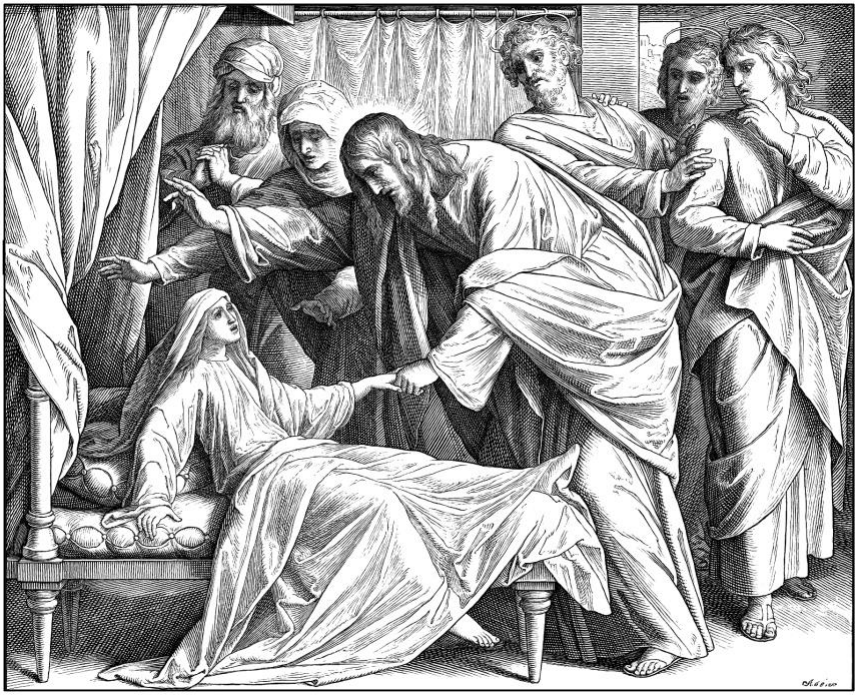
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

November 15, 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 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 ~ The Raising of Jairus' daughter

Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld's (1794–1872) depiction of Jesus raising Jairus' daughter from the dead (Mark 5:21–43). In St. Mark's account of this miracle, the ruler's name, Jairus, is given, as well as other details. St. Matthew's account (9:18–26) is the Gospel for Trinity 24 that we will hear today.

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

Hymns	
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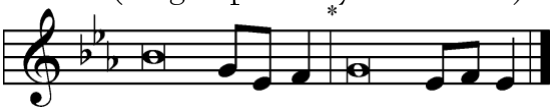
Prelude
Announcements

Opening Hymn: November Hymn of the Month
Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters **598**

Please stand for the final stanza.

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

Introit (sung responsively with cantor) *Psalm 95:1; antiphon: vv. 6–7a*



*Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;**
let us kneel before the Lord, our | Maker!
For he | is our God,*
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

*Oh come, let us sing | to the Lord;**
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;**
let us kneel before the Lord, our | Maker!
For he | is our God,*
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

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.
Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; 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 *Isaiah 51:9–16*
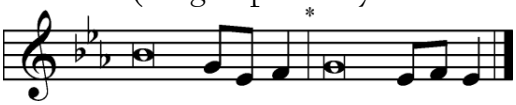
[9]Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the Lord;
awake, as in days of old,
the generations of long ago.
Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces,
that pierced the dragon?
[10]Was it not you who dried up the sea,
the waters of the great deep,
who made the depths of the sea a way
for the redeemed to pass over?
[11]And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
[12]"I, I am he who comforts you;
who are you that you are afraid of man who dies,
of the son of man who is made like grass,
[13]and have forgotten the Lord, your Maker,
who stretched out the heavens
and laid the foundations of the earth,
and you fear continually all the day
because of the wrath of the oppressor,
when he sets himself to destroy?
And where is the wrath of the oppressor?
[14]He who is bowed down shall speedily be released;
he shall not die and go down to the pit,
neither shall his bread be lacking.
[15]I am the Lord your God,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—

the Lord of hosts is his name.
16 And I have put my words in your mouth
and covered you in the shadow of my hand,
establishing the heavens
and laying the foundations of the earth,
and saying to Zion, 'You are my people.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (sung responsively with cantor)

Psalm 116:8, 1



*You have delivered my | soul from death,**
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.
I love the Lord, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Epistle

