The Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity

November 8, 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 ~ *Paying Taxes to Caesar*

The Pharisees and Herodians question Jesus about paying taxes to Caesar (Matt 22).

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

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Hymns	
734	714
850	598
622	851
781	647

Prelude
Announcements

Opening Hymn: *I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name*..... **734**
Please stand for the final stanza.

Rite of Holy Baptism ..... *page 268*
~Rose Marcella Eckardt, daughter of Peter and Susan Eckardt ~

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

Introit (sung responsively with cantor) *Psalm 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12*



*I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the Lord,**
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.
Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.

*Lord, you were favorable | to your land;**
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.
*Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,**
that glory may dwell | in our land.
Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

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.

*I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the Lord,**
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.
Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.

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

Collect of the Day

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 8:11–22*

11 For wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

12 "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.
13 The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
14 I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.
15 By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
16 by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.
17 I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.
18 Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.
19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.
20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,
21 granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.

22 "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (sung responsively with cantor) *Psalm 44:7–8*



*You have saved us | from our foes**
and have put to shame those who | hate us.
In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*
and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

Epistle *Philippians 3:17–21*

17Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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

Stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*



Holy Gospel *Matthew 22:15–22*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. 16And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to

God the things that are God's." [22]When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

Nicene Creed ..... *page 191*

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *Who Trusts in God A Strong Abode* **714**

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)

God of Grace and God of Glory **850**

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

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared **622**
Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us **851**
We Give Thee But Thine Own **781**

Stand

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

Closing Hymn: *Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head* **647**

Postlude

Trinity 23 ~ *Render to God the things of God*

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked *"in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice"* (Prov 8:20) and discerned that wisdom *"is better than jewels"* and *"better than gold, even fine gold"* (Prov 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our *"end is destruction"* (Phil 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered *"to God the things that are God's"* (Matt 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true *"riches and honor are with [Him],"* because *"enduring wealth and righteousness"* (Prov 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which *"we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."* He *"will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself"* (Phil 3:20-21).

~ LCMS Lectionary Summaries

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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. 11, 6–7:30 PM
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!

	11/8/26 (Trinity 23)	**11/15/26 (Trinity 24)**
Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Preacher	Rev. Burnell Eckardt	
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	Annabelle Colvis Ethan Colvis	Ben Glosser Olivia Rieck
Ushers	Bryce Becker Tab Snyder	Bryce Becker Tab Snyder

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, Alvin Schagemann, and Frances Bareither

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, Alan Phelps, 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 Martha Spencer

Attendance Last Week:239

Education Hour: 47- Bible Study 36-Bible School

Giving Numbers:

Budgeted: $205,190 Received: $164,866

Missions: $1,410 of $10,400

Church Announcements

Join us for Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30 pm.

Ladies Aid would like to thank everyone for all their help in connection with our Christmas Bazaar and bake Sale. Whether you donated items, baked goods or helped with set up, helped during the Bazaar or clean up, we appreciate you and thank you. Special thanks to Gary Hurst for making the wood projects this year. We are truly blessed here at St. Johns!

Panda Express Dine to Donate Tuesday, November 10th from 10:30 am-9:30 pm. Order online or on the app, enter code 3860834 in the fundraiser code box or order in person and bring a paper flyer or show it on your smartphone! Paper flyers can be found on the ledge outside the church office.

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.

Operation Christmas Child Donations Needed
We have two weeks left before packing day! Please help us reach our goal of packing 275 shoeboxes! In addition, this week we have baskets at each door for a free will offering. Thank you so much for your support and donations! Items we still need: Washcloths, markers, kids scissors, colored pencils, glue sticks, hair brushes & combs, deodorant, big erasers, brand new kids t-shirts & underwear, plastic reusable utensils, small cups, small bowls, and monetary donations- It cost $10 to ship one box!
Please bring in these donations by Wednesday, Nov. 11th! Packing day is Friday, Nov. 13th! Everyone is welcome to help and see this amazing service project at work firsthand.

Did you know that we are offering a Floral Design class for high school students this year? We're excited to give our students the opportunity to use what they're learning to create beautiful arrangements for our Veterans Day Assembly.

We are looking for an individual, family, or business to sponsor $200 toward the cost of flowers and supplies. Your generosity will give our students a chance to showcase their skills while helping us honor the veterans in our community. As a thank-you, our sponsor will receive one of the student-created arrangements to take home and enjoy!

Interested in sponsoring? Please contact Mrs. Schrock.

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.

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/

Ladies Aid will be meeting Thursday, November 12th in the Family Room. 11:30 am Sack lunch, 12:00pm Bible Study and 1:00 pm Business meeting.

Men's Club will be meeting Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 pm at the Honey Bee Café.

Schedule for November 8- November 15

Sun	**9:00 am Divine Service (Trinty 23)** 10:20-11:20 Bible Class/Sunday School 5:00-7:00 pm FIRE (HS Youth)- FIRE ROOM
Mon	8:00 am Laborers of Love 3:30-5:00 pm Archey Practice- Church gym
Tue	6:30 am Men's Bible Study- Honey Bee Café 3:30-4:15 pm Youth Choir 3:30-5:00 pm Archey Practice- Church gym
Wed	9:30 am- Combined Chapel 1:00pm Veterans Day Assembly-High School Gym 3:30-5:00 pm Archery Practice- Church Gym 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Adult Choir- Sanctuary
Thu	10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am- Ladies Aid- Family Room 3:30-5:00 pm Archery Practice- Church gym 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study-Ervin Home 6:30 pm Men's Club- Honey Bee Café
Fri	3:30-5:00 pm Archery Practice- Church gym
Sun	**9:00 am Divine Service (Trinity 24)** 10:20-11:20 Bible Class/Sunday School 5:00 pm The FIRE/ANCHOR (HS/MS Youth)- FIRE Room

	Youth Sports Schedule November 8-November 15
Fri	6:00 pm Junior High Boys Basketball vs Tri-County