

Christ the King

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 21, 2021 | 10:30 AM



Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free. there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and a professionally staffed nursery is available from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Follow the signs or ask any member for directions.

To assist you during worship: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy to commune you at your pew.

Offerings: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen. Individual wired devices coming soon!





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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

Prayer Before Worship

Eternal God, Jesus taught that true power is made known in service: we are to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves as we reveal your reign of peace.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 2

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Prelude on St. George's, Windsor

By Wayne H. Dietterick

WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Christ all things hold together;

he is head of the Church and Lord of all.

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our God.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

To God be glory forever and ever!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things, making peace through the blood of the cross. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acknowledge Jesus as lord of our lives and acclaim him as ruler of all. Make us servants of our servant King Jesus, in whose name and by whose mercy we pray. Amen.

God is merciful and forgives us all our sins. In the stead and by the command of our \pm Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there we are expecting a Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord, who will transform the body of our humiliation into the body of his glory, and make all things subject to himself. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 693 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo ple, come; raise the song of har vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har vest home;
- 4 E ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi nal har vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in the win-ter storms be - gin. ere wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, sor - row grown. joy un - to or his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way; Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sin, free from sor - row,



God, our mak - er, doth pro-vide for sup - plied. our wants to be full corn shall ap - pear. First the blade, and then the ear. then the give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast. there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied. thy gar - ner a - bide. in to



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home. Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be. but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more. Come, with all thine glo-rious har-vest home! an - gels, come, raise the

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893



APOSTOLIC 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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 93

Spoken responsively.

¹The Lord is king, robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

³The waters have lifted up, O Lord,

the waters have lifted up their voice;

the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,

mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are very sure,

and holiness befits your house,

O Lord, forever and forevermore.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4b–8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

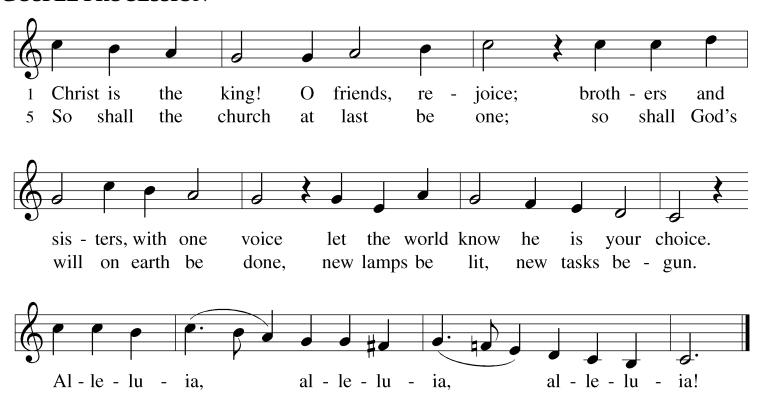
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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GOSPEL PROCESSION



Text: George K. A. Bell, 1883–1958, alt. Music: GELOBET SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615

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GOSPEL John 18:33–37

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

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

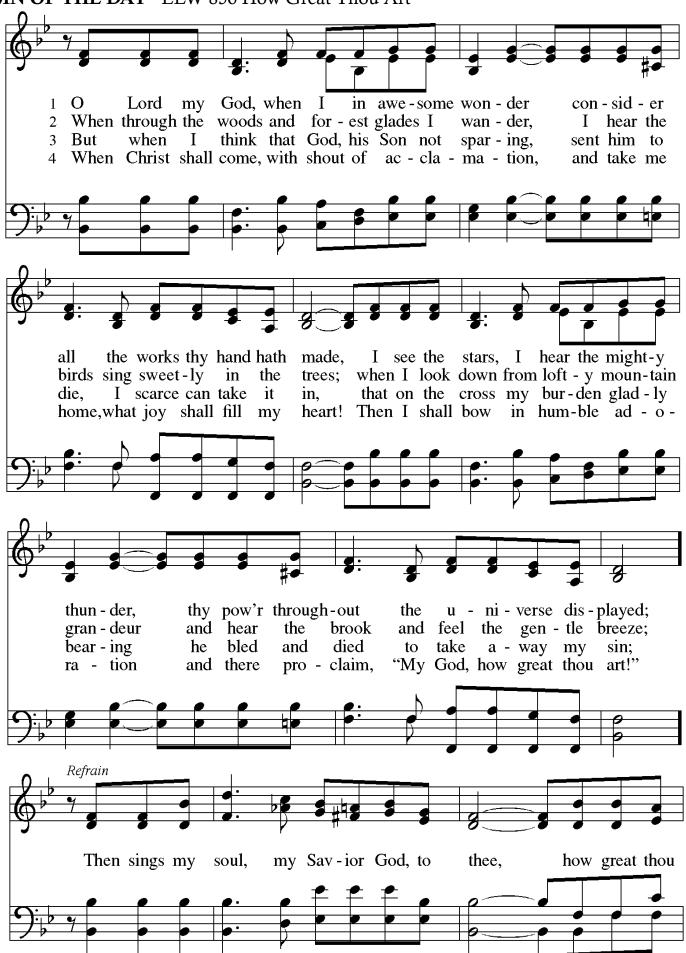
The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

