St. John Lutheran Church



All the nations will be gathered before the throne

MATTHEW 25:32

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ The King Sunday • November 22, 2026

Reverent Reflection

Prelude

Welcome

Church Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C. **Amen.**

P. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. **Amen.**

P. Most merciful God,

C. **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

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 sin. 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.**

Gathering Hymn: Come Ye Thankful People Come (#693)

Apostolic 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 p. 147

P. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C. **Lord, have mercy.**

P. 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**.**

C. **Lord, have mercy.**

P. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. **Lord, have mercy.**

P. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord**.**

C. **Amen.**

Canticle p. 149

P. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**
Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out
their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from
the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on
the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with
good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good
grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of
my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the
strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I
will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21
Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you
scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge
between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be
their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the
Lord have spoken.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a

Response: "We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand."

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**
3 For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. R**
5 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**
7a For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. **R**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 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, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God 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, 21 far 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. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation p. 151

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to

one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Children's Sermon

Anthem

Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination (places or events may be named).

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need (especially).

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace throughout the world: in our nation, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan, and all war-torn areas. We pray for our military and their families.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Great Thanksgiving p. 152

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.**

Preface p. 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. p. 153

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion p. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns: As We Gather at the Table (#522)
Blessed Assurance (#638)
Let Us Break Bread Together (#471)

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway. (#264)

Dismissal

Postlude

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Morning Worship Service
	After Worship Service	Coffee Hour
	10:45 am	Sunday School/CIA)
	After Worship Service	Band Rehearsal
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Band Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Ongoing		Shelf Stable Milk Collection Diaper Collection for Pantry, Holy Communion, Berlin Harvest Home Donations ends today Toy Donations for Toys for Tots through December 5th
Sunday, November 22nd	4:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving Service at First United Methodist
Tuesday, December 1st	7:00 pm	Bible Study in the Parish House
Saturday, December 5th	5:00 pm	St. John's Annual Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 9th	2:00 pm	Christmas Tea in the Parish House Tea Room
Saturday, December 12th	11:30 am	Community Luncheon in the Ed. Building
Monday, December 14th	7:00 pm	Council Meeting in the Parish House
Wednesday, December 16th	7:00 pm	Grief Gathering in the Parish House Tea Room
Friday, December 18th	5:30 pm	Christmas Cookie Baking & Treat Making in the Ed. Bldg.
Sunday, December 20th	After Coffee Hour	Christmas Caroling to St. John's Homebound Members
Sunday, December 20th	11:30 am-12:30 pm	Confirmation Class in the Parish House
Monday, December 21st	7:00 pm	Community Ministerium Blue Christmas Service
Thursday, December 24th	3:00 pm	Jesus, Jammies and Joy Christmas Celebration
Thursday, December 24th	7:30 pm & 10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 27th	10:45 am	Hearts & Hands: Growing Together Crafts

Please note: All activities, dates and times are subject to change.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers for healing:

Jen Bailey	Helen Dominic	Stan Harmer	Joanne McVelli	Gladys Sheppard
Krystal Booras	Frank Donovan	Michelle Walk Hewitt	Emily Meighan	Meilani Showell
Michael Botti	Marie Lentine Douglas	Ella Hirsch	Melanie Miles	Frank Siderio III
Brian Byrnes	Tracey Drew	Valerie Hoffmann	Bill Murray	Maryann Smith
Barbara Cadwaller	Indie Fisher	Makenzie Jack	Renate Murray	Bill Steel
Meadow Cantoral	Kayla Friant	Ed Kagen	Erica Polito	Carol Taylor
Randy Cantoral	Stephanie Friant	Tracey Kelly	Samantha Reed	George Vaneman, Sr.
Debbie Capasso	Rhea Fryor	Deb Kuhn	Ashley Rosser	George Van Wagner
Janet Cappuccio	Ashley Fuhrman	Donna Leek	Dorcas Schellhas	Beverly Warming
Joe Condoli	Scott Griffin	Doug Levandowski	Jean Schlotz	Mary White
Sandra DeRitis	Angela Guedes	Tim McCarthy	Finn Schureman	

Please notify the office if you want to add or remove a person from this list.



GOOD NEWS!

COFFEE HOUR

Sunday after the Worship Service

(unless otherwise announced)

Join us for food, beverages and fellowship!

693 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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522 As We Gather at Your Table

