.
Extend to us, we pray, the grace that we fail to extend to others.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1 – 12 (p. 4) Mark Ator

Cherub Choir Debbie Ealer, Director

Pre-K through 4th grade may go to Sunday School after the Cherub Choir.

Grades 5–12 stay for communion. Sunday School ends at 10:45.

Anthem “Around You, O Lord Jesus” *arr. T. Keesecker*

Scripture Reading Luke 20:20 – 26 (p. 84)

Sermon WHO TO VOTE FOR Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith Declaration of Faith

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.
All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.
We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil
that are possible now in the world, the church,
and our individual lives.
Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.
Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now, he is Lord.**

*Hymn 127, vss. 1 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory “Count Your Blessings” *Oatman/Excell*

*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 434, vss. 1, 3, 4 (INSERT)
“Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude Joy Messengers

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Andrea Zomber*

Ushers *Lee & Virginia Holt, and John & Sharon Griffin*

Coffee Service *Sharlene Cirillo and Nik Pearson*

Flowers *Given by John & Barbara Alexander with thanks to the Lord for 28 years of Barbara's kidney transplant. Also as honoring all the Veterans this coming Veterans Day.*

Joy Messengers *Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Lauren Feldman, Linda Duncan, Lisa Howell*

Guest Musicians *Betsy Miller, Christina Fish (Handbells)*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we hope that you experience the love of Jesus Christ here with us! If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at each of the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs immediately following worship. Our greeter, Andrea Zomber, will be available in the back of the sanctuary after worship to answer any questions you might have about St. John’s. We are glad that you are here, and hope you will worship with us again soon!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN’S

Join us Wednesday at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we share a delicious dinner and explore session 9 of Alpha: “What Does the Holy Spirit Do?” Even if you haven’t come to the previous sessions, you can still join in the conversation without missing a beat! There are activities for youth and child care for younger children. We are always looking for volunteers to set tables, help prepare meals, and bring desserts. Contact Carla Chieffo to help with set-up or dessert, or Betsy Miller to help with preparing the meals.

SANDY RELIEF MISSION TEAM

The Sandy Relief Mission Team works to help those still struggling to rebuild homes in the wake of 2012’s Superstorm Sandy. If you would like to join them for one or all three days of the next planned trips (**Nov 1–3, and Dec 6–Dec 8**), please contact Howard Friend or Joe Birmingham for more information.

DEACON’S COAT DRIVE

The deacons are collecting gently used or new winter coats and jackets for those in need. Please leave your donated items in the coatroom of the carriage house by Sunday November 13th. All items will be cleaned before distribution.

ELECTION EVE PRAYER GATHERING

The Upper Mainline Ministerium will be holding a prayer service tomorrow night from 7:30–8 PM at St. Luke Lutheran Church (203 N. Valley Forge Rd) in Devon. This is a chance for people of all faiths and political affiliations to come together and pray for wisdom, guidance, healing, and peace.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

October 23rd was the first performance in our new monthly concert series, and it was an incredible evening of music! The next concert will be **next Sunday, November 13 from 5–6 PM**, and we will be focusing on "Musical Forms: Suites, Variations, and Song Cycles." These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

STOP HUNGER NOW RETURNS!

On **Sunday, November 20**, we will be working with the international hunger relief organization *Stop Hunger Now* to pack 10,000 meals. To accomplish this task, we need 50 volunteers ready to go at 2 PM. The project will be completed in less than two hours, and we guarantee you'll have a great time! Anyone age 5 and older is welcome to participate. We also need a few volunteers at 1 PM to help with setup. To sign up, contact Nancy Higgins. Visit www.stophungernow.org to learn more.

ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for our annual Advent Craft Night on **December 4 from 4–6 PM** in Fellowship Hall. It will be a fun evening of food, crafts, and fellowship to celebrate the Advent season. This event is open to everyone – kids and adults – and you are welcome to bring a friend! If you have questions or would like to help plan the evening, please contact Jeff Ealer.



Today – No Youth Group

Sunday, November 13 – Bowling & Pizza

We will meet at Devon Lanes from 4 – 6 PM for a fun evening of pizza and bowling. Bring a friend!

Sunday, November 20 – Stop Hunger Now (2–4 PM)

The Youth Group will meet at 2 PM to help package meals for Stop Hunger Now! This is a great way to help people who are in need, and it's a lot of fun!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Nov 6	8:00 am 9:30 am	Deacons Meeting Worship and Sunday School Communion by Intinction
Mon, Nov 7	7:30 pm	Election Eve Prayer Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church
Wed, Nov 9	5:15 pm 6:00 pm	Cherub Choir Supper at St. John's
Thurs, Nov 10	9:00 am	Moms Group
Sun, Nov 13	8:00 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm	Trustees Meeting Worship and Sunday School St. John's Concert Series
Mon, Nov 14	7:00 pm	Session Meeting

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Friday and Saturday.

Lara is out on Saturday and Sunday.

If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. Thank you for understanding!



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

All I have is a voice
To undo the folded lie,
The romantic lie in the brain
Of the sensual man-in-the-street
And the lie of Authority
Whose buildings grope the sky:
There is no such thing as the State
And no one exists alone;
Hunger allows no choice
To the citizen or the police;
We must love one another or die.

- From "September 1, 1939" by W. H. Auden

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