

# Holy Communion



**All Saints Sunday  
The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
November 5, 2023**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Bath, PA**

**Flowers presented in Memory of Martin J. Y. Jr.  
by Bill & Cindy F.**

**Bulletins presented In Memory of  
Departed Adult Choir Members by the Adult Choir**

Prelude: "Unclouded Day"

arr. Lowery/Lanier

*Flutist: Bonnie V.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

\*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

\*P: Merciful God,

\*C: **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

\*P: Righteous God,

\*C: **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

\*P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

\*C: **Amen.**

\*Hymn LBW #174 "For All the Saints"

vs. 1-4

### \*The Greeting

\*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

\*C: **And also with you.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

**\*P:** Almighty God,

**\*C:** you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Anthem:** *“Jerusalem My Happy Home”*

Traditional

*Soloist: Isabelle B.*

## **First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## **Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

### **\*Gospel Verse**

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***“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia”***

**\*P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**\*C:** **Glory to you, O Lord**

## **Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**\*P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**\*C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children's Sermon/Sermon**

**\*Hymn LBW #175 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”**

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## **\*Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen**

## **\*The Peace**

**\*P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**\*C:** **And also with you.**

*The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation (only).*

## **Offering**

*The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service. We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for the work of God's kingdom.*

**Music at the Offering** (8:00 am) "Hymn of Remembrance" arr. D. Nevue  
(10:15 am) "Angel Band" arr. Kupferschmid

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*P:** God of good gifts,

**\*C:** **Receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen**

## **\*Prayers of Intercession**

**\*P:** Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

\*V: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Lord, in your mercy.

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Lord, in your mercy.

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Lord, in your mercy.

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you, heal the sick. Lord, in your mercy.

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*V: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Lord, in your mercy.

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

\*V: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love.

*Carl R. Schafer*

*Cora I. Hartzell*

*Esther M. Fenstermaker*

*Nancy L. Goertz*

*Betty Jane Cogle*

*Richard C. Naylor*

*Catherine L. Pike*

*Rhodell E. Sigley*

*Louise A. Noe*

*Clair E. Laudenslager*

*Eileen A. Hahn*

*Nancy C. Wolfe*

*Harold H. Hoff*

*Martha L. Company*

*Martin J. Yany Jr.*

*Alan J. Company*

*Shelba J. Fogel*

\*V: Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy.

\*C: **Hear our prayer.**

\*P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

\*C: **Amen.**

### \*Lord's Prayer

\*P: Lord, teach us to pray.

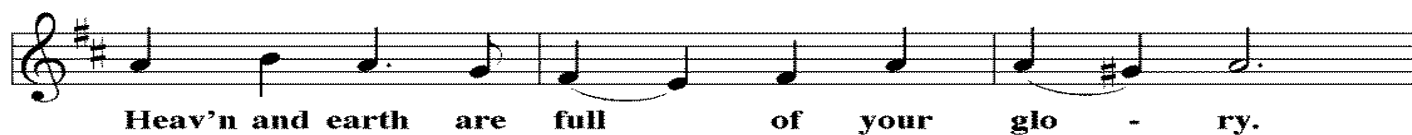
\*C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### \*The Thanksgiving

\*P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### \*"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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## \*The Words of Institution

\*P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

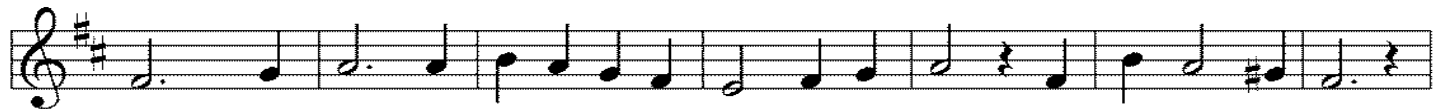
\*P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## "Lamb of God"

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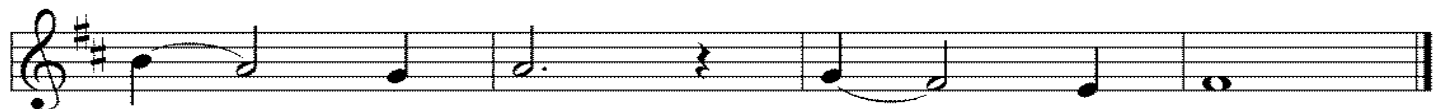
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

## \*Invitation to Communion

\*P: Christ invites you to this table, come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

## \*We Receive Our Lord in His Holy Supper

*The bread and wine/grape juice will be distributed in the front of the church. If you would like to partake in your pew there are prepackaged sets in the back. If you need a communion set please see an usher.*

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

\*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you onto everlasting life. Amen.



