



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 2, 2025
11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader; **bold text** indicates a congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Please leave your offering in the plate at the front of the nave, near the pulpit. If you would like to give online, please use the QR code to the right.



The prelude marks the beginning of our preparation for worship. We use it as a time of silent meditation and prayer.

Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18

The apostolic greeting quotes the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:14)

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude

In paradisum

arr. Gerald Near

*May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs receive you at your arrival and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem.
May choirs of angels receive you
and with Lazarus, who once was poor, may you have eternal rest.*

ENTRANCE RITE

Children's Sermon

We stand as we are able.

Hymn 422

For All the Saints

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.**

The Gloria ("Glory to God...") is a continuation of resurrection praise. With the angels we sing God's glory revealed in Je-sus Christ. (Luke 2:14).

Gloria

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



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

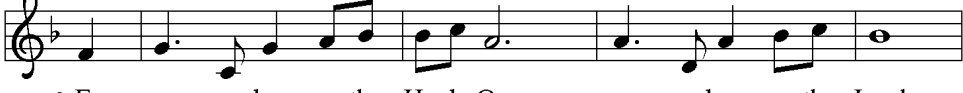


seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

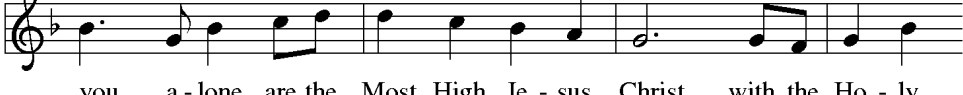
Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember the “great cloud of witnesses” (Heb. 12:1) who have gone before us, especially those members of our congregation who have died since last All Saints Sunday.

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

The first lesson is normally from the Old Testament.

Thanksgiving for Departed Saints

P Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

C Amen

P Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

C and you will find rest for your souls.

P For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

C And you will find rest for your souls.

P O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors:

*Shirley Coffey
Shirley Dyer
Becky Whisnant*

Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

We are seated.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

L A reading from Daniel.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A psalm is spoken or sung in response to the first reading.

Psalm 149

*We chant the Psalm responsively, with the congregation singing the **bold** verses..*

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD¹ a new song,
God's praise in the assembly¹ of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice¹ in their maker;**
let the children of Zion be joyful¹ in their ruler.

³Let them praise their maker's¹ name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou-¹rine and harp.

⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure¹ in the people**
and adorns the¹ poor with victory.

⁵Let the faithful re-¹joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy¹ on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be¹ in their throat**
and a two-edged sword¹ in their hand,

⁷to wreak vengeance¹ on the nations
and punishment¹ on the peoples,

⁸**to bind their¹ kings in chains**
and their nobles with¹ links of iron,

⁹to inflict on them the judg-¹ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones.¹ Hallelujah!

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

L A reading from Romans.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L The word of the Lord.

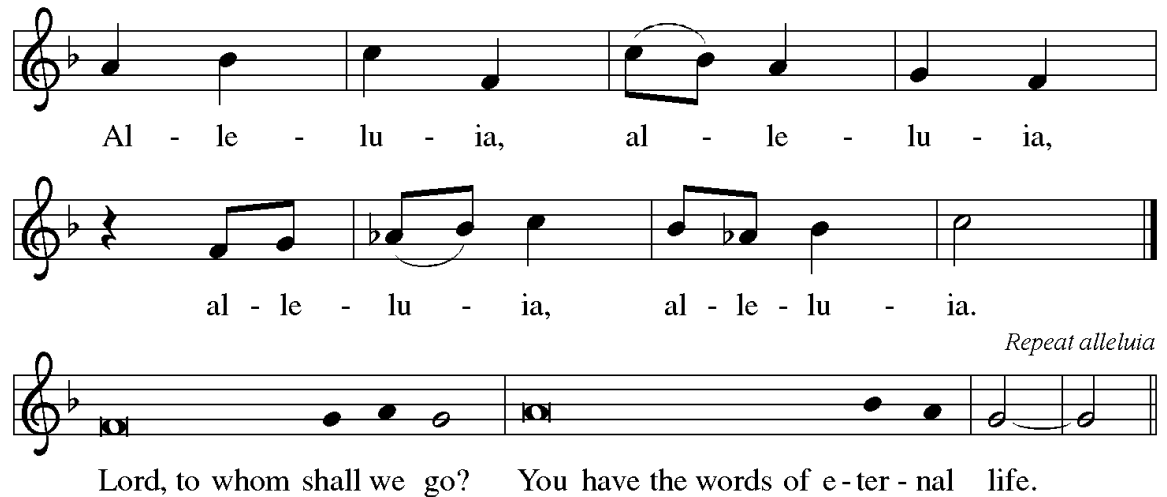
C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation is the congregation's response to the announcement and reading of the Holy Gospel. It gives special focus to the Gospel, the principal and climactic biblical reading in the liturgy.

