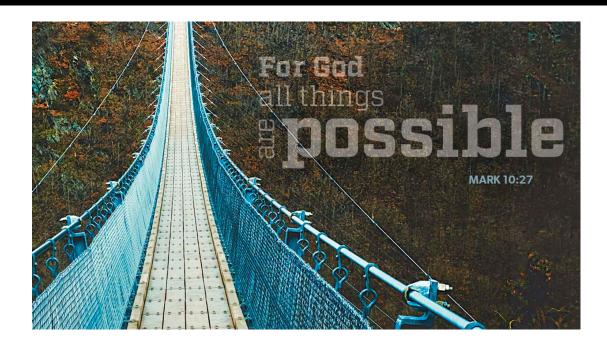
St. John's Lutheran Church



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Welcome to





The Geierlay (suspension bridge) in western Germany by Sandro Fabris. Copyright Ó 2022 Getty Images Plus via Getty Images. Used by permission.

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Neil and Sue Fischer in honor of their anniversary.

The processional cross represents Christ coming into the midst of his people. As the procession begins in the back of the nave, please turn and face the cross as it is carried forward.

9:00 AM Acolyte/Crucifer: Emma McLemore Lector: Dennis Ruck Communion Assistant: Lois Ruck Ushers:: Debbie Sweany Dave Sweany AlV: Neil Fischer:

I 1:00 AM Acolyte/Crucifer: Clare Griswold Lector: Ray Collins Communion Assistant: Valerie Taylor Ushers: Megan Venable Benny Smith A/V: Ryan Tate

> Altar Guild: Before: Toni Wise Between: Neil Fischer Sue Fischer After: Brad Long Angela Long

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

(Please stand.) **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** ELW 705

"God of Grace and God of Glory"



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

PREPARING OUR HEARTS THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP THEME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

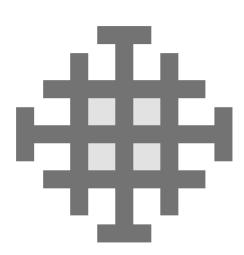
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Kneeling, in body or spirit.*



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- P: Merciful God, in baptism you have joined us to Christ in his death and resurrection, and you have united us with all who are baptized in Christ's name; but too often we fail to live as one people and to seek the unity of your church.
 Kyrie eleison...
- P: In baptism you have called the church to witness to Christ in all realms of life; but too often we do not seek to discern your will and to carry out your mission in the world. **Kyrie eleison...**
- P: In baptism you have sent us to serve all for whom Christ died; but too often we have ignored the suffering of the oppressed and the needs of the poor. **Kyrie eleison...**
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C: Amen.





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This prayer concerns the

prepares us for hearing

theme of the day and

the readings from

scripture.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

In the First Lesson, Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

In the Second Lesson, we cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

(Please be seated.)

FIRST LESSON

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 ⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,

and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,

and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor

and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,

but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,

and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,

and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,

just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,

and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,

will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

P: C: Thanks be to God. The Word of the Lord.

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

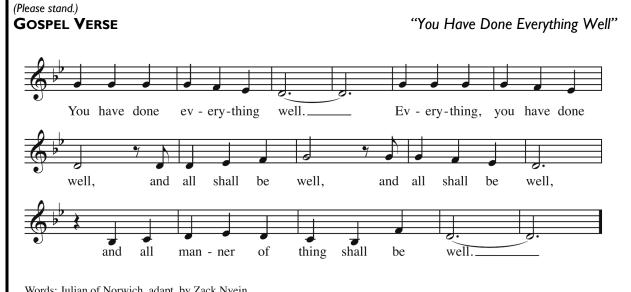
⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

P: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

GOD'S INVITATION: "Let the Children Come..."

Matthew 19:14

We stand while the Gospel is read and speak acclamations after the reading because we believe Christ is present to us in the reading.



