



# **ST. JOHN'S**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

**THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

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**Prelude** “Es Ist Gewisslich”  
“Wachet Auf, ruft Uns Die Stimme”  
“Es Ist Gewsslich”  
“Wachet Auf”

by Michael Praetorius  
J.S. Bach, BWV 645  
by Harold Rohlig  
by Jeffrey Blersch

## Announcements

**Opening Hymn: “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”**

*LSB 508*

*Please stand for last verse*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Versicles

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.  
**P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.  
**P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C** Teach me Your paths.  
**P** Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C** Your Word is truth.  
**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.  
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170



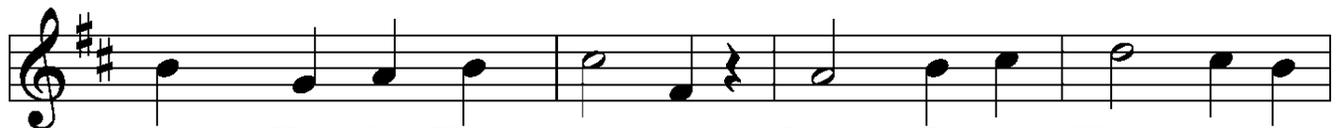
**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

*Sit*

### Readings from Holy Scripture

#### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 65:17–25*

<sup>17</sup>“For behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.

<sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>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.

<sup>23</sup>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.

<sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer;  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>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.

**Psalm**

*from Psalm 149*

**L** *Sing praise, sing praise, in the assembly of the faithful.*

**C** *Sing praise, sing praise, in the assembly of the faithful.*

**L** *[the cantor sings verses from the Psalm, after which all respond:]*

**C** *Sing praise, sing praise, in the assembly of the faithful.*

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>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 and Verse

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## 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.

<sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed,

they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>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.' <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>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.

### Responsory

**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

### 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.

### Catechism – *The Ten Commandments*

**P** The Tenth Commandment.

**C** You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

### *Sit*

#### Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

*LSB 516*

Sermon *Waiting for the Party*

#### Offering

Voluntary “Unto the One”

by Matt Papa

Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*LSB 805*

### *Stand*

#### Prayer of the Church

##### Lord’s Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven...

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for the Word

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## New Testament Canticle

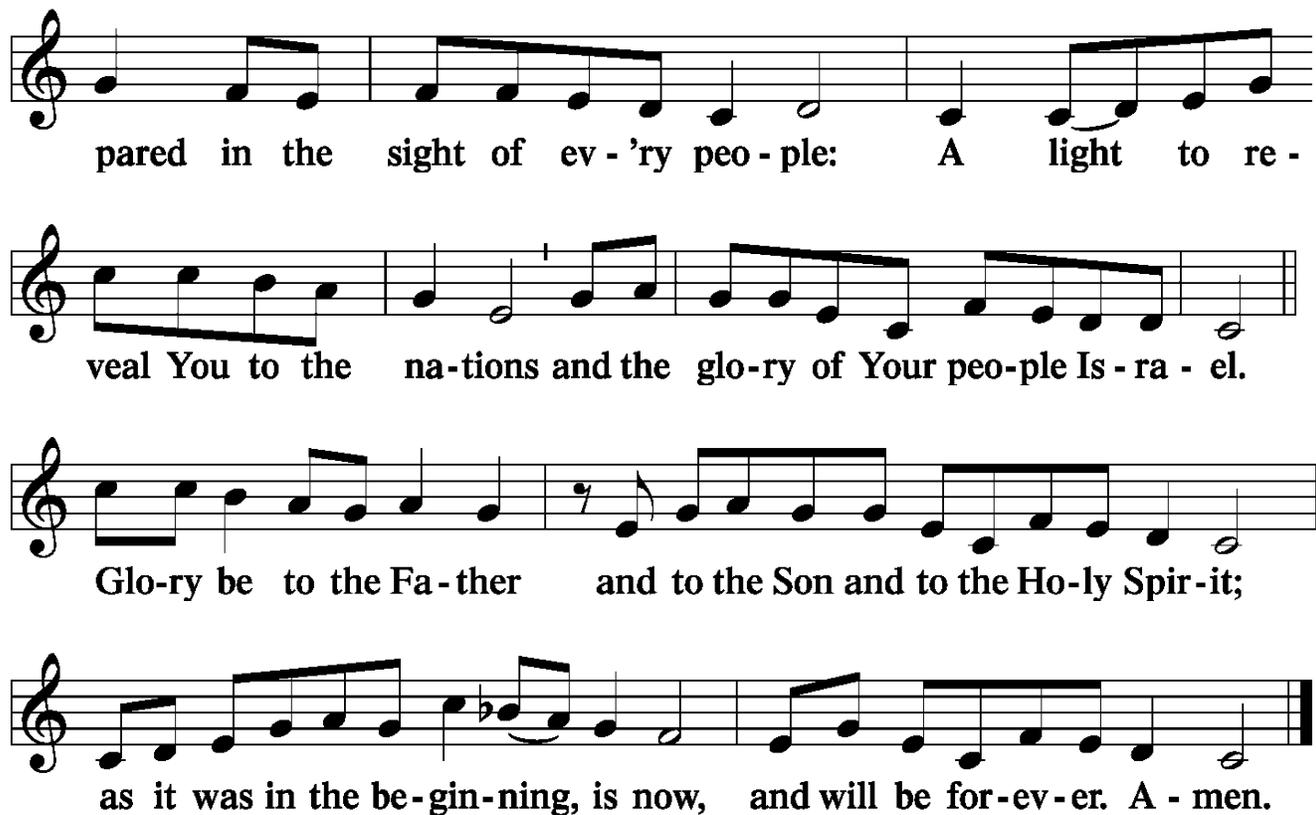
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**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

