

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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**November 13, 2022**

**11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



Let the Rivers clap their hands, let  
the mountains sing together for joy.

Psalm 98:8

St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

*Prayer upon entering God's House:*

*Gracious Lord, pardon us from our disobedience and self-centered will. Bend us to kneel before Your holy presence and obey You so we may conform to "a life worthy of our calling to which we have been called..." Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"Contemplation"*

*Rowley*

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

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

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"Built on a Rock"*

*LBW 365*

**\*GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.





☩ 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,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with You forever in the world to come, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON:

Malachi 4:1–2a

A The First Lesson is from the fourth chapter of Malachi.

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

A Here ends the reading.

## PSALM:

PSALM 98

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for He has done marvelous things.

**<sup>2</sup>With His right hand and His holy arm  
has He won for Himself the victory.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has made known His victory;  
His righteousness has He openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**<sup>4</sup>He remembers His mercy and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.**

<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**<sup>6</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,

**when He comes to judge the earth.**

**<sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall He judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.**

## SECOND LESSON:

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of Second Thessalonians.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not

idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

<sup>13</sup> As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:**

**Luke 21:5-19**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

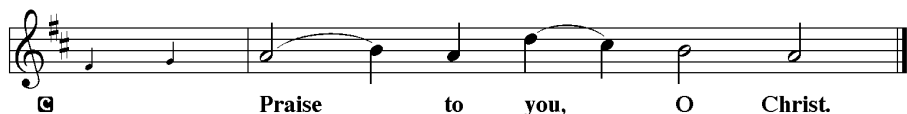
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup> And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup> And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup> And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup> This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup> Settle it

therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your lives.

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**      *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*      *LBW 315*

**SERMON**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 On the third day He rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**ANTHEM**      *"I Will Arise"*      *arr. Martin*

**\*OFFERTORY**





**\*THE PRAYERS**

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

*A brief silence*

Most holy God, you promise to come with power, glory, judgment, and healing. Make all things right and new – but before that can happen, you will show us our sins in all their ghastly glory. Cover us then, Lord, with your healing wings. Clothe us in the righteousness of Christ, shield us with your Holy Spirit, make us holy, whole, and filled with your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(Other intercessions are offered.)*

**P** Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

**C** Amen

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Let All Things Now Living”*

*LBW 557*

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*“March”*

*Guilmant*

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*A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.*





## **Annual Thrivent “Turkey” Luncheon TODAY, November 13, 2022 following Worship!**

Annual “Turkey” luncheon, will be held **TODAY, November 13<sup>th</sup>** following worship. The meal will consist of ham, noodles, stuffing, green beans, corn, applesauce and rolls. A free-will offering will be taken and all proceeds will go to the Armstrong County Community Action Agency for the purchase of Thanksgiving turkey dinners for those in need within our community. If you cannot come to the luncheon, but would like to participate by making a donation, please place your donation in the offering during worship. Because the Thrivent Action Team is sponsoring this dinner, every penny raised by the dinner will go to the Community Action Agency Turkey Fund. Thank you for your support!

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

<b>Today</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Thrivent Turkey Luncheon
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>Monday 11/14</b>	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
<b>Tuesday 11/15</b>	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible study ( <i>Chapel</i> )
<b>Wednesday 11/16</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Junior Choir
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Bible study
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
<b>Thursday 11/17</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Women’s Bible study ( <i>Chapel</i> )
<b>Sunday 11/20</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School & Pageant practice
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	KMA Thanksgiving worship @ Cornerstone Assembly Church

## A Traditional

### Christmas Pageant!



Rehearsals begin **Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>**, during Sunday School, 9:45-10:40 a.m. Additional practices may be needed. All classes are welcome to participate!



### Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.** in the Chapel and **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15 a.m.** in the Chapel. We will be studying "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeust. All are welcome!