## **\*Prayer after Communion**

**\*P:** Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

**\*C: Amen.**

## **\*Benediction**

**\*P:** The God who rules across the cosmos and speaks worlds into being, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**\*C: Amen.**

**\*Hymn LBW #176** *“For All Your Saints, O Lord”*

## **\*Dismissal**

**\*P:** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**\*C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *“With the Saints in Glory Shining”*

arr. E. Broughton

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### **Assisting in Worship Today**

**Altar Guild - Bonnie V., Jeannine W.**

**8:00 AM - Ushers - Robert & Robin M.**

**Lector: Brian W. - Com. Assistant: Kathy W., Linda H.**

**Acolyte: Alexis D.**

**10:15 AM - Ushers - Jim B., Kim M.**

**Lector: Kim M. - Communion Assistants: Jeannine W., Samantha A.**

**Acolyte: Ethan B.**

**Thank you:** Thank you to Pastor Jay Wetzel for leading us in worship today as Pastor Terry is on vacation.



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**Follow us on our website:** [www.stjohnsbathpa.org](http://www.stjohnsbathpa.org)



## Upcoming Commemorations

**John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries - Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023** - Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture. - **Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397, Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023**- Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop. **Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855, Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023** - Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block. ....From sundaysandseasons.com

## **WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!**

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. Today is All Saints Sunday. Today we remember the great saints of history, about whom books are written; the saints who have influenced our own lives and faith journeys, perhaps including parents, pastors, Sunday School teachers, and other saints; and we remember that all who follow Jesus Christ are saints who are promised the joys of discipleship and eternal life to come.

On behalf of Jesus Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead, we welcome you to worship. This morning we will hear the Good News as our lessons are read. We listen and sing to musical selections to worship God who is our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

We will pray for all of God's people and all of our needs. You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

**Prayers Requested For:** Matthew A., Jim A., Eileen A., Josie B., Shane B., Barb B., Cory B., Dawn & Bill B., Jason C., Patty & Larry D., the family of Jim D., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Janis G., Shawn H., Lil H., Troy H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Claire & Dennis K., Gerry K., Mary K., Steve K., Diane L., Lee L., the family of Earle L., Ruth M., The M. Family, April Rose M., Joe N., the family of Louise N., Danielle N., Samantha O., Arlene O., Tina R., Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Rosalia S., John S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Carol W., Viola W. Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., the family of Nancy W., Cecile W., Susan W., the family of Frank W., the family of Martin J. Y. Jr., Dolores & Richard Y., Yvonne Y., Pauline Y., Francis Z.

***If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).***





**Today's Announcements**  
**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

**This Week at St. John's**

11/05/23 - Sun.	Worship - All Saints Day	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship - All Saints Day	10:15 AM
11/06/23 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM - Noon
11/07/23 - Tues.	Election Day - Vote if your able	All Day
11/09/23 - Thurs.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
11/11/23 - Sat.	Bath Lions Toy Raffle (FH)	10:00-7:00 PM
11/12/23 - Sun.	Worship	8:00 AM
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship (Library)	11:45 AM
	Bath Lions Toy Raffle (FH)	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**We are hiring:** The Sexton job is officially open and waiting for the right person. Do you know someone who can mow grass, shovel snow, and turn the lights on? For a job description, please tell them to give the office a call at 610-837-1061.

**Congratulations and welcome:** to Colton Lee S. born Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 10:29 am, weighing 8lbs. 2 ounces and 19.5 inches long. Proud parents are Erika and DJ S., with grandparents Bob & Robin M., Great-grandma Eileen A., Uncle Jordan, Aunt Marisa and Emma M.

