

St. John
Lutheran Church

WE
are the
Church

Commitment 
to Community



Sunday, October 30, 2022

8:30am

THIS IS

 **Commitment Weekend**
October 29 - 30

WE
are the
Church

**When there's a lot of shifting pieces,
some things never move:
God's presence with us
and our place in God's heart.**

We are the church, called to this place

- At the corner of Plainfield and Hennepin Road,
- At the crossroads of what has been
and what is to come,
- At the intersection of faith and hope.

Find your place here, with us, next to neighbors, among friends.

***WE are the church, the people of God who have been called
to this place for a purpose.***

Use a Commitment Card in the pew or online at stjohnjoliet.org.

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

The altar flowers today are given by Joe and René Norris in celebration of the wedding of their daughter, Abbie Norris, and Griffin Gleddy yesterday.

To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Thank you to our St. John Church Council and Staff for coffee hour this morning.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, October 30, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Meghan Doyle
Communion Assistant	Pam Murray
Ushers	Ron Crabb, Mark Collins, Marge West
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Kristen Vorrier, Bill Bromer
Livestream Team	Matthew Markwell, Frank Norem
Counters	Pat Block-Hay, Sharon Sullivan
Altar Guild	Jan Drish, Cheryl Lovell

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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“A Short Verse”

Tomkins

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C Amen.

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept to reflect on the ways we are learning God's gracious ways.

P Let us pray. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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Verse 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

Verse 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

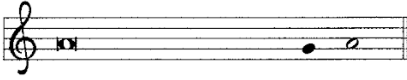
Verse 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot over pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

Verse 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

***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.**

*Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



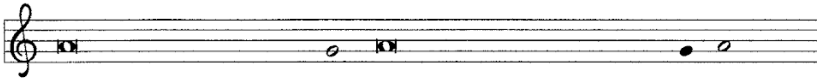
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



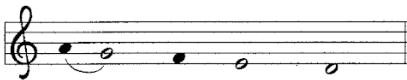
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister

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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Generous God, you gave your servant Solomon wisdom so that he might govern your people well. Grant us your wisdom, so that we may discern your will for us in this time and in this place. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Special Music

“City of God”

Schutte, arr. Holstein

St. John Chorale

In memory of Geraldine M. Frost,

mother of Mark Frost and David Luecht, members of the St. John Chorale

Reading

1 Kings 3:4-15

D A reading from the book of First Kings. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being and provided a feast for all his servants.

- D Word of God, Word of Life!
- C **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Acclamation**

S 151a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel**

Matthew 7:24-27

- P The gospel according to Matthew, the seventh chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said] “Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise person who built their house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish person who built their house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

- P The gospel of our Lord.
- C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

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- Verse 1** God, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.
- Verse 2** Christ, who once came to bring,
On your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight;
Health to the troubled mind,
Sight where illusions blind;
Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light.
- Verse 3** Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth your flight;
Move on the water's face
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.
- Verse 4** Holy and blessed three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light.

***Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

Prayers of the Church

744, Vs. 1, 3 & 4

P In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all
of God's creation.

Congregation sings this response:

"Lord, Be Glorified"

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Verse 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer Petitions

Verse 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer Petition

Instrumental

Prayer Petition

Verse 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
 In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

The prayers conclude

P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you,
 O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

***Sharing the Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You may share the peace of Christ with others.

Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.

Commitment to Community

We are committed to God's holy work at St. John. As we turn toward the year ahead, you are invited to give to the mission and ministry of our church. When we gather our financial resources, we care for each other, serve the world, reimagine our future, and enrich our faith.

You are invited to commit to supporting this holy work at St. John. As a physical act of offering up your gifts to God, you may bring your 2023 Commitment Card, offering, attendance sheet, and prayer request cards forward, placing them in the offering basket during this special time today.

You will find blank commitment cards in the pews for your use, if needed. If you already completed an online commitment card, representative commitment cards are in the pews for you to bring forward.

This is a celebration of our shared ministry and for all God has given us! Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Walther

*Offertory Response

691, Vs. 1 & 3

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

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Verse 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.