The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

We sit.

Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

Hymn 429

In Our Day of Thanksgiving

The Apostles' Creed (which begins, "I believe...") is traditionally attributed to the first apostles, working under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It has been known to the church since at least the fourth century.

Creed

P Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

The Prayers



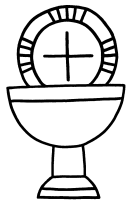
Each petition concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

*Much more than
a pleasant
greeting—we do
this to proclaim
God's promise
of peace.
2 Corinthians
13:11*

*Our gifts are
received and
dedicated to our
Lord's service.
These offerings
support the min-
istries of this
congregation,
the Virginia
Synod, ELCA,
and our global
mission part-
ners.*

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY



The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

Offertory Anthem

Lead, Kindly Light

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom

Lead Thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home,

Lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see

The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou

Shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now

Lead Thou me on!

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still

Will lead me on.

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till

The night is gone,

And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Lead Thou me on,
to my God.

- text by John Henry Neumann

As our gifts of offerings and tithes are brought forward we sing a canticle of thanksgiving for God's generous goodness.

Offertory



Breathe on us, Spir - it, strength - en us in grace,
 help us to serve in this and ev' - ry place,
 in - crease our faith, as we your work pur - sue;
 lov - ing our neigh - bor, God, and lov - ing you.

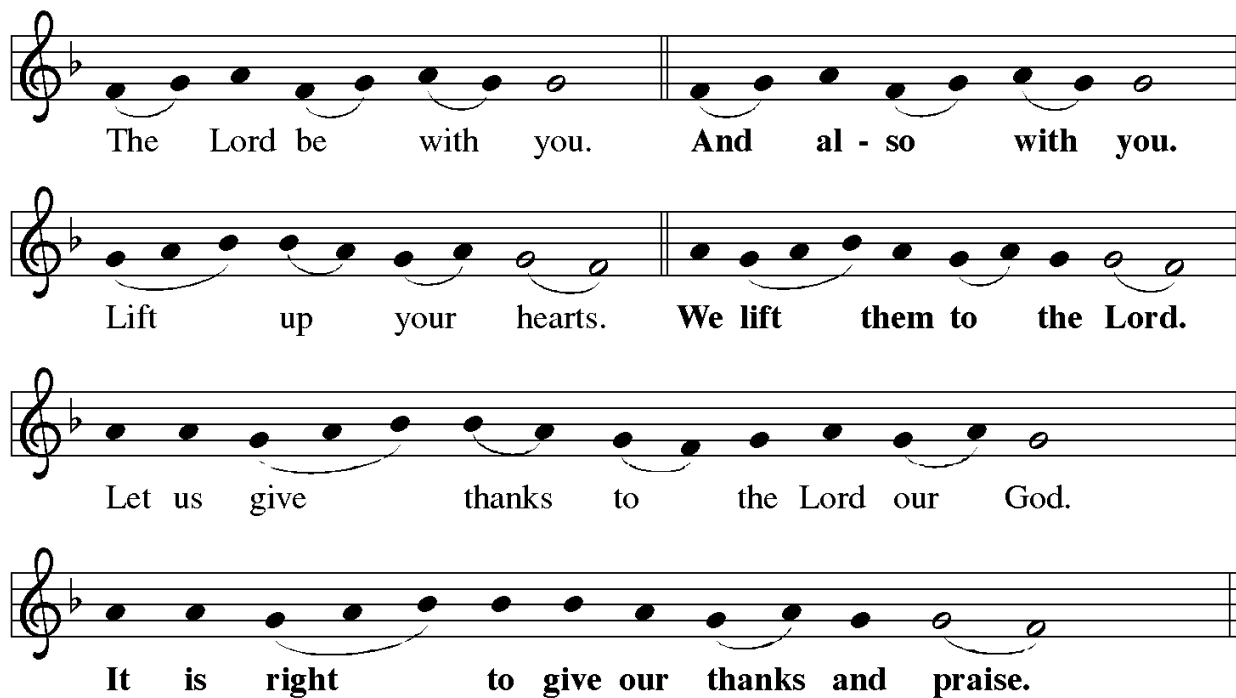
Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,
C we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
 Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
 but on you, who richly provides for us.
 Multiply what we have gathered
 to bless all who are suffering and in need,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

The Sanctus echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.