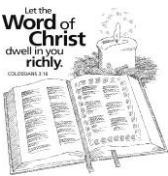


### Pastor's Study

**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**  
We will begin by looking at the Book of Revelation. The study will follow the book,

"Power and Purpose," a book written by Pastor Russell Lackey who says that we have been asking all the wrong questions and therefore losing our focus on what the book is really trying to say. Come explore this very misunderstood book of the Bible. ***This study is for entry level students!***

*You do not need to know anything about the Bible in order to attend!*



### Pastor's Sunday School Class Power and Purpose

### The Book of Revelation for Today

by The Most Holy Reverend Dr. Russell L. Lackey

He writes: "The one consistent mistake I see students make when reading the book of Revelation is that they ask the wrong question..." "...But what if the question of Revelation isn't how the world will end, but rather, who is the Lord of this world? Suddenly, everything changes..."

*You're Invited:*

Bible Study on the book of Revelation  
**Every Sunday in November @ 9:45 a.m.**  
**This is a beginner level Bible Study.**

*Absolutely no knowledge of the Bible is needed—in fact, it's discouraged (just kidding).*



## Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia(s) in our Church for the Christmas Eve service, please complete and return this form with your check made payable to: **“St. John’s Lutheran Church”** marked **“Christmas Flowers”** in the memo line. **Poinsettias are \$9.00 each and orders must be received by Sunday, December 4, 2022.**

Number of **RED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **WHITE:** \_\_\_\_\_

I wish for the acknowledgment in the bulletin to read as follows:

**PLEASE PRINT, USING FIRST AND LAST NAMES**

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**IN HONOR OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**GIVEN BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:      Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my poinsettia(s) with me after the Christmas Eve service.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please take my poinsettia to a shut-in.



## ADOPT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

*Sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee*

*“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me.”*



**Please place a check mark in the box next to each item you wish to purchase. (Families & tags are located in the narthex.)**



**Purchase and wrap the gifts. Request a gift receipt when purchasing the gift, and enclose it with the gift.**



**Fill out and place a gift tag on each gift with the child's number.**

**IMPORTANT! Indicate the contents of each package using a “Post-it” note on the outside of the package.**

*(This information to be used by committee only.)*



**Please bring gifts to the church by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**Any questions: Please contact Michelle Kozlowski  
@ 724-816-1680.**

**Thank you for your support with this ministry!**

# Presents for Parents



Saturday, December 10, 2022  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
St. John's Social Hall

The Evangelism Committee will be hosting 'Presents for Parents'. Children can come to St. John's to hear the Christmas story, make a craft, play some games and watch a movie. Lunch will be provided. Parents can use the gift of some free time without their children to catch up on some holiday activities of their own like shopping, baking or decorating.

We ask that parents register their children in advance (potty trained through Grade 6) and they complete a brief permission slip before leaving their child. Sign up below to pre-register your child and place it in the offering plate.

Registration will also be taken by calling the church office. Please contact Tammy Fleegeer 724 664-1773 with any questions. This event is open to anyone in the community who could benefit from it, so please share with those who may be interested.

Registration may be limited, so sign up early.

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Yes, I would like to register my child.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, please contact me about donating a lunch item.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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## **Katie's Cupboard**

More than 38 million people-including 12 million children-in the U.S. experience food insecurity, leaving families to make hard choices between paying bills or buying groceries. Together, let's help everyone get enough to eat!

### **Suggested food pantry items:**

- Canned tuna, ham or chicken
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pasta sauce and spaghetti
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Beef stew, chili, hearty soups
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Cereals
- Toiletries
- Cleaning & paper products
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Donations to Katie's Cupboard can be left in the church parlor or in the outside cupboard at any time. Also, St. Johns accepts your donations of monetary gifts to buy items to stock the cupboard. We are also looking for volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard. For more information, please contact Tammy Fleeger @ 724-664-1773.

**Thank you for your support!**

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers

John Swanson(E)

Cheryl Mechling(L)

Lectors

Marlee Smith(E)

Charlie Bleakney(L)

Communion Assistants

Becky Swanson, Jill Wranich(E)

Acolytes

Noelle Smoyer(E)

William Bouch(L)

Welcome Team

The Smoyer family(E)

The Choncek family(L)

Camera Operators

Robert John(E)

Bill Bouch(L)

## STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry

Julie Smith

Secretary

Christine Lettrich

Sexton

Michael Craft

Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music

Rebecca Veith

Sr. Choir Accompanist

Elizabeth Cramer



**The flowers on the altar** this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gerald Mentch given by Susan and Marianne.

## OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

**GRACE**  
*happens*



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