The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 22, 2026 † 9:00 AM



St. John's Lutheran Church

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St. John's Lutheran Church is a parish of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (lcms.org), where God's people gather to receive the gifts of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. Welcome in the name of the Lord!

We are blessed to have a vibrant and growing parochial school, St. John's Lutheran School (Preschool & K–12), serving the families of the church and the Mattoon community with a Christ-centered education. For more information, visit stjls-mattoon.com, or contact the school office at 217-234-4911.

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GUESTS, we pray you are comforted by the Gospel and feel welcome among us. We invite you to introduce yourselves.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME in the Divine Service. Restrooms and a cry room/nursery are located in the narthex.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE with all page numbers for the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, is found in this bulletin, as well as each week's Propers*. The end of the bulletin contains St. John's weekly news and announcements. The large-print bulletins also contain the text of the hymns and liturgy for the convenience of those who may need it.

**The Propers are the Psalm verses (Introit and Gradual) and Readings that are appointed for (or "proper to") the particular Sunday in the Church Year.*

Divine Service, Setting Three,
Lutheran Service Book, page 184

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Prelude

Opening Hymn: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*.....**515**

Confession and Absolution.....*page 184*

Introit (sung by choir) *Psalm 85:1; ant: Jer. 29:11–14; setting: H. Willan*

I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord: thoughts of peace, and not of evil.

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you: and I will turn your captivity and gather you from all nations and from all places.

Lord, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. [Antiphon is repeated.]

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis *pages 186–189*

Collect of the Day

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 65:17–25*

17 "Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in It the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
20 No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
21 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
22 They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
23 They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.
24 Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (sung by choir) *Psalm 45:14–15*

In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.
With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

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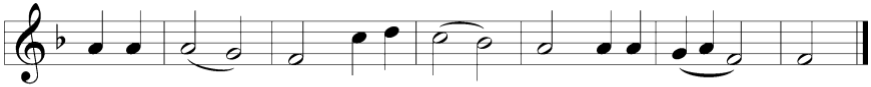
[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon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

Stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*



Verse (sung by choir)

I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Alleluia repeated.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1–13*

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

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their

lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

Nicene Creed ..... *page 191*

Sit
Hymn of the Day: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* **516**
Choir sings stanza 2; setting by J.S. Bach.

Sermon

Stand
Offertory: *Create in Me* ..... *pages 192–193*

Sit
Offering
Please take this time to fill out the red record of fellowship at the end of the pew.

Stand
Prayer of the Church

T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion: Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

Preface through Agnus Dei ..... *pages 194–198*

Sit

Distribution Hymns (as needed)

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near **508**

November Hymn of the Month

Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters **598**

The Clouds of Judgment Gather **513**

The World is Very Evil ..... *back page*

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us **514**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis through Benediction ..... *pages 199–202*

Closing Hymn: *Christ Is Surely Coming* **509**

Postlude

	11/22/26 (Last Sunday)	**11/29/2026 (Advent 1)**
Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Organist	Peter Eckardt	Peter Eckardt
Head Elder	Melvin Pierce	Melvin Pierce
Asst. Elder	Kevin Lange	Kevin Lange
Altar Guild	Tara Stortzum Connie Elder Jamie Hammerschmidt	Tara Stortzum Connie Elder Jamie Hammerschmidt
Acolytes	Harli Warfel Elli Herzberg	Maddie Hagen Charlee Compton
Ushers	Bryce Becker Tab Snyder	Bryce Becker Tab Snyder
Choir	Adult Choir	

Altar flowers are given by Stacy and Melvin Pierce with thankful hearts for God's blessings during this Thanksgiving season and throughout the year.

Attendance Last Week:173

Education Hour: 41- Bible Study 30-Bible School

Giving Numbers:

Budgeted: $223,844 Received: $181,220

Missions: $2110 of $10,400

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery

Our Members: Marge Anderson, Bob Koelling, Helen Smock, Laura Zuhone, David Uphoff, Mark Uphoff, Norma Schussler, Rachel Farmer, Carol Welton, Pat Wetzel, Karen Johnson, Don Traub, Barb Moran, John Kendall, Larry Dallas, and Alvin Schagemann

Those Shut In: Bob Zschau, Lorene Reinhart, Judy Schagemann, Sara Doehring, Doris Dallas, Karen Johnson, Bill & Shirley Donnell, Nancy Donnell, and Edwin Wetzel

Friends of Our Congregation: Douglas Blume, Charles Stodden, Bianca Stodden, Susan Sochowski, Linda Scheer, Addison Orris, Karen Phillips, Bill Crane, Rick Ivester, Margo Haas, Barb Hinkle, Amy Lawrence, Carol McDaniel, Brendan Harms, Tammy Weber, Dave Haas, Dan Prater, Isla Schwanke, Djuana Neal, John Snyder, Kent Metzger, Lindsey Williams, Lucas Dosien, LeAnn Moskowitz, Kelley Sheridan, Dan Young, Mark & Carol Ewald, Rebecca Dosien, Lois Osterman, and Micah Martin

Church Announcements

Join us for Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30 pm.

The Voter's ballot is now posted on the church bulletin board. Please take a minute to look it over. We are still looking for nominees to fill open seats. If you know of someone who would like to be nominated or you would like to nominate yourself please let Pastor Herzberg or William Havlik know.

The next voters meeting will be today after Bible Class.

2027 Giving Envelopes are now available outside the Fellowship Hall. If you do not see your name and would like giving envelopes please contact the church office.

