

St. John Lutheran Church



“ Christ Is Coming Soon ”

Consecration Sunday - Christ the King

Sunday Morning Worship @ 8:00 and 10:30 A.M.

Sunday School and Bible Classes @ 9:15 A.M.

Holy Communion Celebrated Every Sunday at Both Services

November 25, 2018

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St. John Lutheran Church



“One in the Spirit: United in Christ and with Each Other”

‘... that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.’
(Colossians 2:2-3)

Last Sunday in the Church Year

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AS WE GATHER

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Next week we will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Christ's incarnation. But as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Christ's return in glory is the focus of this service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no one knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon.

Today is also Consecration Sunday. As we look ahead to the coming year, each of us is invited to commit our God-given blessings to the Lord for the strengthening and advancement of His Kingdom on earth! 2019 Commitment Forms may be placed in the Offering Plate during the Presentation of Offerings. Thank you for your participation!

+ PREPARATION +

Divine Service, Setting One (LSB, pp. 151 ff.)

In the Name of Jesus

OPENING VOLUNTARY: *“O Jesus, King of Glory”*

— 16th Century

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Rejoice and Sing, For Christ Is King"
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1. Re - joice and sing for Christ is King! He
 2. Give thanks and praise to Christ al - ways! He
 3. En - throned is Christ! His sac - ri - fice Was
 4. Our tri - bute bring to Christ our King In
 5. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, One, The



sits up - on His throne And
 rose in vic - to - ry From
 made up - on the cross To
 lives of love and cheer, With
 God whom we a - dore, Cre-



rules His Church with truth and grace Be-
 death's strong hold and sin's sharp sting And
 make a - tone - ment for our sins, His
 gra - ti - tude for King - dom grace To
 - a - tor, Sa - vior, Com - fort - er, Who



- cause we are His own.
 lives e - ter - nal - ly!
 flesh and blood the cost.
 serve Him far and near!
 lives for - ev - er - more!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Based on Psalm 93:1–2, 5

Pastor: The Lord reigns!
People: **He is robed in majesty!**

Pastor: The world is established.
People: **It shall not be moved.**

Pastor: God's throne is established from of old.
People: **Our God is from everlasting.**

Pastor: His decrees are very trustworthy.
People: **Holiness befits the Lord's house forevermore.**

Pastor: Christ is coming soon.
People: **Therefore stay awake and remain prepared.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: **we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return**

of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.

Pastor: Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. To God be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

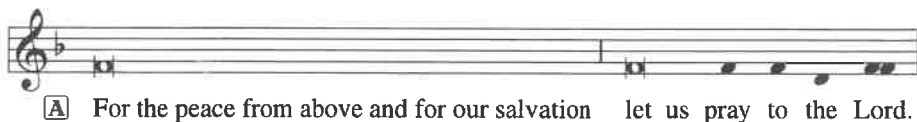
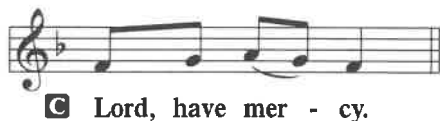
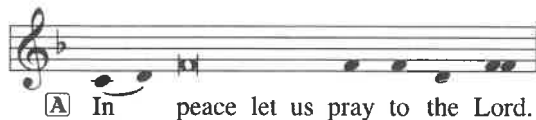
Pastor: Let us now share that peace of Christ with one another.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

(LSB, pp. 152-153)

Mark 10:47

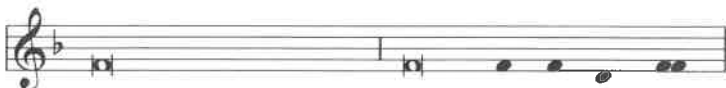




C Lord, have mer - cy.