## Blessing

**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 lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

LSB 336

## Postlude "Wachet Auf"

by Harold Rohlig

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<b>Organist</b>	Miguel Ruiz	Miguel Ruiz
<b>Head Elder</b>	Rick Shepard	Andy Adair
<b>Assisting Elder</b>	Troy Walker	Brock Montgomery
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am: Terry Reel & Noah Walker 10:30 am: Bob Reid & Emily Stortzum	8:00 am: Mark Uphoff 10:30 am: Randy Ervin
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00: Sammy Cordes 10:30 am: Zach & Andrew Wetzel	8:00: Corbin Richey & Kaylin Richey 10:30 am: Olivia Lawler & Lexi Saunders
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Christi Diepholz & Nancy Gass	Teresa Lane, Janice Mann, Susie Miller
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**GATHERED IN WORSHIP LAST WEEK: 8:00 am: 160      10:30 am: 141      Total: 301**

**\*\*Numbers shown below are for Plate and Envelope offerings only\*\***

<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>Previous Bal</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Current Bal</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$411,888	\$9,153	\$421,041
<b>Collected</b>	\$382,448	\$6,466	\$388,914

***Those In Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery (Recently Added)***

Marilyn Perryman

Robert Koelling

Brad Harper

Nate Maxedon – Larry & Nancy Maxedon's Grandson

Helen Conrady – Niece of Derald & Sara Doehring

**Schedule for November 25 – December 2**

**Sun** 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship

9:15 am Education Hour

1:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

4:00 pm Rankin – Gym

7:00 pm Pickup B-ball

**Mon** 8:00 am LOL

6:00 pm Home Bball Game

**Tue** 6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Denny's

8:30 am Exercise Class

10:00 am Card Players – Fam Rm

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

**Wed** 8:30 am Advent Service

7:00 pm Advent service

**Thu** 8:30 am Exercise Class

9:15 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Bball Game

**Fri** 6:00 pm Bball Game

**Sat** 9:00 am Larson - Gym

**Sun** 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship

9:15 am Education Hour

1:00 pm Martin - FH

4:00 pm Rankin – Gym

7:00 pm Pickup B-ball

**Church & School News, Events, & Announcements:**

**The 2018 pecans are here!** Pecan pieces and halves are \$11 per bag. Chocolate pecans are \$9 per bag. Pecans will be sold between church services. Thanks for your support.

**Thank You:** The Men's Club and school would like to thank everyone who supported the pancake and sausage supper this year. Thank you.

**Mission Sunday - November 25:** This will be our last Mission Sunday of the year. Our missions budget is \$10,000 and we have donated \$5,760 to date. Central Illinois District provides support to campus ministries, deaf ministries, developmentally disabled ministries, and prison ministries.

**Giving Tuesday:** An anonymous donor from the congregation has offered to match, up to \$3,000, any donations that come in to "Retire the Debt" of our school! Each bulletin has an envelope included. Donations can be placed in those envelopes and placed in the offering plate or sent in to the church or school offices anytime. Any amount will help. Your donation of \$1 becomes \$2, \$10 becomes \$20, or \$100 becomes \$200 through the match. This church member is offering this to go along with "Giving Tuesday" which reminds us to thank God for the many blessings that we have here at St. John's Lutheran Church and School!

**Save the date:** St. John's School Auctionopoly will be March 30, 2019. You won't want to miss this night out. Comedian David Graham will be back this year!

### **A Few 2018 Advent/Christmas Notes:**

**Advent Service Schedule:** The schedule of the advent and Christmas services is out. They are with the bulletins and on the ledge outside the church office.

**Cookie Walk:** St. Johns is having the annual cookie walk on Saturday, December 8 from 8 AM to 11 AM in the fellowship hall. Proceeds will go to the new St. John's service team. Bring your favorite Christmas cookie to the church kitchen Friday afternoon. Please put your name and kind on the label of your goody and place on a disposal Christmas tray. Christmas items will also be available for sale. Please bring your donated items to the church the week before December 8 and place in the library. If you have any questions, call Chris Diepholz at 254-5437.

**Caroling:** On Saturday, December 22 we will once again go Christmas caroling. Pizza will be served at 4:30 pm, and we will group up at 5:00 pm. Meet us in the fellowship hall if you want to join us!

**Hanging of the Greens:** The FIRE will be hanging the greens today at 1:00 pm. Please join us if you can!

**St. John's School Christmas Program:** The school Christmas program will be held on Thursday, December 20 at the EIU Doudna Arts Center this year. We will still have 2 shows. One at 9:30 am and one at 6:00 pm. We encourage you to attend the morning play if you are able.

**2018 Christmas Cantata:** The Christmas cantata will be held on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. Mark this beautiful service on your calendar! You won't want to miss it!

**Advent Dinner:** The FIRE will serve an Advent diner on December 5 starting at 5:30 pm. They will have chili, peanut butter sandwiches, and carrot sticks.

**2018 Advent Services:** The theme for Advent this year is "The Postures of Advent"  
Please note that on account of school scheduling all **Advent services will now be held at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.** There will no longer be a 12:30 pm service.

**Children's Christmas Service:** Sign up for the 2018 Children's Christmas service has begun. Please as your teacher. This service will be held on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm.

**Poinsettias:** We will once again be ordering poinsettias. The order forms are out!