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HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 10:17-31

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

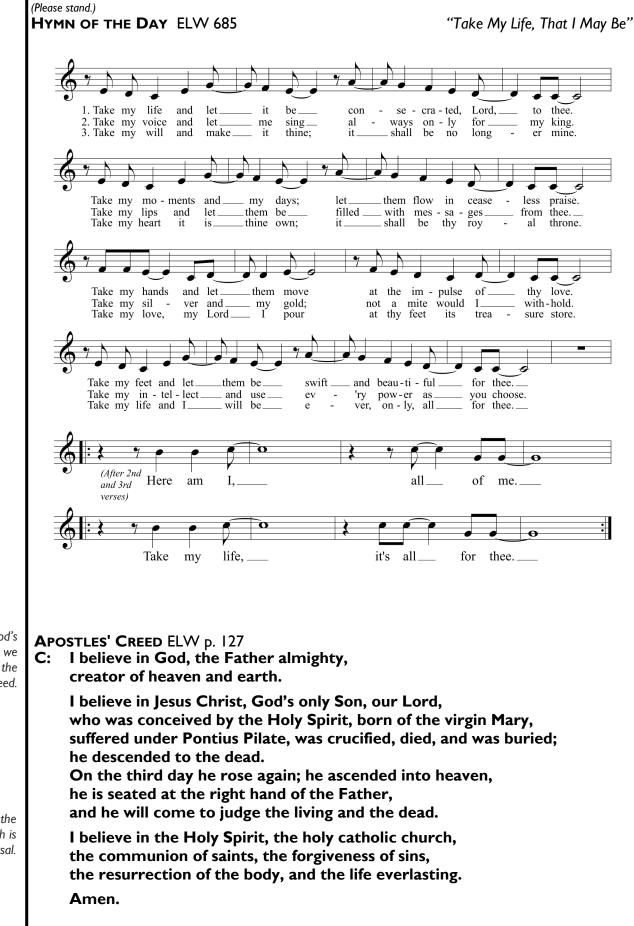
P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

In the Gospel lesson: Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

The meditation interprets the meaning of God's word for our lives today.

(Please be seated.)
MEDITATION

REV. AMY FIGG LEY



We respond to God's almighty acts as we confess our faith in the Words of the Creed.

This reference to the holy catholic church is to the church universal.

With this prayer, we express our concern for the whole Church, for the nations of the world, for people in their various needs, and for our own congregation.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

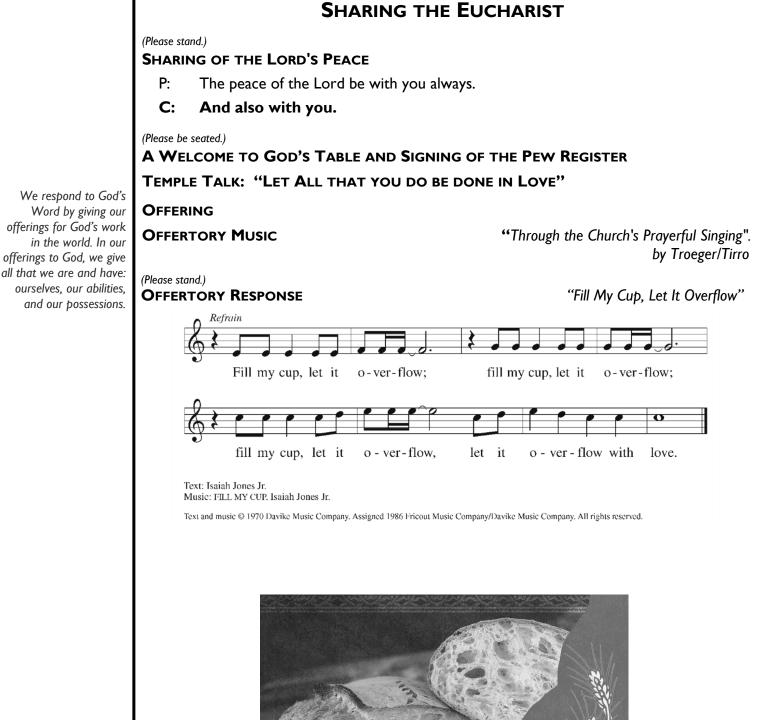
A: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

(Those who are able may kneel. Following each petition, respond with "hear our prayer.")