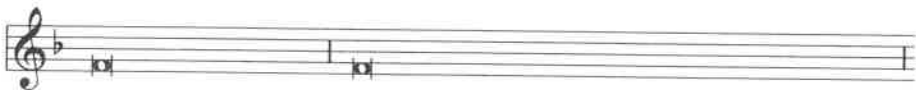
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



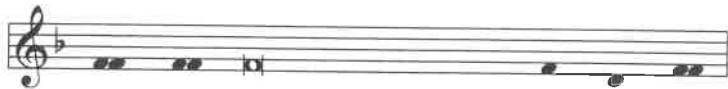
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ *This Is the Feast*

(LSB, p. 155)

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord: Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 51:4-6 (*Pay attention, listen, look; salvation is near.*)

“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Jude 20-25 (*Keep yourselves in the love of God until the end.*)

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(10:30 a.m. only)

ANTHEM: "Lost in the Night" — Finnish Song
(Adult Choir, Dr. Lewis P. Porter, Choirmaster)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

(p. 156, LSB)

Common

John 6:68

C Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37 (*Be ever watchful for Jesus' return with great power and glory.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

SERMON HYMN: *“We Look Ahead with Wonder”*

Text: John L. Telloni, @ 2000, based on Ps. 39:4-5,7,8,12a; v. 4, 2018)

Tune: Aurelia, Samuel S. Wesley

**We look ahead with wonder
To brand new heavens and earth,
The home of soul perfection,
The land of our last birth.
God gave us His sure promise;
We hear and give our trust.
The day is surely dawning
When glory grows from dust.**

Oh, show me, Lord, the ending,
The number of my days.
I know the life You gave me
Is sweet but fleeting praise.
The days that rise sigh faintly;
The span of years a breath.
Each fashioned person changes
From life to lonely death.

But, Lord, is there a vision?
Hope rests in You alone.
Save me from my transgressions
From Your grand heav'nly throne!
Do not let foes oppress me
Nor scorn Your love and power.
Oh, hear my cry for mercy,
My pleas in this sad hour.

I claim the Cross of Jesus
Where He poured out His life
To pay for all transgressions
And save us from all strife!
One day I'll stand before Him,
My King and Lord and Stay,
Redeemed, forgiven, holy,
To live with Him always!

Δ Praise to the mighty Father!
Praise to His holy Son
Who shed His blood on Cal'vry
And our salvation won!
Praise to His Holy Spirit
Who brings us God's good Word
Of pardon, hope, and heaven
That keeps our hearts astir!

(Note: This hymn was composed in 2000 for the Last Sunday in the Church Year. Verses 1-3 are based on Psalm 39 from the Old Testament. Verse 4 was written in 2018 and is based on the New Testament which proclaims the victory of Jesus Christ and His glorious return on the Last Day. The last verse is a Trinitarian Doxology ("words of praise"), indicated by the symbol Δ. When this appears, the congregation is to stand.)

SERMON: “The Joyous Day of Christ’s Return” (Mark 13:24-27)

NICENE CREED

(spoken by all)

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You reign as King forever. Protect Your Church from false teaching and scandalous living. Set Your justice as a light to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You are robed in majesty. In creation, You clothed us with Your image, but we daily sin, staining and warping Your perfect image into something unrecognizable. Keep us in Christ, who clothes us in robes that have been washed white in His own blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, in this fallen world, creation groans with many disasters. Restore the livelihood of those who have suffered such disasters as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires, for You, O Lord, are mightier than any storm or flood. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until You come again. Though we know You are coming soon, we still mourn the death of loved ones. [*Today we remember the families and friends of* . . .]. Comfort all who grieve with the hope of the promised resurrection and return of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we praise You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen
Lord.

People: Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS & 2019 COMMITMENT FORMS

Voluntary at the Offertory:

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

– Ch. Callahan

OFFERTORY ~ *What Shall I Render to the Lord* (pp. 159-160, LSB)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE (p. 160)

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* (p. 161)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (p. 161)

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 162)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (p. 162)

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord* (p. 163)

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God* (p. 163)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB # 549

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB # 905

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ *Thank the Lord* (p. 164, LSB)

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

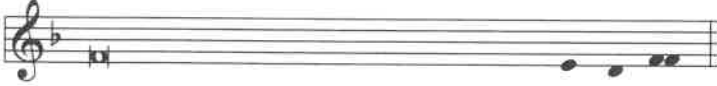
Pastor:

Let us pray to the Lord: 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



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.



