

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Christian

Education

Sun. 9:15 am

Services

Sat. 5:30 pm

Sun. 8:00 am

Sun. 10:30 am

***Proclaim the
Christ.***

***Grow the
Family.***

***Love the
Neighbor.***

Pastor

Mike Burdick

Nov. 19, 2023

25th Sun

after Pentecost

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Ms. Holly Bray.....	Choir Director
Mrs. Ammon Probst	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music
Kade Pennington, Alexa Westjohn, & Luke Sipe	Acolytes
Mr. Fred Bray.....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Jim Schroeder	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray 217-663-3916.....	Elder on Duty for Nov 20 – Nov 24
Chatelain School & Baja School	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins	(773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions	through our District and Synod

Altar flowers are in celebration of my son's birthday, Jeff Vail, by Marty.

Holy Communion

Welcome! When the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord's Supper we confess the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26) We believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present "in, with and under" elements of the Holy Supper. Please register your intent to commune on the pew card after prayerfully reading it. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.

"Forever"

Preservice #1

*Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise*

Sing praise, sing praise

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, Forever*

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, Forever*

*From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise*

*With a mighty hand
and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise*

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, Forever*

"Forever" written by Chris Tomlin 2001 worshipitogether.com songsScripture Reference: Psalms 89:1-2 CCLI Song: 3148428CCLI License: 51072

"Lamb Of God"

Preservice #2

*Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God*

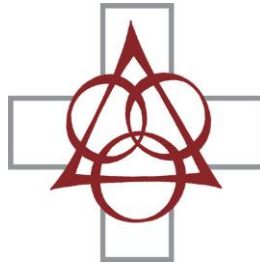
*Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God*

"O Lamb Of God" written by Twila Paris 1985 Mountain Spring MusicScripture Reference: John 1:29, Rev: 7:14CCLI Song: 16787CCLI License: 51072

DIVINE SERVICE FOUR



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #762

There Is a Time for Everything

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie (5:30 & 8:00)

Mark 10:47 LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis (5:30 & 8:00)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

"Give Thanks"

(10:30) **Opening Song**

*Give thanks
With a grateful heart
Give thanks
To the holy one
Give thanks
For he's given
Jesus Christ, his son
(repeat)*

*And now let the weak say
I am strong
Let the poor say
I am rich
Because of what
The Lord has done
For us
(repeat)*

Give thanks... "Give Thanks" written by Henry Smith 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! MusicScripture
Reference: Psalm 107:1 CCLI Song: 20285CCLI License: 51072

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7–16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
⁹On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,

those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when | it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.

⁸You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Dedication of the East Transept Piano for God's Glory in Memory of Doris Hammer (8:00)

P Beloved in the Lord, the gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has made this a day of special rejoicing. With this new piano we will be encouraged to "sing to the LORD and bless His name, to tell of His salvation from day to day."

It will also adorn the Word of Christ which dwells in us richly in all wisdom so that, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, we may sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. As He has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this instrument for use in God's holy house.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You dwell in the heavens surrounded by angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as they offer their worship and sing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth." We thank You that You have united our voices with their unending hymn of praise. Of Your goodness You have blessed us with this piano to enliven our hearts and adorn our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by Your mercy we may ever glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this piano for use in the services of His house.

C **Amen.**

Choir Anthem

“Come Ye Thankful People Come”

Isaiah 9:3 – You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

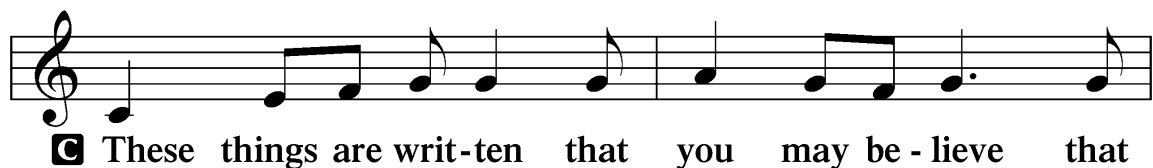
Alleluia and Verse (5:30 & 8:00)



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse (5:30 & 8:00)

John 20:31 LSB 205



☐ These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

“Come Unto Jesus”*(10:30) Sermon Song*

*Come unto Jesus all you who are weary
 Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel
 Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy
 Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal*

*Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying
 Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife
 Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly staying
 "My yoke is easy, My burden is light"*

*Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus
 Lay down your burdens, He is enough
 Come unto Jesus, rest in His love*

*Come taste the Bread of Life; broken for sinners
 Drink from the cup of His promise made sure
 Feast at His table as sons and as daughters
 Grace overflowing is yours evermore*

*Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus
 Lay down your burdens, He is enough
 Come unto Jesus, rest in His love*

*Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking
 All that was gain count as nothing but loss
 Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading
 Come unto Jesus, take up your cross
 Come unto Jesus, take up your cross
 Life everlasting He offers to us!*

*Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus
 Lay down your burdens, He is enough
 Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus
 Lay down your burdens, He is enough
 Come unto Jesus, rest in His love*

*Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus
 Lay down your burdens, He is enough
 Come unto Jesus, rest in His love
 Come unto Jesus, rest in His love*

Sermon

“The God Who Gives”

Matthew 25:14-30

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 208

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 Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

Hymn #508	The Day Is Surely Drawing Near
Hymn #632	O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

“The Lamb”

(10:30) Communion Song

*The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where s the sacrifice
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!*

Refrain

*Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

*The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav n His praise to sing. Refrain*

*The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain*

*He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain*

*He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev ry heart to Him belong. Refrain*

"The Lamb" written by Gerald Coleman 1987 MorningStar Music Publishers Scripture Reference: Luke 22:7-20CCLI Song: 643985CCLI License: 51072

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn #733	O God, Our Help in Ages Past
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"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

(10:30) Closing Song

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,

The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended

The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us

To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God everliving,

The tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,

Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us.

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving

Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" written by Omer Westendorf Public Domain Scripture Reference: Luke 8:30; Col. 3:17; Num. 6:26 CCLI Song: 231270 CCLI License: 51072

Postlude

Advent Devotional Booklets are available in the Atrium



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