- A: Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,
- A: Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,
- A: Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,
- A: Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,
- A: Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,
- A: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Those Remembered in Prayer:

Michael Adams, David & Linda Cash, Emlyn Cobble, Pat & Charlsie Counts, Hugh Denton, Sonja Fowler, Al Gill, Lynda Hinkle, Jean Keener, Dick & Pat Krogmann, Stan Leib, Don McWilliams, Nicki Nye, Nancy O'Callaghan, Don Ray, Pam Shealy, Keith Solt. Norm Sorensen, Barbara Teague, Tom Wainner, Maxine Whistler, Bill Wing, Ron & Jeanette Woodward, our seminarians: Jordan Baker, Caitlynne Fox, and Joe Ley, the students, staff, & mentors at Christenberry Elementary school, synod partners in Guatemala, and all those affected by the devastation of Hurricane Helene





OFFERTORY PRAYER

The offertory prayer reminds us that God is the source of all gifts.		 P: Blessed are you, O God, C: source of every gift of your creation. 	
		By these gifts and with our lives,	
		help us to serve one another and all in need,	
		through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.	
		Amen.	
The Presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.	тн	THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE	
	P: C: P:	The Lord be with you. And also 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 God thanks and praise.	
	Р С :	Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. We praise you, O God.	
The words Jesus used in instituting the Lord's Supper remind us of God's wonderful works, invite us to receive the sacrament, and ask for the Holy Spirit to bless us.		Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. We bless you, O God.	
	Р; С:	We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. We thank you, O God.	
	P:	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.	
	C:	Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.	
	P:	We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.	
	C:	Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.	

LORD'S PRAYER

This prayer is based on Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:24.





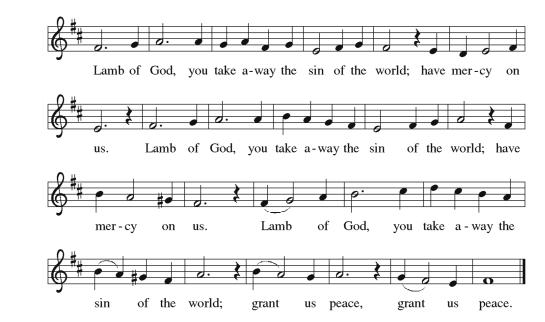
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COMMUNION

Regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all those who are baptized and profess Jesus Christ as Lord are encouraged to commune. For those who need gluten free wafers, they are available at the baptismal font, in the silver pyx. Those who prefer, may receive only the wafer. Additionally, there are individual communion sets in a basket on both front pews.

If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert an usher. Those who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD





Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt. Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

The blessing prepares us to continue our mission as Christian people in the world. The Sign of the Cross may be made by all as a reminder of Christ in whose name we are baptized and live.

(Please stand.)

BLESSING

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
- C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

SENDING HYMN ELW 543

As the cross is carried out into the world, we visually and spiritually follow the cross as we are led to love and serve the Lord.



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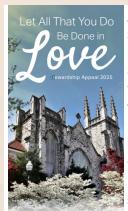
ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

- **P:** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
- C: Thanks be to God.

After each service, we encourage visitors and members to greet the pastors and each other in the Welcome Center.

October 2024



At St. John's Lutheran Church, we love inclusively, grow spiritually, and serve faithfully. We embrace ministry in downtown Knoxville, seeking to meet the needs of families who live in neighborhoods around the church, collaborate with local businesses, and respond to those in need, all in the heart of the mission district.

This year's three ministry initiatives include: expanding ministry programming for all ages, building communications impact, and exploring creative expressions of evangelism. We will incorporate these expressions of ministry into our current ministry plan budget.

Important dates to remember include Commitment Sunday on October 27 and Celebration Sunday Lunch and Ministry Fair on November 17.

Today in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10, we'll discuss the second half of Chapter 11, beginning with "Abundant Manna For All" (pp. 48-51) in Daniel Erlander's Manna and Mercy. The section focuses on Christ's ministry as recounted in Luke and more particularly on the promises of manna for all, as exemplified in the story of the feeding of the 5,000. It also notes how the poor and dispossessed found inspiration in Christ's example and on how some of the religious elites began to oppose his ministry and feel threatened by him.