A A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Beautiful Savior"*

LSB # 537

SILENT PRAYER

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY:

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

— *J. S. Bach*

To God Alone the Glory!

Consecration Sunday, November 25th

“Disciples Living as Grace-filled Stewards”

Today is **Consecration Sunday**. The focus for this week is *“Discipling Grace-filled Givers.”* In 1 Corinthians 16:2, the Apostle Paul wrote, *“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper...”* Each week we have the opportunity to show our love and gratitude through our offering. God calls us to give in proportion to how we are blessed and to make our giving a priority. Through faith, we understand that God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others, and, through our generosity, we can help extend His kingdom. As we give, God wants us to trust him and to give cheerfully. Our giving represents our gratitude for Who God is, what He has done, and what He continues to do for us. May we all grow in the grace of giving knowing that God will be faithful and bless us when we honor Him with our first and best.

COMMITMENT FORMS are available from members of the Board of Elders in the narthex. Please take one, if you have not already taken on and pondered and prayed over its contents. Please place your completed Commitment Forms in the offering plate during today’s service. Thank you for your participation as a Disciple/Steward of Christ!

**WHEN WE, THROUGH
FAITH, GIVE GOD
OUR FIRST AND BEST,
WE KNOW THAT
GOD IS HONORED.**

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”
(2 Corinthians 9:7).



Please remember to place your completed Commitment Form in the offering plate today. Additional forms are on the table in the narthex.

WELCOME to all worshipers, especially visiting friends. If you have come seeking blessings, this is the place, where God’s Word is proclaimed and sung on the Lord’s Day as we celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection that delivers forgiveness, life, and salvation! If you are a visiting friend, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you have no church home, we invite you to worship with us again and find out more about our Family of Faith.

THE LORD’S SUPPER is celebrated here in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURE: *The Pastor will distribute the Host (bread) by placing it in the open, cupped hands of the communicant. A Lay Server will then offer the individual cups, and an Elder will immediately follow with the common cup. People who receive the individual cups should keep theirs visible so that the Elder can tell whether they have communed.*

SPECIAL COMMUNION NOTICE: Do you need assistance in walking to the communion rail or desire to commune at your pew? Please ask an usher who will be happy to provide assistance.

LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS are available at the west end of the narthex. They come in 7-volume sets. Ask an usher for a copy.

NURSERY (Family Room) is available in **Room # 104** in the main hallway for family needs (*nursery or private area*).

“BUSY BAGS FOR TOTS” are available in the narthex for parents with young children for use in the sanctuary during the worship service. After the service, please return the Busy Bag to the basket! (Note: We kindly request that parents use these items and refrain from allowing children to write on the offering envelopes and Communion cards in the pew racks. Thank you!)

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed on the altar to the glory of God by Rose Sedjo in memory of her husband, Donald and her inlaws, John and Susan Sedjo. Our sincere thanks!

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING will be offered this morning for the following: Jon McFarren, who is in rehab at the Laurels of Massillon; Richard Bednar, who is a patient at Aultman Hospital in Canton; Jeff Houston; Betty Minch; Russ Halco; Tricia Parker, who is now at Altercare in Navarre; Mark Sturm; David and Karen Fisher; Rebecca Floom, granddaughter of Kim and Luther Russert; Steve and Debbie Marker; and Jason Taylor, son of Cynthia Glazebrook and grandson of Barb Brown. Also we pray for Betty Slinger and her family, who are awaiting word about Betty's missing daughter, Christine Slinger. Please remember these folks with your prayers and cards!

