

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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October 17 and 20, 2024**

Serving Us Today:

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COMMUNION STATEMENT... To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, please speak with the Pastor before service. Please note that there are cups in the middle of each tray which contain wine diluted with water for those who prefer.

AS WE GATHER... Imagine someone offering you a gift—a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land. God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves and gotten a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers you rest through the gift of the forgiveness of sins. Do not miss out on the rest God offers you right now through Jesus.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS... Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the

weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

Pre-Service Music

Ringling of the Bells

The Welcome

Confession and Absolution

601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

1 All who believe and are baptized

**Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.**

**Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.**

2 With one accord, O God, we pray:

**Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.**

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The rite of Holy Baptism for Henry James Johnson

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie *LSB 204*

**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

**C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 14:17–24

¹⁷After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹And he blessed him and said,

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

Possessor of heaven and earth;

²⁰and blessed be God Most High,

who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." ²²But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' ²⁴I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

St. John School Seraphim Choir sings

Epistle

Hebrews 6:20—7:10

²⁰where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

¹For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ²and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. ³He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

⁴See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:30–33

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall

we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
 "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
 Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
 Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
 "Here am I, send me, send me"?**
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,
 If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
 You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
 With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
 To the Savior's waiting arms.**
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,
 Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
 Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
 You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
 Holding up the prophet's hands.**

**4 Let none hear you idly saying,
“There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
“Here am I, send me, send me!”**

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Sermon “From God, To God”

Prayer of the Church

Offering St. John School Handbells play during the Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus *LSB 208*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim

shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

**C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution Hymns

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.**

- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

- 3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.**

- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore**

**And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.**

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

831 "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

**1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known His reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?**

**2 "To all the world," to ev'ry place,
Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.**

**3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all,
To bring a lost world home again?**

**4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire impart
To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
And make a world for Christ my goal.**

**5 Spirit of love, within us move:
Spirit of truth, in pow'r come down!
So shall they hear and find and prove
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.**

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

662 Onward, Christian Soldiers

1 Onward, Christian soldiers,

Marching as to war,

With the cross of Jesus

Going on before.

Christ, the royal master,

Leads against the foe;

**Forward into battle
See His banners go! Refrain**

**ref Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.**

**2 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity. Refrain**

**3 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail. Refrain**

**4 Onward, then, ye faithful,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices**

**In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing. Refrain**

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Attendance Last Week: 202
General giving last week: \$8094.97
Budget giving needed: \$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

21 Monday	LWML Meeting	6:30 pm
23 Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
24 Thursday	Worship Service/HC	6:30 pm
27 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
27 Sunday	Adult Bible Class	10:15 am
27 Sunday	Sunday School	10:15 am

HOLY BAPTISM: Being received through Baptism into the covenant and kingdom of God's grace today is Henry James Johnson, son of Jeremy and Candace Johnson, who entered this life on July 3, 2024 and is being given new life in Christ through this washing of regeneration. Serving as his Godparents are: James Schilder and Amy Schilder.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this Thursday and Sunday are in honor of LWML Sunday and were donated by an anonymous member of the congregation.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING: The Quarterly Voters meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20th after the church service, beginning at approx. 10:30 am. All communicant members age 18 and over are eligible to become voting members. Please plan to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS CANCELLED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH. There WILL BE childcare available for anyone who is attending the new membership class or the voters' meeting. You can bring your child to the school for fun activities.

NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held in the Sanctuary today due to the voters meeting.

LWML MITE BOX FOR LWML SUNDAY: The St. John LWML is celebrating LWML Sunday on October 20th. There will be LWML members in the Narthex following the service with our large mite boxes if you wish to make a contribution. Your donations will help us be "Ready to Serve" others.

LWML FALL RALLY: We have a Fall Rally on Saturday, October 26th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Auroraville. All are welcome to attend. The lunch will begin at 11:30 with a program to follow. Prior to the rally we are asking the congregation to help us collect the following items for the King Veteran Home. All donations can be put in the card room in the bins marked LWML. The items we are collecting are: Full size toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, alcohol free mouth wash, body wash for both men and women), sweatpants, sweatshirts, and pajama pants (new clothing only). Thank you in advance for helping us with this project.

