

St. John Lutheran Church

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Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 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.

*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.*

*They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,*

*nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre 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.'*^{Revelation 7,13-17}

The Feast of All Saints 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The long green season of Pentecost is coming to a close and we will soon be immersed in the seasons of Advent and Christmas. As we journey through these last few weeks of Pentecost, our worship will reflect the spirit of the season. Our home worship for November is the church's ancient liturgy of Matins or morning prayer. The ancient church took up the Jewish practice of gathering for morning and evening prayer. The liturgy for home worship is the very same historic prayer service that monastic communities and seminaries pray to this day. As we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the end of Pentecost with the Feast of Christ the King and the beginning of Advent in December, let us do so as generations of faithful people have done so for centuries. Enclosed with this brief letter you will find copies of the new liturgies for both our video worship and our parking lot service of drive-in Holy Communion.

Remember we meet on Saturday evening at 5.30pm and Sunday mornings at 9.15am for our drive-in services of Holy Communion. You can dial into our low power fm transmission of the liturgy at 91.3fm. Links to the video worship presentation are shared via our Sunday morning E-Pistle. If you are not currently on the E-Pistle distribution list and would like to receive it, please contact me at your convenience.

Our council recently adopted a phased reopening plan based on guidelines provided for us by the Lower Susquehanna Synod. We are hopeful that an effective therapeutic or

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vaccine will be available in the new year and we crafted a plan that allows us to reopen based on declining infection rates in York and Northern Baltimore Counties. A copy of that phased reopening plan is included in this mailing.

We are also beginning to make contingency plans for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. If you would like to help us with our Christmas planning, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Enclosed with this mailing is also a copy of our proposed budget for 2021. We will convene by Zoom video conference on Sunday, January 3rd at 11:00am to ratify the budget. Here is the invitation for that congregational meeting:

Topic: St. John Lutheran Church Annual Meeting and Budget Approval
Time: Jan 3, 2021 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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May you be preserved in faith and health during the concluding weeks of the season of Pentecost.

In Nomine Iesu,

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