

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel

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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...** The ending of a liturgical year speaks of the end of all things. Our Lord spoke plainly about the end of the world. There are signs the end is coming. Jesus' teaching seems to elicit only question marks on our part. "When?" "What?" "How?" The signs He speaks of include false teachers in the church, wars, rumors of wars, and earthquakes as "but the beginning of the birth pains" (Mark 13:8). The Jewish people of Jesus' time on earth would be alarmed at His prediction of the destruction of the temple as it would mean the end of their faith and hope in God. The world is to see, however, that the loving, saving God is closer than ever in the new temple of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen again for the life of the world. As the beloved hymn says, our "hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." No merit of our own can prepare us "when darkness veils, . . . in every high and stormy gale,

...in the raging flood; when every earthly prop gives way." No matter what comes we are "clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand" (LSB 575/576).

**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**

### **728 How Firm a Foundation**

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;

I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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## **The Rite of Holy Baptism – Thursday Evening**

*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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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**

### **Gloria Patri**

**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.**

### **Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*

**P Glory be to God on high:**

**C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee,  
for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 29:15–30*

<sup>15</sup>Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" <sup>16</sup>Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup>Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. <sup>18</sup>Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." <sup>19</sup>Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." <sup>20</sup>So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

<sup>21</sup>Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." <sup>22</sup>So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. <sup>23</sup>But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup>(Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) <sup>25</sup>And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" <sup>26</sup>Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup>Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." <sup>28</sup>Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. <sup>29</sup>(Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) <sup>30</sup>So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**St. John School Seraphim Choir Sings on Sunday**  
***"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"***

**Epistle**

*Hebrews 12:1–3*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our



faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*John 21:15–19*

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

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

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch

out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup>(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

**C Praise be to Thee, 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**

### **729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.
  
- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;  
At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy  
Trusting now.
  
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy  
By Thy blood.
  
- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
All my need.
  
- 5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever  
And for all.

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## **Sermon**

## **“Desire”**

**Offering** St. John School Hand Bells play during the Offering  
*“How Great Thos Art”*

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

## **Preface**

*LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who

on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 195*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in  
the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**P** 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.

**C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

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**

*LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## **Distribution Hymns**

### **789 Praise and Thanksgiving**

1 Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer

For all things living,  
Created good:  
Harvest of sown fields,  
Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields,  
Blossom and wood.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor  
We bring to serve You  
That with our neighbor  
We may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
We would work with You,  
Harvesting, milling  
For daily bread.

3 Father, providing  
Food for Your children,  
By Your wise guiding  
Teach us to share  
One with another,  
So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others  
May know Your care.

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## 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
  
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
  
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.
  
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
  
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
  
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;



Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast  
prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
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.**

## **Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C and His mercy endureth forever.**

**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.**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

## **Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

P Bless we the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
and + give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

## **921 On What Has Now Been Sown**

1 On what has now been sown

Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone  
To make it sprout and grow.

Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2 To Thee our wants are known,

From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own  
And pardon what is ours.

Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us,  
 Now met before Thee here,  
 May meet together thus  
 When Thou and Thine appear  
 And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.  
 E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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<b>Attendance Last Week: 229</b>	
<b>General giving last week:</b>	<b>\$8765.46</b>
<b>Budget giving needed:</b>	<b>\$7500.00</b>

### Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

20 Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
<b>21 Thursday</b>	<b>Worship Service/HC</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>24 Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service/HC</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
24 Sunday	Adult Bible Class	10:15 am
24 Sunday	Sunday School	10:15 am

**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.

**BAPTISM:** AXL MITTELSTAEDT, son of Alex and Samantha Mittelstaedt, will be baptized during the Thursday night worship service on November 14th. Godparents for Axl are Aaron and Laura Schroeder. May the Lord watch over Axl and keep him in the true faith unto life everlasting.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR LAST WEEK AND THIS WEEK** are in honor of the 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Ralph and Phyllis Van Dellen. The flowers were given by their children.

**SPECIAL MUSIC SHOWCASE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>:** The St. John Lutheran School students in 3rd - 8th grade will have their Fall Music Showcase on Tuesday, Nov. 19th from 5pm - 6pm at the church. All are welcome to come and watch. The handbells and recorder will play and the Seraphim Choir will perform.

**PTL FRUIT SALE:** The annual PTL Fruit Sale will run from November 3 – 24. There is a form in back of church. Take advantage of this excellent fruit!

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** The Altar Guild will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm. New members are welcome to join!

## **ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS HOSTING AN 1:55**

**BOOKFAIR:** This is a Christian bookfair with 3K-8th grade appropriate books. We will be open on the following dates and times if any congregation members are interested in looking at the books for sale. Dec. 2,3,5,6 from 3:30pm to 5pm; Dec. 4 from 3:30pm to 6:15pm and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10:30 to noon.

**CHRISTMAS VBS PLANNING MEETING:** There will be a planning meeting for Christmas VBS on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP:** If you are a youth group member and are interested in being part of the Live Nativity, please contact Mr. Pett by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We need to know so that we can fit you for a costume or find another role in which you can help serve.

Mr. Pett can be contacted at **[Tpett@stjohnberlin.org](mailto:Tpett@stjohnberlin.org)**. Have a blessed day!

**DO YOU NEED A FEW HOURS TO WRAP GIFTS?** Bring your kids to Christmas VBS! It will be held at the school on Saturday, December 21st from 9am - 1pm. All children are invited. We will be celebrating Jesus' birthday by learning about His birth, playing games, making crafts, and singing His praises. We will also be packing boxes for children in African orphanages at this time. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Please register by December 7 via QR code or calling the school.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH COLLECTING ITEMS FOR**

**CHRISTMAS VBS.** Please consider donating items for the children to pack into boxes for orphans in Africa. A collection bin is in the card room. There are boxes and lists in the Narthex if you would also like to pack your own box.

*God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10*

### **Sermon Notes – 11-17-24 – Desire**

-So many of Shakespeare's plays are tragic – there's a corrupted \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to strife and ultimately death.

-In contrast...Almost every modern tale can be characterized by the phrase: "And they lived happily ever after."

-The story of Jacob, Laban, Leah, and Rachel was full of corrupted desire leading to strife, tragedy, and death.

-Adam and Eve had a \_\_\_\_\_ desire to eat the forbidden fruit that led to all of the strife, tragedy, and death present in our world.

-Desire is fine, but at the root of every sin which leads to all strife, every tragedy, and each death is a misplaced, an inordinate desire – desire that's too strong or in the wrong things.

-God had a strong desire, too.

-“Jesus...who for the joy that was set before him endured the \_\_\_\_\_.” (Hebrews 12:2)

-You and me. We're God's desire!

-God took the strife, tragedy, and death and turned it into  
“\_\_\_\_\_ ever after.”

-God did this through Jacob, Leah, and Rachel.

-Despite our corrupt desires, our strife, tragedy, and death –  
God is working. His desire is to save us!

-Give up on your corrupt desires and, inspired by what God has  
done and by what he is doing, simply desire his \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
done.



**As one of the fundraisers for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at St John, Charly's Tacos will be at the Fortfi Bank parking lot on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 5pm until out. They are from Wautoma and have great food.**

**This is before and during the parade that starts at 6:30pm.**

**Please consider supporting our students as they fundraise for their California trip. They can be found on Facebook or online.**