SCRIP NEWS: Webster's Market in Ripon has been bought out by Hy-Vee, if you have any Webster's scrip cards you have until November 2nd to use them.

SENIOR CHOIR SEEKING NEW VOICES: Our Choir has started up again, with rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:30 pm. WE NEED NEW MEMBERS – we only have 4 right now. Please give some thought to adding YOUR voice to our choir and helping us praise the Lord with song!

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS: Our library has been reorganized into easy-to-find categories with some new books too. Please take a look. Also, we are looking to add to our collection of Christian reading material. If you have any Christian books that you would like to donate, please bring them and put them in the marked bin by the door. For those wishing to read a book or two from the library, just take it home with you and bring it back when you are done. There is no formal check-out process.

PIZZA SALE PICK-UP: If you ordered pizzas from the fundraiser, they will be delivered to school on Friday, October 18th and you can pick them up from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Any pizzas not picked up during that time will be taken to church and we will help you find your order on Sunday, October 20th in the church basement following the church service and before the voter's meeting. If you won't be in church on Sunday the 20th, you can email the school, school@stjohnberlin.org and we can make other arrangements. Thank you for supporting the 7th & 8th grade class trip.

PASTOR ROB'S NUMBER: If you or a loved one are hospitalized or going through something difficult and need to speak with a pastor, please call or text Pastor Rob at any time at (920) 539-4603. He would be happy to speak with you and set up a time to visit.

TITUS 2 WOMEN'S MINISTRY Titus 2 is a Christian women's group dedicated to building relationships between different generations. Rachel Cassidy, a mother of one of our school children, is hosting a gathering on November 9th at River Shores Church. If you're an experienced mother who is mature in your faith, please bring a piece of advice, wisdom, or scripture to share with others. If you're a younger woman or are new to your faith, please bring a dish to pass and any questions you have. Dinner starts at 5pm; the evening will conclude by 8:00pm. Please RSVP to Rachel Cassidy at (920) 290-4459 by November 6th.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Would you like your stewardship to be automated? St. John enables you to give your church offering by using electronic funds transfer (EFT). You may already be using EFT

to have your mortgage, car payment and bills automatically paid using this method. Now your gift to God can be regular and “off the top,” just like these other commitments.

There is no cost to you for this service. Just think – you won’t have to write 52 checks a year! And you won’t have to wonder where you put your church offering envelopes.

If you would like to participate, contact Amy Radliff by phone 920-361-1437 or by email at theradliffs@gmail.com for an enrollment form.

You can give weekly or monthly. Your giving is recorded at the church office and will reflect on your annual statement.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE USING THE SCREENS EXCLUSIVELY and may not want or need a full bulletin...we have available in the back of church and from the ushers a “news” sheet which contains the same calendar, announcements and sermon outline found in the regular bulletin. If interested, please pick one up and see if it meets your needs.

Sermon Notes – 10-20-24 – From God, To God

-“He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.” (Hebrews 7:3)

-Melchizedek is _____.

God gives great gifts:

-“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth.’”

-“And in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.” (Genesis 22:18)

-Melchizedek giving Abram a _____ points forward to God giving us Jesus.

-“Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread...and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ And he took a cup, and...gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant.’” (Matthew 26:26-28)

-Melchizedek giving Abram bread and wine, points forward to Jesus giving us the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

-“They will see his _____...They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light.”

-Melchizedek giving Abram his presence, points forward to God giving us his glorious presence for all eternity!

We should thank God:

-Like Abram thanked God by allowing him to have the _____, so should we.

-Like Abram thanked God by recognizing that everything is his and praising him, so should we.

-Like Abram thanked God by _____, so should we.

-It starts with: God gives great gifts. It ends with: We should thank God.