For those with books, try to remember to bring them to the gathering, but you don't need to have read the

chapter to benefit from our deliberations and conversations. As usual, we'll have coffee and treats. Join us!





EACH SESSION RUNS FROM 2:30 TO 4:00 PM 544 N. Broadway Please enter at the glass door near the courtyard. You can use the gold call box to ring the church office.

An Invitation for You

MANNA

MERCY

A BRIEF HISTORY OF GOD'S UNFOLDING PROMISE TO HEND THE ENTIRE UNIVERS

Daniel Erlander

You are invited to participate in a three-session conversation concerning self-care. I will join Dr. Mark LeMay, our partner in ministry who sees clients at St. John's each week.

We look forward to learning together as we consider the following topics:

- The Gift of Margin
- The Pillars of Self-Care
- **Healthy Boundaries**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Peace and Love, Pastor Amy

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Oct. 21st Sunday after Pentecost *Nursery Spiritual Gains of Neighboring Oct. Staff Meeting Oct. **Church Council Meeting** Yoga Class Oct. Kickball Adult Co-ed 22nd Sunday after Oct. Pentecost *Children ... Music, Lesson, Snack, and Craft Spiritual Gains Conversation about The Art *Adults ... Manna & Mercy

SJLC Vision Statement

Love inclusively.

Grow spiritually.

Serve faithfully.



YTD actual income \$137,485 YTD budgeted income \$150,752 Variance \$13,287 (income was less than budgeted) YTD actual expenses \$156,790 YTD budgeted expenses \$167,703 Variance \$10,913 (expenses were less than budgeted) Variance income to expenses \$19,305 expenses were more than income Please contact Chris Brooks at cbrooks40@gmail.com, 865-250-3181 or Debbie Sweany at doubledcs@yahoo.com, 423-921-4812 for any questions It's Fall Y'all, so let's enjoy the season together with a Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 27 after the second service!

We'll gather in the courtyard and fellowship hall for nostalgic fall activities like **bobbing for apples**, **pumpkin painting**, **cornhole**, and plenty of cozy treats like **cider and spiced donuts**. **Pie contest** for best homemade pie? You betcha!



Everyone is welcome, and be sure to invite friends to share in the festivities.



B.E.E.R. in October

B.E.E.R. (Brothers Engaged in Enriching Relationships) will meet at The Barrelhouse by Gypsy Circus at 621 Lamar St. on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00. So come and grab a bite, a brew or cider, and share your upcoming holiday adventures. Barrelhouse also serves non-alcoholic beverages so there should be something for everyone.

Contact Garry Menendez <u>menendez@utk.edu</u> or Matt Whitehead <u>mattdwhitehead@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Southeastern Synod Disaster Relief Flood Buckets

There is now a need for flood buckets in response to the flooding caused by Hurricane Helene. These kits support the most vulnerable as they recover. By donating kit supplies or financial gifts to purchase the supplies, you make a direct, tangible difference in sustaining people's lives. We will send out an e-mail with more details on Wednesday!

- 5- gallon bucket with resealable lid...buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner, Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.
- Liquid laundry detergent ... two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle only
- Liquid household cleaner ... 12 to 16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water. No spray cleaners, please.
- Dish soap ... 16 to 28 oz. bottle, any brand
- I can air freshener ... aerosol or pump
- I insect repellant spray ... 6 to 14 oz. aerosol spray pump
- I scrub brush ... plastic or wooden handle
- 18 cleaning wipes ... handi-wipes or reusable wipes, no terry cloth cleaning towels, please

- 5 scouring pads
- 50 clothespins
- Clothesline ... two 50 ft or one 100 ft; cotton or plastic
- 24 roll heavy duty trash bags
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair disposable kitchen gloves ... rubber or latex
- I pair work gloves ... cotton or leather

IMPORTANT NOTES

- All items must by new except for the buckets and lids.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powder, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use the smaller size so the lid will close.



• 7 sponges