Verse 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us Pray. Gracious God, **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving *(sung)*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

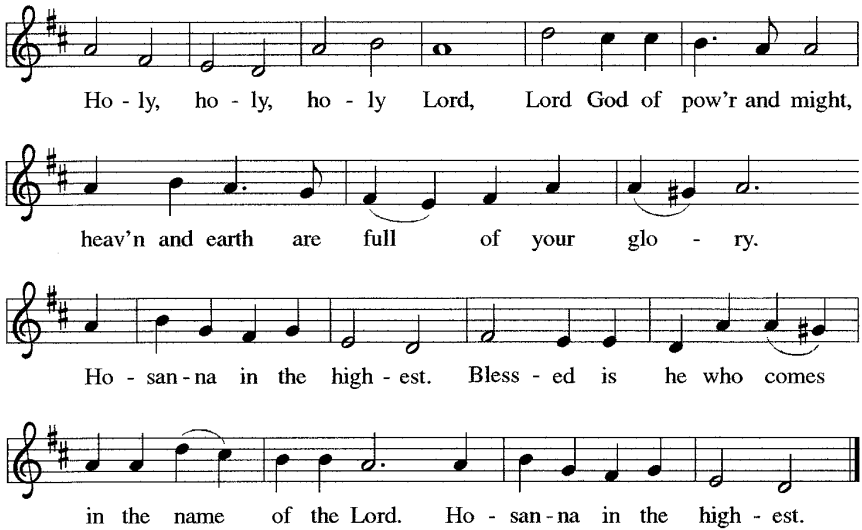
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Invitation to Communion

P Christ invites us to this table! Come, taste, and see.
C Thanks be to God!

Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.
All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

There are two ways to receive communion today:

Receiving Communion in your pew

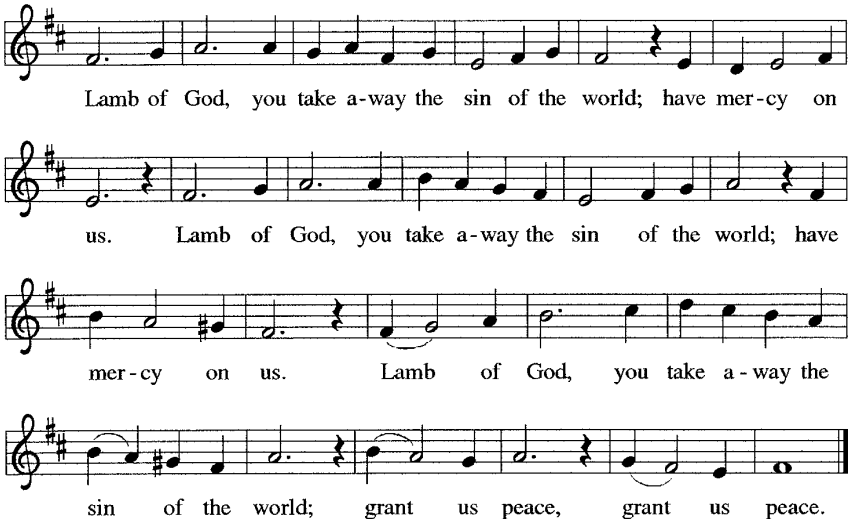
You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Receiving Communion at the altar

- *You will be invited forward by the usher.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *The deep purple wine is on the outer rings of the tray; the golden grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

Lamb of God



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.

“Now We Join in Celebration”

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Verse 1 Now we join in celebration
At our Savior's invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber,
Clothed instead in joy and wonder;
For the Lord of all existence,
Putting off divine transcendence,
Stoops again in love to meet us,
With his very life to feed us.

Verse 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
Fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
Are for us the sure possessing
Of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
Of your living self, our vict'ry,
Pledge of your unfailing presence,
Foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Verse 3 Lord, we share in this communion
As one fam'ly of God's children,
Reconciled through you, our brother,
One in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
Serving all, both friends and strangers,
Seeking justice, love, and mercy
Till you come in final glory.

“Faith of Our Fathers”

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- Verse 1** Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to you till death.
- Verse 2** Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
Your work for Christ is love revealed,
Spreading God's word from pole to pole,
Making love known and freedom real.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
We will be true to you till death.
- Verse 3** Faith of our sisters, brother too,
Who still must bear oppression's might,
Raising on high, in prisons dark,
The cross of Christ still burning bright.
Faith for today, O living faith,
We will be true to you till death.
- Verse 4** Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
Bind us with all who follow you,
Sharing the struggle of your cross
Until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
We will be true to you till death.

***Blessing**

C Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

- D** Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve others with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Benediction

C *Sing* AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

*Sending Song

“The Church Song”

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Chorus We are the church, the body of our Lord;
We are all God's children. We have been restored.

Verse 1 The church is not a building
Where people go to pray;
It's not made out of sticks and stones,
It's not made out of clay. **Chorus**

*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Gagliarda”

deMacque



Lutheran Church Announcements
Sign ups at stjohnjoliet.org

NOW

**All Saints Day is Next Weekend,
Crosses Available in Narthex**

Write in the name of your loved one, decorate & return it by Friday, Nov. 4th. We will display it on All Saint's Day, Nov. 5 - 6.