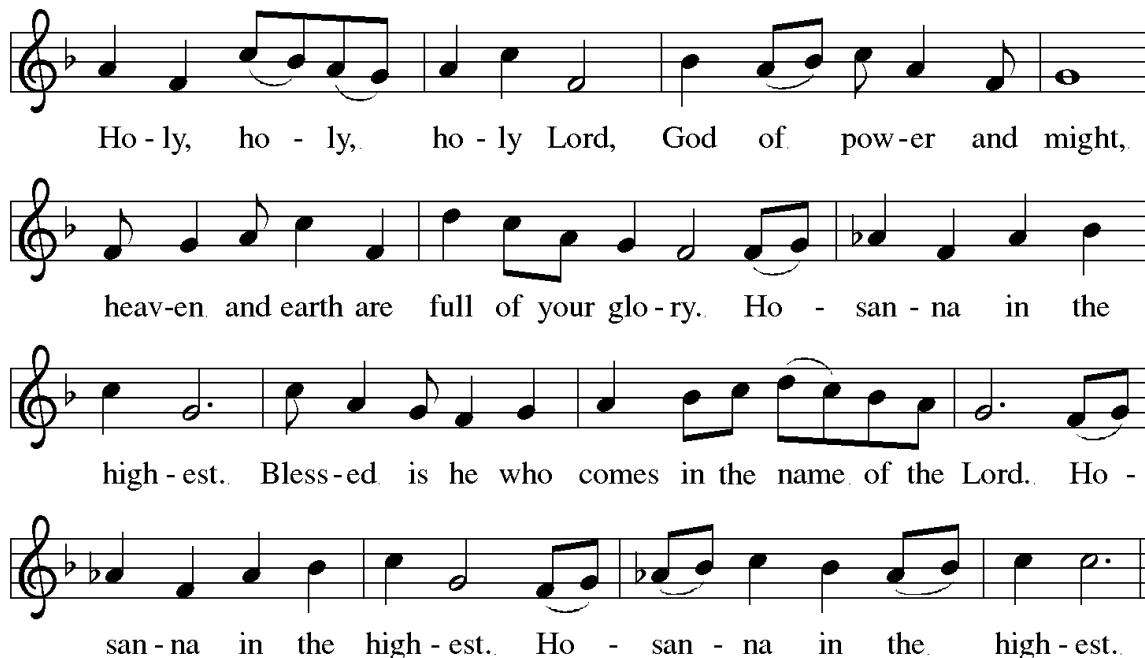
The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right ..."

The proper preface concludes: "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen

*The Lord's
Prayer brings
the Great
Thanksgiving to
a conclusion.
Prayed here,
this familiar and
beloved prayer
becomes the
table-prayer of
the congrega-
tion. Luke 11:1-
13; Matthew 6:5
-15*

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and 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,

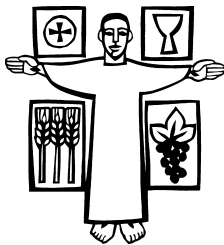
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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

We are seated.



**COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle, forming two lines to
receive communion at the altar rail. We return
to our pews by way of the side aisles.



*Once we have
all received the
sacrament and
returned to our
seats, we cele-
brate the per-
sonal encounter
with the risen
Christ through
blessing, prayer,
and singing.*

Post-Communion Blessing

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

C Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. O God,

C **through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.**

**Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.**

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Blessing

P The blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen

Hymn

Rejoice in God's Saints

1. Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
 2. Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3. Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4. Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!

A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

*We are dis-
 missed from
 worship knowing
 that our service
 does not end.
 Rather, having
 been in the pres-
 ence of the risen
 Lord, we leave
 so that our ser-
 vice may truly
 begin.*

Dismissal

P Go in peace loving God and loving your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

For All the Saints

arr. Paul Leddington Wright

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, November 2	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, November 3	5PM—7PM	The Lion's Share open
Tuesday, November 4		
Wednesday, November 5	6:30PM-8PM	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
Thursday, November 6		
Friday, November 7	10AM—noon	The Lion's Share open
	6:30PM	NA meeting (Library)
Saturday, November 8	8PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, November 9	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Greeter	Susan Ware	Sandy Anders & Lois Ashby
Lector	Jennifer Armentrout	Franci Sifers
Communion Assistant		
Coffee Hour		

Attendance Last Sunday	70
Offering Received (Pledges/Loose)	\$2264.00
Budget (Pledges/Loose)	\$3173.00



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Loving God, Loving Our Neighbor

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