TODAY: In addition to *Consecration Sunday* and the offering of 2019 Commitments, it is also *Care and Share Sunday*. An offering plate will be available in the narthex after the service if you would like to give a gift to the Elders' Care and Share Fund. Thank you for your support and prayers!

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES will be held on **Wednesday, December 5th, 12th, and 19th, at 12:00 Noon and 7 :00 p.m.** The sermon series to be presented is entitled, "*Who Is Jesus?*", based on Matthew 1:1-17. We look forward to our fellowship around the Word and Prayer as we prepare for celebration of Christ's Coming on Christmas!

LUTHERAN BEACON: The December issue will be passed out today, one per family. Please make sure to obtain your copy of our SELC District monthly periodical!

LATE SERVICE GREETERS NEEDED! Please contact Judy Mantyla or the office if you would be willing to greet all who arrive, especially visiting friends, for worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you and God bless!

YOUTH ACOLYTES: Kids in the 4th grade and up who would like to serve as acolytes in our worship services are encouraged to sign up now! An Instruction Booklet will be handed out, and a training session conducted by Mike Krnach will be scheduled in the near future. This is a wonderful opportunity for service!

CALL FOR USHERS: Additional ushers are needed for the late service! We would encourage you to consider serving on one of the usher teams so that fill-ins are less frequent and the current three month rotation period can be preserved. If willing to serve, please contact Keith Graber, Gene Stocker, Richard Leffler, Dennis Lillich (late service) or Mike Krnach (early service). This service to the Lord is a valued and vital part of our worship life. Thank you!

Spiritual Growth ...

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS! “*Sunday Gospels*”– Pastor Telloni is leading a series that focuses on the Gospel Lessons for the Sundays in the Church Year. The group “*listens*” to the text, meditates on its contents, and applies the message to our spiritual lives, using the *Lectio Divina* method of Bible reading. Today our guest pastor, Rev. Mark Luecke, will lead the discussion on today’s Gospel, Mark 13:24-37. Grab a cup of coffee and some pastry and join the discussion! Next Sunday: Pastor Telloni will present the Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent, Luke 19:28-40.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for kids of all ages at 9:15 a.m. Please go to Room 109 for an hour-long Bible lesson – it’s all about Jesus! We have two teachers ready to lead: Mary Kay Pershing, for preschool and primary grades; and Janet Graber, for intermediate grades. Questions? Please see Superintendent Rosemary Sedjo.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS will be held on **Sunday, December 16th**, after the late service in the Fellowship Hall. Any party planners interested in helping, please see Rose Sedjo.

LIFE WITH GOD is a brief program led by Pastor Telloni to assist those who would like to participate more in the worship and service life of our congregation. Resources used are the Scriptures and Luther’s Small Catechism. A new group of get-together’s is planned if there is enough interest. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the front bulletin board. Please include a phone number in addition to your name! Thank you!

CATECHISM CLASS will resume on **Saturday, December 1st**, at 10:00 a.m.

PARENTS OF 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS! If you have not picked up the curriculum materials for the Pre-Confirmation Parent/Child Program, please see Pastor Telloni! Lutheranism 101 for Kids; Luther’s Small Catechism; and a gift Study Bible. Get started now!

PRAYER GROUP continues to meet each **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** in Room 104. Please feel free to come and participate in their sessions. Join Mickie, Debbie, Bonnie, Janet, and Marchaela.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET, “*The Coming King*,” courtesy of Lutheran Hour Ministries, will be handed out next Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent. See the information page on the back cover. May the devotions of Word and prayer enrich your personal and family life in the upcoming holiday season!

Parish News . . .

FELLOWSHIP: As a sign of our Christian hospitality, refreshments are served in the "Gathering Place" all morning. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship!

ALTAR GUILD NEEDS 2 people to clean up following communion after late service. It takes 15 minutes. Please see or call Mickie Krnach 330-837-9915.