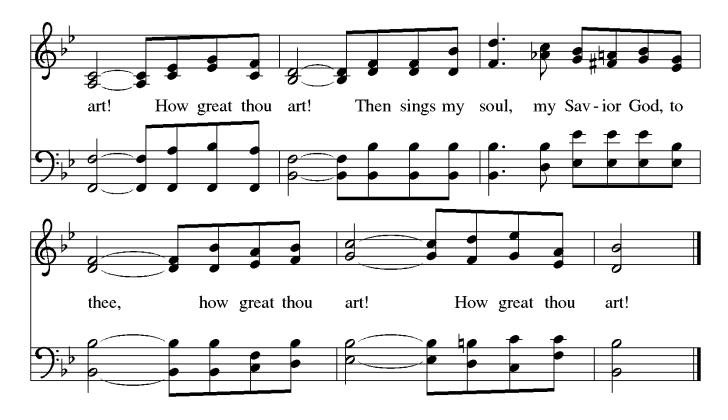
Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 856 How Great Thou Art





Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine Text and arr. © 1953 S.K. Hine, assigned to Manna Music, Inc., 35255 Brooten Road, Pacific City, OR 97135 (ASCAP). Renewed 1981. All rights reserved.

NICENE CREED

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

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 INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission and this congregation's ministry. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC Glory to the Lamb

By David Blackwell

Adult Choir

Come let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand, thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one: Alleluia, alleluia, Glory to the Lamb.

"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be exalted thus;" and "Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, "for he was slain for us:" Alleluia, alleluia, Glory to the Lamb.

Let all that dwell above the sky, and in the earth and seas, combine to lift your glories high, and sing your endless praise.

Let all creation join in one, to bless the sacred name of him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb: Alleluia, alleluia, Glory to the Lamb!

Please stand.

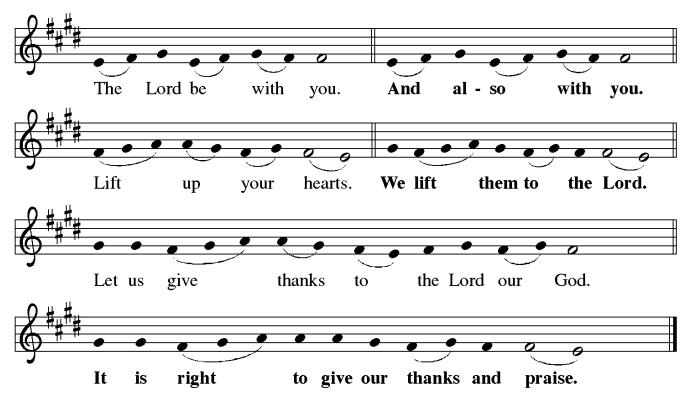
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

