



**ST. JOHN'S**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**  
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The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

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**Prelude** AUS TIEFER NOT SCHREI ICH ZU DIR  
("From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee")

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau,  
Samuel Scheidt

## Announcements

Hymn                   **"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"**                   **LSB 607**  
*Please stand for last stanza*

## Invocation

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

## Confession and Absolution

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**  
**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.

**Introit***Psalm 119:1, 38–40; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

- P** The whole world is in your power;  
O Lord, King Almighty, no one can gainsay you.
- C** **For you have made heaven and earth;**  
**you are Lord of all!**
- P** Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- C** **Confirm to your servant your promise,**  
**that you may be feared.**
- P** Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
for your just decrees are good.
- C** **Behold, I long for your precepts;**  
**in your righteousness give me life!**
- C** **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.**

**Kyrie***LSB 168*

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** 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 mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

The Kyrie is not another confession of sins, but a prayer for grace and help in time of need... the ardent cry of the Church for assistance. The cry for mercy is biblical, particularly for those seeking release from bondage that only Jesus the King could give.

~Arthur A. Just, *The Ordinaries of the Divine Service*, 2001

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

A      Glory 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,



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 1:1—2:3*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is

their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.<sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,<sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.<sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.<sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,<sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.<sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”<sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.<sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”<sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.<sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of

the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”<sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.<sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.<sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.<sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.<sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Psalm 90:1–2*

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

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

**Epistle**

*Ephesians 6:10–17*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.<sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.<sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.<sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.<sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,<sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.<sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil

one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 173*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 4:46–54*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>46</sup>[Jesus] came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup>When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup>So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” <sup>49</sup>The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup>As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup>So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” <sup>53</sup>The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup>This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

**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.

## Catechism – *The Ten Commandments*

**P** What is the Third Commandment?  
**C** Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
**P** What does this mean?  
**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

*Sit*

## Children's Message

Hymn                    "My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"                    *LSB 820*

Sermon                    *The Great Molecular Hoax*

*Pastor Jacobsen is grateful to Rev. John Sharp, our Circuit Visitor, for the theme of this message. Rev. Sharp preached on God's order of creation at the recent pastors' conference.*

*Stand*

**Old Testament Canticle**

*LSB 176*

C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - efits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*Sit*

**Offering**

**Voluntary**

"NUN LOB, MEIN SEEL, DEN HERREN" Johann Gottfried Walther  
(“My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”)

*Stand*

**Doxology**

*LSB 805*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'ly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Lord's Prayer**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** Our Father who art in heaven...

**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.

"For the Word of God is the sanctuary above all sanctuaries, yea, the only one which we Christians know and have. For though we had the bones of all the saints or all holy and consecrated garments upon a heap, still that would help us nothing; for all that is a dead thing which can sanctify nobody. But God's Word is the treasure which sanctifies everything, and by which even all the saints themselves were sanctified. At whatever hour, then, God's Word is taught, preached, heard, read or meditated upon, there the person, day, and work are sanctified thereby, not because of the external work, but because of the Word, which makes saints of us all. Therefore I constantly say that all our life and work must be ordered according to God's Word, if it is to be God-pleasing or holy. Where this is done, this commandment is in force and being fulfilled."

~Excerpt from the Large Catechism, *Third Commandment*

*Stand*

**New Testament Canticle**

*LSB 182*

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.

**Thanksgiving and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**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**

**"The Tree of Life"**

*LSB 561*

**Postlude**

PRELUDE IN E MINOR (BWV 555)

J.S. Bach

	<b>11/10</b>	<b>11/17</b>
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev. Adam Jacobsen	Rev. Adam Jacobsen
<b>Organist</b>	Rev. Peter Eckardt	Rev. Peter Eckardt
<b>Head Elder</b>	Rick Shepard	Rick Shepard
<b>Assisting Elder</b>	Michael Martin	Michael Martin
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am: Terry Reel & Noah Walker 10:30 am: Bob Reid & Emily Stortzum	8:00 am: Terry Reel & Noah Walker 10:30 am: Bob Reid & Emily Stortzum
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00 am: Noah Lange, Corbin Richey 10:30 am: Maisy Hughes, Ava Larson	8:00 am: Peyton Walker, Noah Walker 10:30 am: Macie Alwardt, Chloe Fuller
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Christi Diepholz & Nancy Gass	Christi Diepholz & Nancy Gass

*Altar Flowers* this week are given by Alvin & Judy Schagemann in memory of Vic VonBehrens and all veterans.

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

Marlese Cook – Friend of the Ervin Family  
 Edith Creek  
 Imogene Tilford  
 Marilyn Leftwich, Sister of Norma Schussler  
 Dale Wheeler, Grandfather of Shantha Shepard  
 Shannon  
 Todd Miller  
 Tara Stortzum  
 Paul Morrison – Father of Barb Kirts  
 Jim Scheer – Father of Shannon Cobb  
 Jules Martin – Brother of Michael Martin  
 Susan Record – Friend of Teresa Lane  
 Shelby Waller – Granddaughter of Sharon Price

August Stortzum will be celebrating his 95th birthday on November 16th. He is currently residing at the Mattoon Healthcare & Rehab Center located at 2121 S. 9th St. God has blessed him and we are thankful!