Our online apparel store is now open! It will remain open through November 24. Orders will be delivered to the office by December 15. There are several great gift items! https://sjl.mybrightsites.com/

We are needing a host for one Advent meal. If you or your group would like to sign up to provide a meal please contact the church office. Thank you!

RaiseRight - The last day to order physical gift cards for delivery before Christmas will be December 14. Please get your orders in by 12:00pm on Monday, December 14. www.raiseright.com

Ladies Aid will be hosting a Holiday Cookie Walk with a Christmas Shoppe on Saturday, December 5th from 8:00-10:30 am. We are asking you to make your favorite Christmas Creation (cookies, breads, holiday snack mixes, drink mixes, etc.) and bring to the kitchen on Friday, December 4th by 4:00 pm. Cookie platters are available in the kitchen to put your creation on. Labels will be available in the kitchen on December 4th. Please label items, if they contain nuts. Please no fudge, cream cheese or cream pies. Thank you in advance! Proceeds from our cookie walk will support a St. John's family in need.

Have you considered a year-end gift to support the ministry of St. John's? Your support helps us continue to Preach Christ and Make Disciples each and every week. The last day to bring contributions in to have them posted to the 2026 tax year is Wednesday, December 30, 2026.

Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

SING WITH THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!

Want to join the choir for the Christmas season? Wednesday, November 11, is the time to join! That's when we'll begin rehearsing for our annual Lessons & Carols service and Christmas Eve. Let Cantor Eckardt know, so he can have music ready for you!

SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS
Tues, Nov. 24, 6–7:30 PM

Tues, Dec. 1, 6–7:30 PM
Tues, Dec. 8, 6–7:30 PM
Tues, Dec. 15, 6–7:30 PM
Tues, Dec. 22, 6–7:30 PM

SING DATES
Sun, Nov. 22, 9:00 AM
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Wed, Dec. 9, 6:30 PM
Christmas Lessons & Carols

Thur, Dec. 24, 4:30 PM
Christmas Eve Divine Service

Also: Join us Sunday, Dec 20, 4–6 PM to go caroling to our shut-ins!

	Youth Sports Schedule November 22- November 29
Mon-	6:00 pm Girls Basketball Regionals- Albion
Tue-	6:00 pm Girls Basketball- Regionals- Albion
	6:00 pm Junior High Boys Basketball- Findlay Okaw Valley

Schedule for November 22-November 29

Sun	**9:00 am Divine Service (Last Sunday)** 10:20-11:20 Bible Class/Sunday School 11:30 am Voter's Meeting 5:00-7:00 pm FIRE (HS Youth)- FIRE ROOM
Mon	**No School** *Church office hours 8:00 am-3:00 pm* 8:00 am Laborers of Love 9:00-11:00 am Girls Basketball- Church Gym 3:30-5:00 pm Boys Basketball Practice- Church Gym
Tue	**No School** *Church office hours 8:00 am-3:00 pm* 6:30 am Men's Bible Study- Honey Bee Café 9:00 am Girls Basketball- Church Gym 3:30-5:00 pm Archey Practice- Church gym 6:00 pm Adult Choir
Wed	**No School- Church Office Closed** 9:00 am Girls Basketball Practice- Church Gym 3:30-5:00 pm Archery Practice- Church Gym 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Service
Thu	**No School- Church Office Closed** *Happy Thanksgiving!*
Fri	**No School- Church Office Closed** 9:00-11:00 am Girls basketball- Church Gym
Sat	Stortzum-Fellowship Hall (All Day) 9:00-11:00 am Girls Basketball- Church Gym
Sun	**9:00 am Divine Service (Advent 1)** 10:20-11:20 Bible Class/Sunday School 5:00 pm The FIRE/ANCHOR (HS/MS Youth)- FIRE Room

Midweek Advent Services Schedule

Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 PM
(Advent dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall,
hosted by The Ladies Aid)

Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 PM
Lessons & Carols Service (w/Adult and Youth Choirs)
(Advent dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall,
hosted by the Service Eagles)

Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 PM
(Advent dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall,
hosted by St. John's FFA)

Wednesday, December 23, 6:30 PM
(Advent dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall,
host still needed)

Christmas Services Schedule

Thursday, December 24, 4:00 PM
Christmas Eve Divine Service

Thursday, December 24, 11:00 PM
Christmas Eve Midnight Divine Service

Friday, December 25, 9:00 AM
Christmas Day Divine Service

Christmas Program Performances

Thursday, December 10
MS/HS Band & Choir 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 15
Kindergarten-3rd Grade 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 17
Preschool 6:00 pm
(All performances are in the new building gym

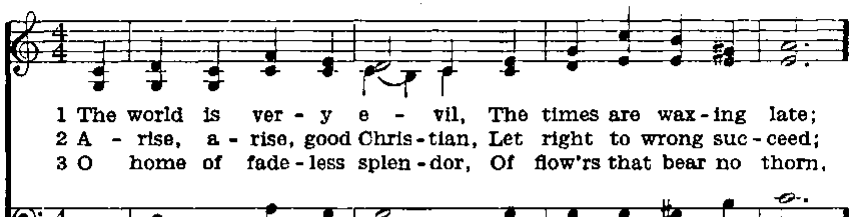
JUDGMENT

605 **The World Is Very Evil**

Rev. 21 : 24
Hora novissima
Bernard of Morlas, c. 1140, cento
Tr., John M. Neale, 1849

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Ewing
Alexander Ewing, 1853



4 Strive, man, to win that glory;
Toil, man, to gain that light;
Send hope before to grasp it
Till hope be lost in sight.
Exult, O dust and ashes,
The Lord shall be thy part;
His only, His forever,
Thou shalt be and thou art.

5 O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.