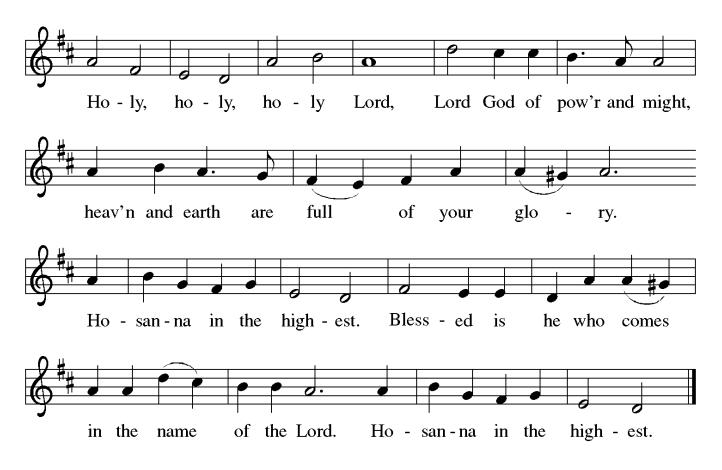
Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PROPER PREFACE



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



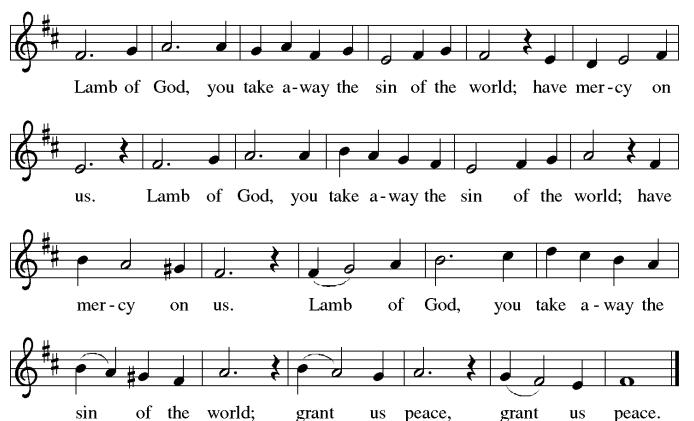
Please be seated.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.
The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.
The assisting minister serves the wine/grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.
You may pick up your personal cup, being careful to only touch that cup.
Step aside and drink the wine, placing the used cup in the return tray.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN ELW 634 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je sus'name! Let an gels pros-trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is rael's cho-sen race now ran-somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da-vid's line, whom Da vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin ners, whose love can ne'er for get the worm-wood and the gall,



di - a - dem bring forth and crown him Lord of all. the roy - al who saves you by his grace him and crown him hail Lord of all. in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him all. the God Lord of spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all. g_0



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord all. of Go spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord all. of

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 826 Thine the Amen



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- Thine the thine the there be 2 life e - ter - nal - ly prom-ise let
- tru ly thine the ves 3 Thine the thine the ta - ble the guest we
- 4 Thine the king-dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
- 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



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thine the thine the thine the glo - ry sto - ry gone the nail-ing gone the gone the rail - ing then the ring - ing and the then the sing - ing thine the thine the then the glo - ry sto - ry then the ho - ly ho - ly cel - e ho - lv

har - vest then the cup plead-ing gone the cry end of the all war wel-come to the least bra - tion iu - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup lift - ed lift - ed is up up. sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss gone the lift - ed high. liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more thine the more. ev - er then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast feast. thy at splen-dor thine the bright-ness on - ly thine the thee. on - ly

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

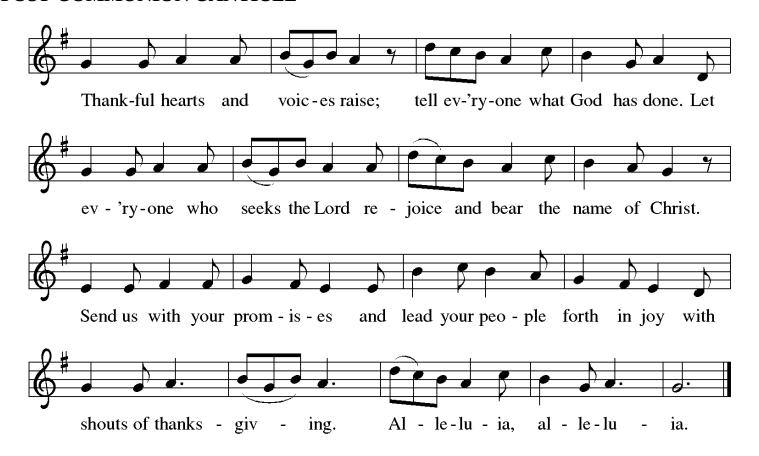
Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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Please stand.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, our king and Lord. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God—Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 416 At the Name of Jesus

