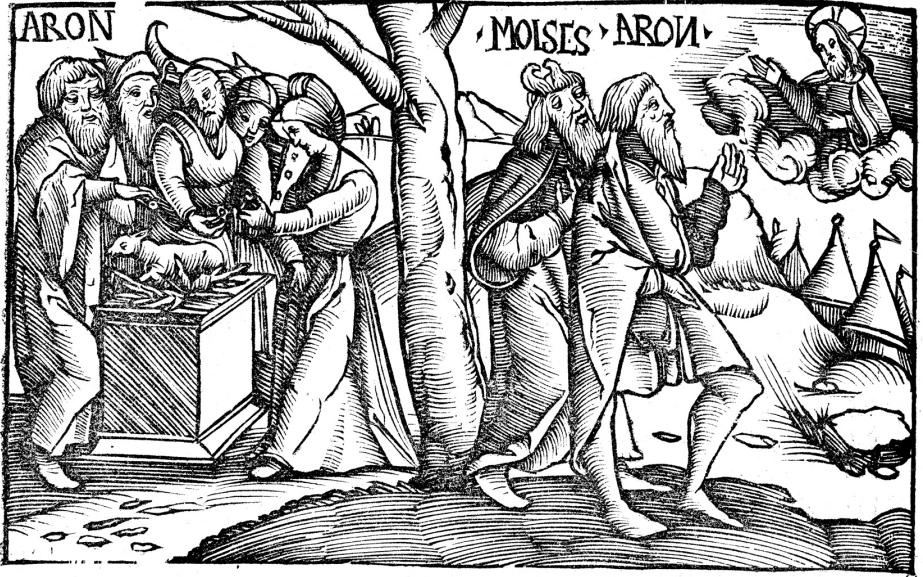


THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
November 17, 2024 ✝ 9:00 AM



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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](http://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.

**About the Cover** ~ When Moses delayed in coming down from Mount Sinai, the Israelites asked Aaron to make a golden calf for them to worship. Aaron makes the calf (left), and Moses intercedes for the people (right) so that God does not destroy them. Interestingly, Moses is depicted with something like horns on his head. This is very common in artistic depictions of Moses because of the Latin Vulgate translation of a curious passage in Exodus 34. The English translations we are most familiar with say that when Moses came down from being on the mountain with God, his face “shone” (v. 29, 30, 35); however, the Hebrew behind that word indicates that his face was “horned.” Thus, the Vulgate—and many artists—have interpreted this literally as Moses having horns rather than what is the more likely meaning: that his face shone, radiating “like horns.” For a famous example of Moses’ “horns,” look up Michelangelo’s sculpture of Moses. St. John’s also has a small replica of it in the conference room.

<u>Hymns</u>	
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Prelude  
Announcements

NOVEMBER HYMN OF THE MONTH	
Opening Hymn: <i>The Son of God Goes Forth to War</i> .....	661

*Please stand for the final stanza.*

Confession and Absolution ..... page 184

Introit (sung by choir) *Psalm 31:1a; antiphon: vv. 9a, 15b, 17a*

*Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:  
deliver me from the hand of mine enemies and from them that  
persecute me.*

*Let me not be ashamed, O Lord:  
for I have called upon Thee.*

*In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust:  
let me never be ashamed.*

*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 repeated)*

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis .....pages 186–189

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

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** *And with thy spirit.*
- P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

<sup>1</sup>When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” <sup>2</sup>So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” <sup>3</sup>So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup>And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” <sup>5</sup>When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord.” <sup>6</sup>And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

<sup>7</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. <sup>8</sup>They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” <sup>14</sup>And the Lord relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written. <sup>16</sup>The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. <sup>17</sup>When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.” <sup>18</sup>But he said, “It

is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.”<sup>19</sup> And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses’ anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.<sup>20</sup> He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual (sung by choir)

*Psalm 74:4, 2a, 46:4a, 5a*

*Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations:  
they set up their ensigns for signs.*

*Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old:  
the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!*

*There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God:  
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.*

Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

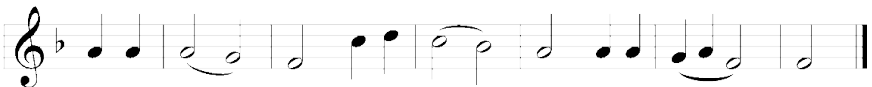
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

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

# Holy Gospel

Luke 17:20–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

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

<sup>20</sup>Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, [Jesus] answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed, <sup>21</sup>nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

<sup>22</sup>And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. <sup>23</sup>And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. <sup>24</sup>For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. <sup>25</sup>But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. <sup>26</sup>Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup>They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup>Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot— they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, <sup>29</sup>but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— <sup>30</sup>so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.”

