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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-10), 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 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.*

About the Cover

Jesus tells the official that his son has been made well, while in the background the official is greeted by his servants who confirm this news.

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Prelude

Opening Hymn: *Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*589
Please stand for the final stanza.

Confession and Absolution page 184

Introit (spoken responsively with pastor) Ps. 119:1, 38–40; ant: Lit. 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** **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.

- 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!

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsispages 186–189

Salutation & Collect of the Day..... page 189

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** *And with thy 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.*

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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.

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

⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And 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. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

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

¹¹And 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹So 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. ²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And 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. ²⁵And 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.

²⁶Then 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.”

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

²⁸And 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.” ²⁹And 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And 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. ³So 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 (spoken responsively with pastor)

Psalms 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

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For 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. ¹³Therefore 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. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and 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

LSB 190



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

Holy Gospel

John 4:46–54

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

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

⁴⁶[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. ⁴⁷When 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. ⁴⁸So Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” ⁴⁹The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵²So 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.” ⁵³The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴This 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

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Sit

Hymn of the Day: *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee*..... 607

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

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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)

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Stand

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Postlude



Trinity 21 ~ *God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil*

“Let there be light,’ and there was light” (Gen. 1:1—2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father’s creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, *“Go; your son will live”* (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman’s son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord’s Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10–17). *“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.”*

~ LCMS Lectionary Summaries

OCTOBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

If God Had Not Been on Our Side



1 If God had not been on our side And had not
2 Their fu-rious wrath, did God per - mit, Would sure - ly
3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could



come to aid us, The foes with all their pow'r and
have con-sumed us And as a deep and yawn-ing
not de-vour us; Our souls, like birds, es-caped their



pride Would sure - ly have dis-mayed us; For we, His
pit With life and limb en-tombed us. Like men o'er
net, They could not o-ver-pow'r us. The snare is



flock, would have to fear The threat of men both
whom dark wa-ters roll Their wrath would have en -
bro-ken— we are free! Our help is ev - er,



far and near Who rise in might a - gainst us.
gulfed our soul And, like a flood, o'er-whelmed us.
Lord, in Thee, Who mad-est earth and heav - en.

Trinity 21
10/20/24

Reformation Day
10/28/24

Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Organist	Corbin Richey	Corbin Richey
Head Elder	Kevin Lange	Kevin Lange
Asst. Elder	Erik Stortzum	Erik Stortzum
Altar Guild	Connie Smith & Barbara Degler	Connie Smith & Barbara Degler
Acolytes	Christian Bowen & Bella Bowen	Olivia Rieck & Jordyn Cole
Ushers	Bryce Becker & Abby Herzberg	Bryce Becker & Abby Herzberg
Crucifer		William Smith

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery

Our Members: Norma Schussler, Marge Anderson, Kay Pointon, Shirley & Bill Donnell, Bob Koelling, Sharon Price, and Helen Smock

Those Shut In: Art Zuhone , Rich & Clara Woelber, Bob Zschau, Shirley Kolbus, Lorene Reinhart, Alvin & Judy Schagemann, Dorothy Roling, Marlene Zuhone, Sara Doehring, Doris Dallas, & Martha Spencer

Friends of our Congregation: Douglas Blume, Jeff Ferree, Charles Stodden, Bianca Stodden, Susan Sochowski, Terri Fry, John Bell, Derick Shy, Linda Scheer, Addison Orris, Raelle Jackson, Karen Phillips, Bill Crane, Mike Sullivan, Renee Dosien, Connie McNeilius, and Tammy Weber

Attendance Last Week: 205

Education Hour: 50 (Adult Class), 27 (Sunday School)

Budgeted: \$134,133 **Received:** \$126,690

Church Announcements

Trunk or Treat- It's that time of year again! Trunk or Treat is right around the corner and will be held in the Church parking lot on October 27th. We are ready to start collecting candy! Please drop all donations off at the church office. If you would like to sign up to decorate a trunk, please call the church office or let Kallie Harris & Bryce Becker know.

Christmas Bazaar: It's that time again, Ladies Aid is beginning to prepare for the Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, November 2nd from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Mark your calendars – A fun day for all! Several churches in the area will be participating in the Mattoon area. Start collecting your gently used fall and Christmas items. You may bring your items to the stage the week of November 21st or drop your items off Wednesday October 30th and Thursday October 31st at the U Drive from 10:00 am -1:00 pm on those days.

THANK YOU! I was overwhelmed last Sunday with the expression of thanks and appreciation I received from the congregation and school for Pastor Appreciation Day! Your cards, gifts, and most importantly your prayers brought joy to me and to my family. –Pastor Herzberg

Nominations for Congregational Offices are now OPEN! If you are interested in running for office or know someone who might make a good officer, please send the name and position to churchoffice@stjohns-mattoon.org. If you have questions, please contact Kenny Crossman at crossmanlawoffice@gmail.com.

Donations for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: We will be collecting items and packing shoeboxes to be sent all over the world to children in less fortunate countries. Our goal is to pack and send **250** shoeboxes!

All donated items should be in **nice, brand new condition.**

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated! **It costs \$10 to ship one shoebox!** Below is a list of items we still really need! All items are due by Nov. 15th! Thank you!

markers- 8 pack or bigger

crayons- 8 pack or bigger

kid size scissors

big pink erasers

hairbrushes

size 5 to 14 kids shirts

size 5 to 14 kids underwear

Stewardship Thought: Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning God created ...” Many studies report that atheism is on the rise in our culture. The appeal of atheism is in the denial of a Creator. If the world just happens to exist, and we are just accidents that arose out of a long process of random, directionless evolution, then we get to make our own rules, and nobody has any right to tell us otherwise. Because if there is a Creator, then obviously He would know best, and we would do best, to follow His commands. Of course, we Christians know this Creator very well, and we have seen not only His power and commands, but also His grace and mercy in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Schedule for October 20 – October 27

Sun	9:00 am Divine Service (Trinity 21) 10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School 2:00 – 5:00 pm Warfel – Gym and Fellowship Hall
Mon	8:00 am Laborers of Love 5:00 – 7:30 pm BBB Practice – Church Gym 6:00 pm GBB Home Game vs. Casey Westfield
Tue	6:30 am Men’s Bible Study – Honey Bee Café 3:30–4:15 pm Youth Choir – cancelled 5:30 – 7:30 pm BBB Practice in Church Gym 5:30 pm CGB Meeting
Wed	8:30 am Chapel (Grades 1-5) 9:43 am Chapel (Grades 6-10) 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – cancelled 3:30 – 5:30 pm BBB Practice – Church Gym 6:00 pm Confirmation Class
Thurs	10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 – 7:30 pm BBB Practice – Church Gym 6:00 pm GBB Home Game vs. Decatur Catholic 7:00 pm Men’s Study in Windsor
Fri	5:30 – 7:30 pm BBB Practice – Church Gym
Sun	9:00 am Divine Service (Reformation Day) 10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School 2:00 – 6:00 pm Stortzum – Gym 3:00 – 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat