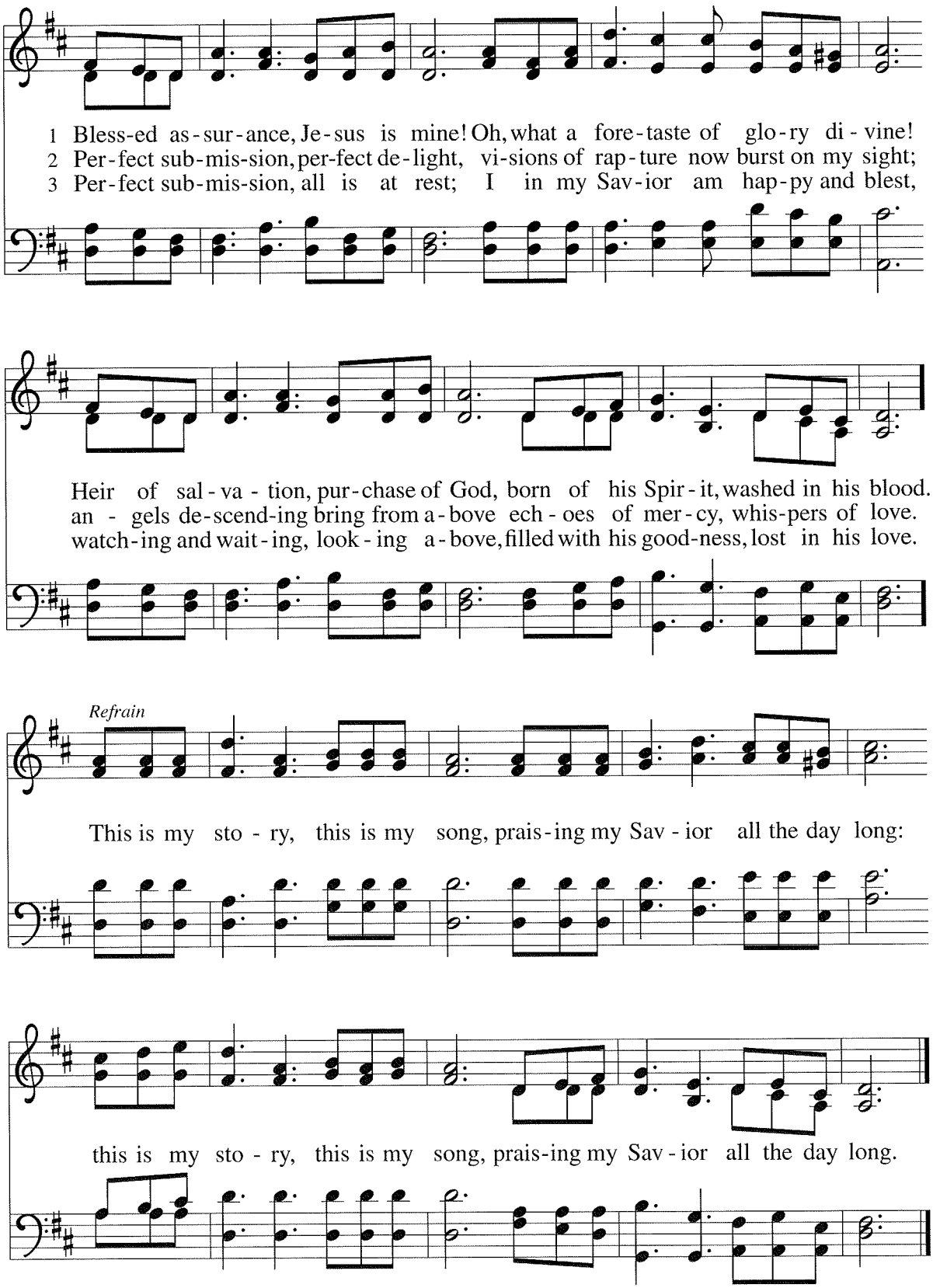


Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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638 Blessed Assurance



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

ASSURANCE
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Let Us Break Bread Together 471



Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER
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264 Prepare the Royal Highway



Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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Tuesday,
December 1st
7pm in the Parish House

St. John's Annual
Christmas Concert

Saturday
December 5th
Time: 5:00 pm



Christmas Tea
at St. John's Lutheran Church
Wednesday, December 9th at 2:00 pm
in the Parish House Tea Room



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON
Saturday, December 12th
at 11:30 in the Ed. Building.
All are welcome!



Church Council Meeting
Monday
December 14th
7:00 pm
in the Parish House



GATHERING
Wednesday, December 16th
at 7:00 pm in the Parish Tea Room.
All Are Welcome!



Cookie Baking and Treat Making
for Distribution to St. John's Homebound Members

Friday, December 18th at 5:30 pm in the Ed Building

All Are Welcome!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING
& Christmas Treat Distribution to St. John's Homebound Members

Sunday, December 20th after Coffee Hour

All Are Welcome!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, December 20th

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

in the Parish House



COMMUNITY MINISTERIUM BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST • 7 PM



JESUS, JAMMIES & JOY...

A Christmas Eve Celebration

December 24th at 3 pm



Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, December 24th at 7:30 pm and 10:00 pm

Hearts & Hands: Growing Together at St. John's

Our children are blessed to have so many important people in their lives, including their families and teachers. But their circle of caring adults can be even bigger through their church family!

We are looking for adults within our church family who would be willing to serve as mentors and build meaningful connections with our Sunday School children through a special craft activity led by our Sunday School teachers.

The goal is simple: to give our children the opportunity to build relationships with caring adults beyond their own family and teachers. We hope these connections will help our children feel even more loved and connected to their church family.

2026 Mentor Craft Dates

Sunday, December 27th



Holy Communion Lutheran Church of Berlin Baby Pantry need:





BABY DIAPERS
(especially larger sizes)
Collection is in the Narthex.



Please help us . . .
Donate Shelf Stable Milk for Our Lady of Peace Food Bank.

Donations in the form of cash or check will also be welcome.

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Contact: Buzz Etschman • 856-516-2758 (cell)

Please place toy donations in the box located in Ed. Building Foyer by December 5th.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

Altar Flowers are available for dedication for $30. Please fill out the envelope located in the pew rack at least one week before you wish to dedicate the flowers. The card may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. Please be sure to note the date on the white board in the Narthex. Please leave payment in the Church Office.

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Ronald Frank DeMuro, III Baptism • Sunday, November 15, 2026



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