Verses 1, 3, 5



Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877

Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Music from *Songs of Praise*, © Oxford University Press 1925.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Postlude on King's Weston

By Michael Bedford

November 21, 2021

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in gratitude by Helen and Steve Sanders.

2022 Pledge Update To date, we have received 73 pledges totaling \$382,950 toward our goal of \$450,000. Please be sure to submit your 2022 pledge card to the church office or online.

Director of Music Medical Leave Update: Donna Garzinsky will continue on medical leave into the new year as she recovers from surgery. We continue to hold her prayer. Wayne Dietterick has agreed to continue as interim choir director and principal organist. Linda Clark has agreed to continue as interim director of the handbell choir and recorder ensemble. We are extremely grateful to both Wayne and Linda for their willingness to serve during this time.

Youth Group Meeting: TODAY at 7:00 PM. Middle and High School youth welcome.

Churches Beyond Borders Joint Devotions: The Lutherans and Anglicans in the United States and Canada share a special relationship. Our four churches: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, The Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and the Anglican Church in Canada, have produced a devotion for use from November 25–December 10 for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Copies are available in the narthex.

Advent begins November 28! We have LOTS of Advent events and resources: Advent Lessons & Carols, **December 12**, intergenerational Advent activities for children and adults, **every Sunday in Advent at 9:00AM** in Hinman Hall, and an online Advent calendar on our <u>Facebook</u> page, where we will post each day of Advent through Epiphany, recipes, memories, fun facts and more.

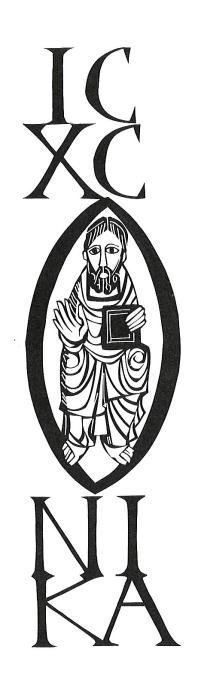
Advent Devotions and Advent Christmas brochures are available now.

The Advent Sale, November 28–December 19 in the chapel. We are feeling nostalgic this Advent Season so our theme for this year is "Awaiting with Nostalgia," bringing back memories of the past. We will have items from the past, handmade crafts, a few traditional things, and ELCA Good Gifts will also be available. All proceeds will go toward local food ministries.

LSMNJ Christmas Gifts: We are again joining with Lutheran Social Ministries NJ (LSMNJ) to support children and seniors in affordable housing. How you can help: Purchase gift cards (from Walmart for children in Camden or from Walmart, Target, pharmacies or grocery stores for seniors). Bring to church by **December 5** and we will mail them to LSMNJ. Purchase gifts from LSMNJ's Amazon Smiles Christmas Gift List for children and seniors. Click here to open Beth Gebhart's Christmas Gifts list and select any one (or more) of her gifts for your purchase. You will require an Amazon account to complete your purchase with a credit card, but you can create a new account on the spot. Ship to LSMNJ, 3 Manhattan Drive, Burlington, NJ 08016. Deadline for deliveries is **December 15.** Contact Helen Dachowicz or Hans Calis with questions.

Bridges Outreach: We will be preparing sustainable lunches to give to the homeless on Sunday, December 12, at 9:00 AM, and doing a run to Newark on Saturday, December 18. Keep an eye out for more information about what food items you can contribute.

Appalachia Service Project July 2–9, 2022 Update: Youth AND adults can still sign up for this awesome service opportunity. The need in Appalachia is so great, ASP is permitting some all-adults teams for the summer program usually geared to youth. This is a unique year and a great opportunity for adults to try ASP. Contact Laura Snyder ASAP: njsnyders5@verizon.net.



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