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

**C** *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Apostles’ Creed..... page 192

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day: *Preserve Your Word, O Savior* ..... 658

*Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4.*

## 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)

CHOIR: “A Little While, My Jesus Saith” (see the back page for text)

<i>Jesus Comes Today with Healing</i> .....	620
<i>Oh, What Their Joy</i> .....	675
<i>Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death</i> .....	697
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*Stand*

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Closing Hymn: *The Clouds of Judgment Gather* .....513

Postlude



**11/17/2024**  
**Trinity 25**

**11/24/2024**  
**Last Sunday of the Church Year**

<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor Eckardt	Cantor Eckardt
<b>Head Elder</b>	Alex Hagen	Alex Hagen
<b>Asst. Elder</b>	Mike Colvis	Mike Colvis
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Tara Stortzum & Connie Elder	Tara Stortzum & Connie Elder
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mallory Duckett & Marlee Duckett	Hayla Huddleston & Bryce Montgomery
<b>Ushers</b>	Collin Richey & Corbin Richey	Collin Richey & Corbin Richey
<b>Special Music</b>	Adult Choir	

**Attendance Last Week:** 205

**Education Hour:** 16 (Sunday School) 54 (Adult Bible Study)

**Budgeted:** \$169,902 **Received:** \$168,566

**Missions:** \$1,885 collected of \$10,400 pledged

***Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery***

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

**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, Tammy Weber, and Jerry Rardin

*Altar Flowers are given by Joel and Carol Dufrain in celebration of their Anniversary and in memory of their son, Chris.*

**Church Announcements**

**Raffle tickets and pecans:** Raffle tickets for the wooden train set are \$5 each. Pecans are on sale for \$12 a bag. Both are able to be purchased from the Ladies Aid before or after church on Sunday.

**Regular Voter's Meeting – TODAY,** November 17<sup>th</sup> after Education Hour!

**Ladies Aid** will be meeting this Thursday, November 21st in the Family Room. Sack lunch at 11:30 am, Bible Study at 12:00 pm, Business Meeting at 1:00 pm.

**Stewardship Thought:** Hebrews 10:14 – “For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” Our Lord Jesus has provided the one offering for sin. What we offer to the Lord is not a sacrifice for sin; we cannot buy our way into heaven with our money, works or effort. Rather, what we give to the Lord's work in the church is a thank offering, a sign of our dependency on God and all He has given us.



# SING WITH THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!



Want to sing with the choir for the Christmas season? It's not too late to join. We've started preparing for our annual Lessons & Carols service and Christmas Eve. See the schedule below and come on by!

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## SCHEDULE

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### *CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS*

Wed, Nov. 20, 6-7:30 PM

Tues, Nov. 26, 6-7:30 PM

Tues, Dec. 3, 6-7:30 PM

Sun, Dec. 8, 4-6 PM

Tues, Dec. 10, 6-7:30 PM

Tues, Dec. 17, 6-7:30 PM

### *SING DATES*

**Sun, Nov. 17, 9:00 AM**

*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

**Wed, Dec. 11, 6:30 PM**

*Christmas Lessons & Carols*

**Tues, Dec. 24, 4:30 PM**

*Christmas Eve Divine Service*

**Caroling:** Join us for caroling to shut-ins on Sunday, Dec 15. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at 4 PM for pizza. From there, we go out in groups to the homes and nursing homes of our dear shut-in members. After caroling, all are invited to Cantor's Christmas Party.

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**Save the Date:** We will be having our Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm! Please join us!

**Advent Meals:** See the back page for the Advent midweek service schedule as well as who's hosting each meal this year. Thank you so much to the Ladies Aid and School Sunshine Committee for your quick sign ups! On Dec. 11, the Elders will host a congregational potluck. That means Elders will take care of set up and clean up but need the congregation to bring dishes to share! You're also welcome to bring a dessert to any of the midweek Advent Meals.

**A BIG thank you** to the stewardship gardeners for watering the plants and trees at St. John's High School. A special thank you to Amy, Bill, Laura, Phyllis, Susan and Therese. Your help is greatly appreciated. God's blessings, Jill and Jo

**Thank you** to all those who donated Christmas items and donated their time helping with the Christmas Bazaar. God blessed us with \$1528 and wonderful fellowship! - St. John's Ladies Aid

**Ladies Aid** will be hosting a Holiday Cookie Walk with a Christmas Shoppe on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 10:00 am. We are asking you to make your favorite Christmas creation (cookies, bread, holiday snack mix, drink mix, etc.) and bring to the kitchen on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Containers and labels will be available in the kitchen ahead of time for your convenience. Thank you in advance!