Colossians 1:9–14
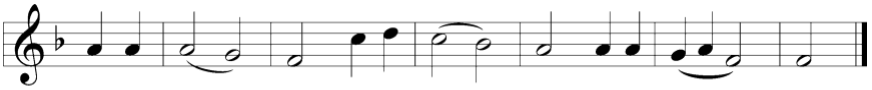
9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel *Matthew 9:18–26*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

[18]While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." [19]And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. [20]And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, [21]for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." [22]Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. [23]And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, [24]he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. [25]But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. [26]And the report of this went through all that district.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles Creed *page 192*

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *In the Very Midst of Life* 755

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)

I'm But a Stranger Here **748**
Through Jesus' Blood and Merit **746**
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table **618**
Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me **756**
Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious **548**

Stand

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

Closing Hymn: *How Firm A Foundation* **728**

Postlude

Trinity 24 ~ *The Strength of the Lord Is Our Salvation from Sin, Death, and Darkness*

A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death, and disease threaten to sever us from life's fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel, or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus has qualified us *"to share in the inheritance of the saints of light"* delivering us from the dark domain (Col. 1:9–14). *"I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand,…You are my people"* (Is. 51:9–16). The presence of Christ, in word, wine, bread, and water, confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the Sacraments, God claims us to be His very own children, creating, and sustaining our faith. So in Christ, we humbly receive the words, *"your faith has made you well"* (Matt. 9:18–26). On the last day God will surely awaken us also from slumber in resurrection glory. ~ LCMS Lectionary Summaries

	11/15/26 (Trinity 24)	11/22/26 (Last Sunday)
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	Ben Glosser Olivia Rieck	Harli Warfel Elli Herzberg
Ushers	Bryce Becker Tab Snyder	Bryce Becker Tab Snyder

Alter Flower are given by Joel and Carol Dufrain in honor of their anniversary and in memory of loved ones.

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
Prayers of comfort for the family of Fern Ostermeier

Attendance Last Week:211

Education Hour: 39- Bible Study 32-Bible School
Giving Numbers:
Budgeted: $214,517Received: $170,205
Missions: $1,410 of $10,400

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 has been rescheduled to Sunday, November 22nd after Bible Class.

High School Information Night: Parents of 6th–8th graders are invited to learn about St. John's High School on Monday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school Commons. Join us to explore course offerings, extracurricular activities, and opportunities for all high school students.

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!

	Youth Sports Schedule November 15- November 22
Mon-	6:00 pm Junior High Girls Basketball-Shelbyville
Tue-	6:00 pm Junior High Boys Basketball vs Effingham Sacred Heart
	6:00 pm Junior high Girls Basketball- Beecher City
Thu-	4:30 pm Junior High Girls Basketball- Oblong
	6:00 pm Junior Hight Boys Basketball vs Neoga
Fri-	5:30 Boys Basketball- Decatur Unity Tournament
Sat-	9:00 am Boys Basketball- Decatur Unity Tournament
	10:00 am Girls Basketball Regionals-Albion

Schedule for November 15-November 22

Sun	**9:00 am Divine Service (Trinty 24)** 10:20-11:20 Bible Class/Sunday School 5:00-7:00 pm FIRE/ANCHOR (HS/MS Youth)- FIRE ROOM
Mon	8:00 am Laborers of Love 9:00am-9:45 am Reformation Walk- Fellowship Hall 12:45 pm-12:50 pm Reformation Walk- Fellowship Hall 2:15 pm-2:25 pm Reformation Walk- Fellowship Hall 3:30-5:00 pm Archey Practice- Church gym
Tue	6:30 am Men's Bible Study- Honey Bee Café 9:00am-9:45 am Reformation Walk- Fellowship Hall 12:45 pm-12:50 pm Reformation Walk- Fellowship Hall 2:15 pm-2:25 pm Reformation Walk- Fellowship Hall 3:30-4:15 pm Youth Choir 3:30-5:00 pm Archey Practice- Church gym
Wed	9:30 am- K-5 Chapel 10:35 am 6th-Hs Chapel 3:15-5:15 pm Girls Basketball- Church Gym 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Adult Choir- Sanctuary
Thu	10:00 am Bible Study 3:30-5:00 pm Archery Practice- Church gym 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study-Ervin Home
Sun	**9:00 am Divine Service (Last Sunday)** 10:20-11:20 Bible Class/Sunday School 11:30 Voter's meeting 5:00 pm The FIRE (HS Youth)- FIRE Room

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
Wed, Nov. 18, 6–7:30 PM
Wed, 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
Last Sunday of the Church Year

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!

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