**Sunday School Christmas Program
Speaking Part/Role Sign Up with QR**

2nd through 6th graders invited to sign up!
Details on sign up page.

**OCT
30
Sun**

**HS Fall Retreat Deposit Due Sunday &
Registration Deadline**

The Rescheduled Fall Retreat Registration is open at stjohnjoliet.org! Join us on November 4th - 5th for an amazing weekend of fun, hanging out, and activities!

**NOV
7, 14
Mon**

New Member Class, 7pm

Pastor Robin hosts classes for guests wishing to join the St. John faith community on two Mondays in November. Please plan to attend both. Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call 815-439-2320. New members received at 11am on Sunday, Nov. 20th. Lunch follows.

**NOV
23
Wed**

Thanksgiving Eve & Pie Night!!

Worship begins at 7pm & Pie Night follows! More details and sign up information as the day gets closer.

**DEC
04
Sun**

**Sunday School Christmas Program and
Light Up the Night**

4pm Sunday School Christmas Program
4:30pm Light Up the Night: Cocoa & Carols in the parking lot
5pm Light Up the Night: Tree Lighting in the parking lot

**DEC
18
Sun**

Christmas Cantata

Make plans to be in the Sanctuary on Dec. 18th at 8:30am & 11am to enjoy *Little Lamb*, *Little Lion* directed by Tori Hicks. Features St. John Chorale, Praise Team, and Youth Choir.



Next Week: October 31 - November 6

Monday 10/31

- 9:30 – 11:30am PDO
- 5:45 – 6pm Chimers: SA
- 6:15 – 7pm Ensemble: SA
- 6:30 – 8pm Small Group: TR
- 7 – 8pm Handbells: SA
- 7 – 8pm A.A. Women: KJ Hall
- 7 – 8pm Al-Anon: WW 3&4

Tuesday 11/01

- 9:30 – 11:30am PDO
- 9:30 – Noon Staff Meeting
- 4 – 5pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7 – 8pm Sunday School Team Meeting
- 7 – 8:30pm Boy Scouts: KJH

Wednesday 11/02

- 8am – 2pm Food Bank Delivery: KJH
- 9:30 – 11:30am PDO
- 6 – 7pm Youth Choir: SA
- 7 – 8:15pm Confirmation
- 7:30 – 8:30 Sound/Livestream Tech
- Check: All Saints Day
- 7:30 – 9pm Senior Choir: CR/SA
- 8:15 – 9:15pm HS FIRE: YR

Thursday 11/03

- 9 – 11:30am Coffee with Friends: TR
- 9:30 – 11:30am PDO
- 11am – 3pm FP Delivery: KJH
- 3 – 6pm Daybreak: Cook/Transport.
- 5 – 7pm FP Packing: KJH
- 6 – 8:30pm Youth Service Team
- 6 – 7:30pm Daybreak: Serve Food
- 7 – 8pm Praise Team: SA
- 7 – 8:00pm AA: Men Zoom

Friday 11/04 HS Fall Retreat: Lutherdale

- 9 – 11am Quilters: WW5
- 9 – 10:30am Meals on Wheels
- 9:30 – 11:30am MOPS Steering Meeting
- 10:30am - Noon Altar Guild: All Saints Set up

All Saints Day

- Saturday 11/05 HS Fall Retreat: Lutherdale**
- 8 – 10am FP Distribution Drive
- Thru: NX & KJH
- 5:30 – 6:30pm Worship: SA

Sunday 11/06 All Saints Day

- 8:30 – 9:30am Worship: SA
- 9:45 – 10:45am Sunday School
- 11am – 12pm Worship: SA
- 12:15 – 2:30pm 'Tween GO!

Google Church Calendar

St. John Lutheran Church	
Today	Monday, October 31
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9:30am	PDO
5:45pm	Chimers: SA
6:15pm	Ensemble: SA
6:30pm	Small Group: TR
7:00pm	Handbells: SA
7:00pm	A.A. Woman's Group: KJH
7:00pm	Al-Anon: WW 3&4
Tuesday, November 1	
November Special Offering: Helping Hands	
9:30am	Staff: TR
9:30am	PDO
4:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry: TR
7:00pm	Boy Scouts: KJH
7:00pm	Sunday School Team Meeting: WW 3&4
Wednesday, November 2	
8:00am	Food Bank Delivery: KJH
9:30am	PDO
6:00pm	Youth Choir: SA
7:00pm	Confirmation (7th-9th Grade): Building
7:30pm	Senior Choir: CR/SA
7:45pm	Special Service: Sound Check (All Saints)

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