ADVENT WREATHS will be put up this Saturday, December 1st, starting at 9:00 AM. Helpers needed and greatly appreciated. TLC is needed before they are ready to hang. Join us for early morning fellowship. Any questions, or if you can help, please contact Mickey Krnach.

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT will take place this **Wednesday, November 28th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**, in Rooms 112-113. An agenda and the September Notes have been sent via email to those involved. Questions? Please see Pastor Telloni.

VISION TEAM will meet on **Saturday, December 1st, at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in Rooms 112-113. Lectio Divina – Luke 19:28-40. Other items include the March 2nd Retreat and the Missionary Gaugert Vision. Please come ready for discussion!

THE MOBILE SNACK COMMITTEE mobilizes again **THIS Wednesday, November 28th**, with Beth Davis baking. If you would like to help in the kitchen or make home deliveries, please see Debbie Stocker.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE COOKIES are requested for December 5th, 12th, and 19th. Please mark them for "Advent" and place them in the kitchen. Thank you for your contributions!

ORDERS FOR SLOVAK CRESCENT COOKIES will be taken **TOMORROW** – Monday, November 26th from **10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.** Pick-up on Saturday, December 8th from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. Cost is \$5.50 per dozen. To place your order call 330-837-1982. Make checks payable to the "**Martha Society.**"

BAKING OF SLOVAK COOKIES for the Bake Sale will take place on Tuesday, December 4th to Friday, December 7th, starting at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon each day. Many helping hands are needed. If you can help in any way, please call Jeanette Tennant at 1-419-606-8809. Join us for fun, laughter and fellowship in a long tradition of the Martha's!

PRAYER CHAIN: For prayer requests, please call the church office or Gloria Pavelzik (832-7379). For those who face hospitalization or in emergencies, please call the Church Office (837-4645) or Pastor Telloni's home (830-2179).

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS: A big thanks is extended to all who donated food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Delivery this year. Deliveries were made last Sunday, November 18th, to 6 homes in our surrounding community. We are also grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to share our blessings with those in need! Note: The Elders are planning to deliver food to families for Christmas. More info to come!

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE REQUEST for the students and their families at **Concordia Theological Seminary at Fort Wayne:** Please consider donating gift cards in increments of \$10, \$20 or \$25 for national chain stores and restaurants. Service and gas station cards in increments of \$25 or even cash gifts to purchase dining hall lunch tickets would be gladly received. Check out our display on the Project Central table for specifics and **turn in your gifts no later than December 2nd**. Have questions? Call the church office. Thank you!



40-MONTH NOTE AT 4%

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800-843-5233 to learn more.**

Application Forms are available in the narthex.

This Week at St. John's ...

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| Today | 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am | Consecration Sunday Care and Share Sunday Divine Service Education Hour Divine Service |
| Monday | 10 am - 1 pm 6:00 pm | Phone Cookie Orders Cub Scouts |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Boy Scouts |
| Wednesday | 11:00 am 6:30 pm | Mobile Snacks Leadership Summit |
| Thursday | 10:00 am 7:00 pm | Prayer Group Adult Choir |
| Saturday | 1:00 pm 8:00 pm | Vision Team AA Group |
| Sunday | 8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 2:30 pm | Divine Service Education Hour Divine Service Girl Scouts |

ANNUAL SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, March 2, 2019

JOY:FULLY
LUTHERAN
1 THESS 5:16-24

Please put this on your calendar and make plans to attend!

Other Notes of Interest ...