**Schedule for November 17 – November 24**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am Divine Service (Trinity 25)</b> 10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School Voter’s Meeting following Bible Class 2:00 – 6:00 pm Stortzum – Gym
<b>Mon</b>	8:00 am Laborers of Love 8:30 am – Prayer time in Sanctuary 5:00 – 6:30 pm GBB Practice – Church Gym 5:30 pm School Board Meeting
<b>Tue</b>	6:30 am Men’s Bible Study – Honey Bee Café 3:30–4:15 pm Youth Choir 3:30 – 5:15 pm BBB Practice – Church Gym
<b>Wed</b>	8:30 am Chapel (Grades 1–5) 9:43 am Chapel (Grades 6–10) 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thurs</b>	10:00 am Bible Study 11:30 am Ladies Aid Sack Lunch in Family Room 12:00 pm Ladies Aid Bible Study in Family Room 1:00 pm Ladies Aid Business Meeting in Family Room 5:00 – 6:30 pm GBB Practice in Church Gym
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am Divine Service (Last Day of the Church Year)</b> 10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School 2:00 – 6:00 pm Stortzum – Gym 5:00 pm FIRE

Midweek Advent Services Schedule

**Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 PM**

(Advent dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall,  
hosted by The Ladies Aid)

**Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 PM**

***Lessons & Carols Service (w/Adult and Youth Choirs)***

(Advent dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall,  
Congregational Potluck hosted by Elders)

**Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 PM**

***Sunday School Christmas Program***

(Advent dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall,  
hosted by the School Sunshine Committee)

Christmas Services Schedule

**Tuesday, December 24, 4:30 PM**

Christmas Eve Divine Service

**Tuesday, December 24, 11:00 PM**

Christmas Eve Midnight Divine Service

**Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 AM**

Christmas Day Divine Service

St. John's Lutheran School Christmas Programs

**Thursday, December 12, 6:00 PM, St. John's Gymnasium**

Preschool Christmas Program (Nina Curry, director)

**Monday, December 16, 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM, EIU (Doudna)**

Kindergarten–2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Program (Cantor Eckardt, director)

**Monday, December 16, 10:45 AM & 7:30 PM, EIU (Doudna)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade–6<sup>th</sup> Grade Program (Angi Dallas, Director)

*Located in the Eastern Illinois University Doudna Fine Arts Center*

## “A Little While,” My Jesus Said

Text: Andrew Richard, 2021

Tune: “Über ein kleines,” Nathanael Hahn

1. “A little while,” my Jesus said,  
And I will take thee to me.  
As I for thee my blood have shed,  
So do I love thee truly.  
Yea, ev’ry tear that thou hast wept  
I have within my bottle kept,  
And I am coming quickly.”
2. Amen, Lord Jesus, come to me.  
This world my heart distresses.  
I walk in my integrity,  
Yet harder down it presses.  
But what of that? I have Thee still.  
I live within Thy gracious will.  
Thou art my shield and refuge.
3. “This wicked world,” my Jesus said,  
“Before thy time did hate me.  
Yet with its wickedness I sped  
God’s purpose for thy safety.  
I took its evil in my hand;  
Against my will could nothing stand.  
I work all things to bless thee.”
4. Amen, Lord Jesus, I have peace  
Amidst my tribulations,  
And though the devil will not cease  
From lying accusations,  
Yet Thou dost rise for my defense.  
I wash my hands in innocence  
And go about Thine altar.
5. “I am for thee,” my Jesus said,  
“An Advocate beside thee.  
I am the Lifter of thy head  
And Guard when foes deride thee.  
Since I have named thee with my name,  
Thou never wilt be put to shame.  
I am thy Reputation.”
6. Amen, Lord Jesus, Thou art all  
I need both now and ever.  
No mammon can my heart enthrall;  
Thou only art my treasure.  
The wealth of earth has now grown old.  
In heaven ’tis but trodden gold  
On which I’ll walk beside Thee.
7. “Thou art my own,” my Jesus said,  
“And as I live, so surely  
All mine is thine, so have no dread;  
Thy flesh will dwell securely.  
Thy daily bread I will provide,  
And even death cannot divide  
Thee from my loving kindness.”
8. Amen, Lord Jesus, on Thy palms  
I know Thou hast engraved me.  
Forevermore I’ll sing Thee psalms  
And tell how Thou hast saved me.  
In death Thou art my confidence,  
In life art my inheritance.  
In Thee my soul rejoices.

*Rev. Andrew Richard is Assistant Pastor, Headmaster, and an Upper Level Teacher at Mount Hope Lutheran Church and School in Casper, WY. Nathanael Hahn is an Upper Level Teacher at Mount Hope Lutheran School in Casper, WY. You can find this hymn, along with a recording, at <https://cc.lutherclassical.org/winter-2022/a-little-while-my-jesus-said/>.*