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# CONSECRATION SUNDAY

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 16, 2008

DIVINE SERVICE III

IT IS  
IN  
GIVING  
THAT  
WE  
RECEIVE.

**WELCOME, ESPECIALLY TO OUR GUESTS!**

**PRAYER before WORSHIP** : Oh Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen. (from the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.)

**PLEASE SIGN** the Record of Fellowship pad during the Offering (the person nearest to the center aisle is asked to start and hand it down the pew, and back to the center aisle). First-time visitors are asked to include their address and phone number.

**AFTER THE 8:30 SERVICE** this morning will be a time of fellowship with beverages and snacks in the fellowship hall (turn left after leaving the worship area).

**CHILD CARE** (for children age three and under) is available in the Nursery (near the church entrance).



**HOLY COMMUNION** - The Scriptures teach that in the Holy Communion Christ's body and blood are given to us for the forgiveness of sins, strength for our faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection and who trust that these gifts are "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are invited to receive the sacrament.

**TODAY IS CONSECRATION SUNDAY.** We are encouraged to reflect on God's goodness and all of the generous gifts He has given us, conduct a self-examination of our management of the time, talents, and treasures that He has entrusted to us, and make our commitments to God.



## SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE!

### INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

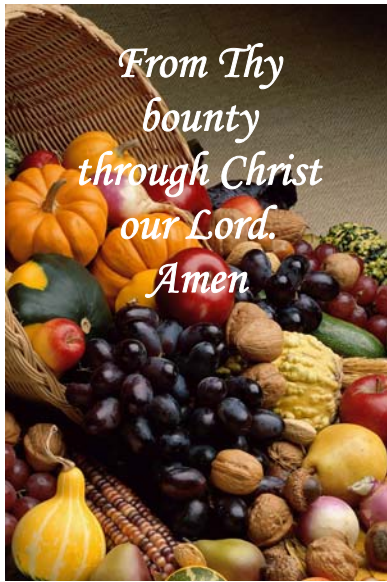
#### AN ETHNIC FEAST FOR SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE!

Let's spice up the Voters' Meeting by bringing your favorite ethnic family recipe, if you are able. This meeting (affectionately known as "The Budget Meeting") will be held on November 22, 5:30 p.m.



Please list your favorite dish to be shared by participants on the "sign-up" sheet posted on the bulletin board. Please bring your recipes too if you would like to share them. These recipes may generate a new Bethany Family cookbook!! Thank you for sharing your cooking talents with all. The Fellowship Board

**Agenda Items:** Pastor's China Report and the 2009 Plans and Budget



*From Thy  
bounty  
through Christ  
our Lord.  
Amen*

Gather with others of God's family to give thanks  
and praise to the God who has so richly blessed  
us:

**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
**November 27**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**This special service is a good opportunity  
to invite friends and acquaintances,  
especially those without a church home.**

**2009 ANNUAL PLANS AND BUDGET** will be available to the congregation after services today. At Saturday Night Alive! (voters' meeting) next Saturday, November 22, the 2009 Plans and Budget will be on the agenda.

**LIVING WATER** will meet this evening, 7:00 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble in Potomac Yard and continue their exploration of Questioning Evangelism?.

**ESTHER'S FAITH** will meet Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m., at Mondloch House, a division of New Hope Housing, located on Lockheed Boulevard where they will decorate for the Christmas holiday. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has donated funds for a small meal, and gifts. **Senior High School Youth Group** is encouraged to participate. For more information about Esther's Faith, or how you can help at Mondloch House, please contact Lam Kovatch, [lamskov@yahoo.com](mailto:lamskov@yahoo.com).

**WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT** will meet Wednesday evening, November 19, 7:00 p.m., at IHOP (7694 Richmond Highway). *All women are invited!*

**THE MEN'S BREAKFAST AND DISCUSSION** will be held on Saturday (November 22), 8:30 a.m., at the Old Country Buffet, 7820 Richmond Highway. All men (members and non-members) are invited to attend.



**FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God this morning by Larry and Kerry Moores in celebration of Katherine's second birthday (November 19); and by Diane Kutz in celebration of Joseph's 15th birthday.

**A PRE-THANKSGIVING MOVIE BASH**

*Everyone is invited!*

Wednesday, November 26

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Bring a snack or covered dish to share (if you are able) and watch the movie 'Tinkerbell.'

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD** on Saturday, December 6, 2-4:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. 'Travel' to different countries to experience the customs and traditions of families as they celebrate the birth of Jesus. For more information, please call 703/971-2210.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for  
SEMINARY FAMILIES

The Fellowship Committee will sponsor the "Christmas Gifts for Seminary Families" once again this year. Gift tags are posted in the hallway on the bulletin board. Please take the **top** tag only and write your name and phone number on the second tag, which should be left on the bulletin board. Please place your *wrapped and labeled* packages in the box outside Lam's office no later than December 5. The Board would like to mail the packages in early December in order for the families to receive them *before* they leave on Christmas break.

Thank you for your generous spirit in remembering these families at Christmas. May our Lord bless you at this season and help all of us remember that **"Jesus is the reason for this Season!"**

If you have any questions, please call Joyce Pukas at 703-768-0883