ISSUES, ETC., is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Birth Pains" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A message by Michael Ziegler for The Lutheran Hour Based on Mark 13:1-37
The Lutheran Hour is available on the following stations:
WTAM Cleveland, OH 106.9 FM Sun 6:30 AM
WTAM Cleveland, OH 1100 AM Sun 6:30 AM
WBTC Uhrichsville, OH 1540 AM Sun 6:04 AM

"WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS" has a new name - **"WORSHIP ANEW"** is broadcast on TCT Network on MCTV channel 13 and TWC channel 13 every Sunday from 11:30 to 12 noon and also on their website Page 24 hours a day.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "God is the ultimate Designer. He designed the greatest good the world has ever seen to come from the most heinous evil mankind has ever produced. You are never too stained for God to love. When you are feeling weak and foolish, give thanks to God for that, because that's exactly the kind of person that God likes to use." Rev. Dan Larsen is pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Wabasso, Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

DEBT REDUCTION FUND

Goal: \$ 50,000.00

Special Gifts Received to Date: \$27,930.00

(Note: This fund was established by the Board of Directors to retire the balance due for the Credit Line provided by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.) Thank you for your prayers and gifts! You are invited to participate by giving a gift so that, without a deficit, our congregation may move forward in the mission and ministry of Christ! Deadline for Gifts is November 30th. Thank you!

“But 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.” Our salvation is secure in Christ: He has done it all to save us. Therefore, our hope is secure and our faith in Him is certain. And what goes with faith and hope? Love. Our good works of love flow forth from the certainty of our faith. Our giving back to the Lord's work comes from what He has first given us.

1 Thess. 5:8

The Lord's Accounts: Time and Treasures

Attendance:

11/18/18 26/44(70)

Communion:

11/18/18 25/32 (57)

Sunday School: 19

Year-to-date Offering:

2017 Total: \$176,923.22

2018 Total: \$187,229.10

Offerings:

General Fund \$2,680.00

Adult Sunday School \$ 14.00

Debt Reduction \$1,300.00

Missions \$25.00

Serving The Lord With Gladness In Worship

GREETERS: * Calvin & Mary Shunk ** Mickey Krnach

ELDERS: * Mike Krnach **Mike Halco

LAY SERVERS: * Nick Moauro ** Dennis Brown, Sr.

LAY READERS: * Carol Hartline ** Rosemary Sedjo

ACOLYTES: Ushers (both services)

USHERS: * Mike Krnach, David Fisher, Keith Kleve, Bill Ray,
Wayne Sand, Nick Moauro

** Richard Leffler and Mike Halco

ALTAR GUILD: * Linda & Bill Parker and Gloria Pavelzik

** Erin Goode, Meghan Burkey and Lauri Houston

TELLERS: Marker/Ribaudo

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is a “steward”?

A steward is someone who has been put in charge of something. For example, if you are a babysitter, you are a steward for the parents of the child you are watching. We have been entrusted as stewards, or keepers, of God’s creation. That means that He has given us everything we have, and out of love for Him, we use all things for His will. This includes giving of our time, talents, money and all that we have in service to Him.

Why do Christians give?

Like everyone else, we belong to God because He created us and sustains us. As Christians we belong to His kingdom of salvation through our Baptism. God’s love motivates us to give of what we have. We don’t give because we owe God for all He has done for us in Jesus. Instead, we give because of the powerful Gospel that is working within us! Wow! God really strengthens us for wonderful service!



Parents: Before or after the service, discuss stewardship with your children. Remind them why we give. Help them to discover how they might give of what they have. Encourage them to set aside a certain portion of their own money each week to give. They will experience the joy of giving first-hand.



WITNESSING:

Lighting the path for friends and family

SEEK GOD:

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the heart of your friend.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to bless all interactions with your friends and family.

BE CREATIVE:

- Exchange stories of family Christmas traditions. You'll learn about others' current spiritual situation and be able to share what Jesus means to you.
- Invite your friends to make new traditions this year, especially if the Christmas season is stressful or depressing. Invite them to read the devotions with you, go to Advent services, or participate in a servant event.
- Bring your friend or family member to help work at a church activity before Christmas. Getting to know people in a non-threatening way makes them more likely to attend future worship.

FOLLOW UP:

Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries can help keep your faith conversations going. Read, listen, e-mail or print at lhm.org/advent.



What God has done for the world is most intimately expressed in the life of His Son Jesus. In *The Coming King*, explore God's marvelous work through the lives of those who were on the scene at the time of the Savior's birth.