**\*\*Giving numbers will reappear next week\*\***

GATHERED IN WORSHIP LAST WEEK:    8:00 AM: 141    10:30AM: 116    TOTAL: 257

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



**Our 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Supper** here at St. John's will be today from 4-7 pm. Proceeds will go to Tara Stortzum and her family. \$6 at the door. 5 and under free!

**2019 Ballot:** The 2019 ballot has been posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. *Absentee voting is permissible in the church office between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. One must be a registered voter of this congregation to vote.*

**Voters Meeting:** Mark your calendars for a Voters Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7:00PM. It has been moved due to Veterans Day on Monday. *Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the meeting if you would like to become a voter.*

### **"Songs of the Season"**

*A new Adult Education class with Rev. Eckardt has begun Sundays, 9:25-10:15am, in the Fellowship Hall!*

Come take a closer look at the

- † songs of Scripture,
- † songs of today, and
- † songs of our Lutheran heritage

that attend God's people in every season!



**Free will offering** on November 17. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Backpack Program. The Backpack Program provides food to school children of low-income families on the third and fourth weekends of the month. With your help, the Ladies Aid provides 70 mac-and-cheese cups, 70 peach cups, 70 mandarin orange cups, and 70 mixed fruit cups every month. A free will offering will be collected on November 17 to purchase these items for the Backpack Program. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Papa Murphy's:** Take a night off from cooking! Grab a pizza at Papa Murphy's all day long on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and St. John's will receive 20% of all regular purchases! Just mention St. John's when you make your purchase! Celebrity chefs will be there to fix your pizza!!!

**Thank you** to everyone who donated items and baked goods for the Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale. Proceeds from this fundraiser (bake sale \$296 and bazaar \$597) will be used to purchase items for the church kitchen. Thanks so much! ~Ladies Aid

**Men's Club** will meet at Denny's at 6:30 pm on Thursday, November 14.

**Please join us for the Women's Expo** in the gymnasium on Friday, November 15 from 6-9 pm. Vendor's such as Forever 31, Briar Lane Studios, Jodilyn Paintings, Gigi's Boutique, and many more will be set up! Please join us! Entry is \$5 at the door.

**Assistant Cook/Server:** The school is in need of an assistant cook/lunch server Monday through Friday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. If you are interested, please call the school office at 234-4911 or see Trent Duckett.

**Cookie Walk:** Need some Christmas Cookies for a special event? St. John's is having the annual Holiday Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 7th from 8:00-10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will go to Tara Stortzum. For details on how to donate cookies or items to the Cookie Walk, please see the bulletin board across from the church office. If you have any questions, call Chris Diepholz at 254-5437.

**Sarah Bush Cancer Center Drive:** Our church and school will be partnering to help the patients at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Cancer Center the month of November. Please bring items from the list below or gift cards in the amount of \$5 to \$10 for gas or fast food restaurants. You may put items in plastic tubs provided by the church office door. \*Laundry soap, baby wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, liquid bath soap, shampoo, canned soap, cereals, peanut butter, dish soap, sanitizing wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, canned tuna, instant oatmeal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, granola bars, lotions (Curel, Gold Bond, Eucerin), Ensure or Boost nutritional drinks. Thank you!

**Giving Tuesday:** St. John's Lutheran School will be participating in Giving Tuesday, December 3. Giving Tuesday is the biggest day of giving. This gives donors a perfect way to kickstart your charitable end-of-year giving season. We are looking for "matching" donors!! We would love to have a couple of people pledge to "match" funds if we can raise it on Giving Tuesday. Please contact Trent Duckett or the school office if you would be willing to help us raise money on Giving Tuesday.

**Scholarship Fund:** Don't forget we have a scholarship fund you can give to! The fund is getting low and we'd like to make sure it's replenished for the next school year. We would like to help as many kids as possible receive a Christ-centered education here at St. John's and we don't want finances to be a reason they aren't able to come. Determinations are made in the spring.

**Donor Wall:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2019-2020 Donor Wall Campaign! We are writing a check for \$8,600 to go directly toward the principle of the debt! It's never too late to give (and get your name up on the wall)! Just bring a check into either the church or school office.m

## Schedule for November 10 – November 17

- Sun** 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship (*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity*)  
9:15 am Education Hour  
11:30 am Wetzel – Gym  
4:00 pm Rankin – Gym  
4:00-7:00 pm Pancake Supper
- Mon** Veteran's Day – Offices Closed  
8:00 am LOL
- Tue** 6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Denny's  
8:30 am Exercise Class  
10:00 am Cards  
3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm  
3:30–4:30 pm Children's Choir - Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Voters' Meeting
- Wed** 8:30 am Chapel  
3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm  
6:00 pm Boys B-ball @Windsor  
6:30-7:45 pm Adult Choir – Choir Rm
- Thu** 8:30 am Exercise Class  
9:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study  
3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm  
6:00 pm Girls B-ball @ Decatur  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Pastor Jacobsen's House
- Fri** 6:00-9:00 pm Women's Expo  
3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm
- Sat** 9–11 am Boys Basketball Open Gym  
3:00 pm Martin - Gym
- Sun** 8:00 & 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion (*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity*)  
9:15 am Education Hour  
11:30 Wetzel – Gym  
4:00 pm Rankin – Gym