**Thanksgiving Day Dinner: Wed., Nov. 22, 2023, a pre-plated meal can be picked up from 2:00 to 6:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall.** This is a take-out event only, and pre-orders only, no walk-ins. The dinners are available for a free will offering. Shut-ins: please call the office for meal acquisition options. Filling trays will be available to purchase as well; fully cooked, ready to re-heat, ¼ tray for \$10; ½ tray for \$20; full tray for \$40. **Orders due by Sun., Nov. 12.**

**Community Thanksgiving Service: Tuesday, November 21, 2023.** Emmanuel's Lutheran Church (Bath) 3175 Valley View Dr, Bath, PA will be hosting this wonderful service. Refreshments will be offered after the service. Worship service begins at 7:00 PM. A goodwill offering will be collected to benefit the Bath Area Food Bank.

**Poinsettia Plants:** Orders for Poinsettia plants for Christmas are **due Friday, December 1, 2023.** If you would like to order a plant in memory or in honor of someone please fill out an order form and turn it into the church office before December 1<sup>st</sup>. Plants are \$9.00. You may pick up your plant and take it home after the Christmas services.

**Christmas Ingathering:** The Christmas Ingathering is continued each year to brighten the holy season of Christmas for our Christian brothers and sisters who have special needs. There is a box outside of the secretary's office to place your donation. The list of items needed is on a sheet of paper on the table inside the front door. **Items need to be brought in by 12/3/23.**

**2023 Red Beet Results:** The gracious and hard-working team of cooks completed this year's red beets with whopping records! They cooked 2,000 lbs. of beets, used 267 lbs. of sugar, 28 gallons of vinegar, and 14.5 lbs. of salt. Their efforts took 4 weeks to complete. Producing 957 quarts and 295 pints of beets. They also jarred 40 quarts and 15 pints of red beet juice. The total cost to complete this task is \$1,299.62. AMAZING job by everyone on the Red Beet Team!

**Bath Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Monocacy Creek Park. Christmas tree honoree, Mrs Dawn Brettle Mayer, Director of St. John's Lutheran Church Nursery School. Festivities will take place from 5:00-7:00 PM.

**Hanging of the Greens:** As the Christmas season quickly approaches, we extend an invitation to all of you to join us in decorating the sanctuary the week of Nov 27-Dec 1. Please let Jamie Brozman know if you are interested by calling the church office at 610-837-1061. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated.

**Vendor Craft Fair/Tricky Tray:** will be held in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, December 2, 2023 9 AM to 3 PM**, food will be available for purchase. Donations for the Tricky Tray and baked goods are needed. Please contact Dawn for more information at 610-841-6729. Proceeds benefit the nursery school.

**Save the Date:** Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm** when the **Bath Area Community Choir** will present their holiday concert "*Christmas Fantasy*" at St. John's Lutheran Church, a free will offering will benefit the Bath Area Food Bank.

**Chicken Pot Pie Take-Out:** will be **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00-6:00 PM. Pre-orders only no walk-ins. Quarts are \$12.00, Desserts are \$3.00. Orders due by Saturday, December 2, 2023.

**Home Heating Help** - Are you or your neighbors having trouble paying your heating bill? You can get information or request help at 800-UGI-WARM.

**Bath Lions Candy Cane Hunt:** Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the grassy field behind the St. John's parking lot. Ages 3-12 years old welcome. Register at bathpalions@yahoo.com.

**Pre-School Lottery Calendar Fundraiser:** Lottery calendars are on sale now for \$10/each. The calendar must be turned in by December 31<sup>st</sup> to be valid. Pick your calendar; return the bottom portion with buyer's address and money. Checks can be made to St. Johns Bath Nursery School. If the 7:00 PM PA Daily Number matches your calendar number, you win the prize listed for that date. Repeated winnings are permitted if your number is drawn more than once in the month. You have 31 chances to win this month. If you win, a check will be mailed to the winner. Any questions, please see Dawn Mayer.

**Year-End Member Contributions for 2023** must be received by the church on or before **Tuesday, December 26, 2023 by 12 Noon** to be included in your 2023 contributions to the church. Any contributions received after this date and time will be posted to your 2024 contributions. Don't delay! Thank you for supporting the financial ministry of St. John's.

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