

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 19, 2023

Welcome to God's Holy House!
May this worship service be an uplifting and spiritual
blessing to you and your family.

PRAYER AS WE GATHER: *Lord of the Church, help us remember who we are and what our life in this world means. Lead us to live a life of witness to You by our loving and caring attitudes and actions. As fellow saints, let us support one another in how we live faithfully. In all things, let us be a mirror of You to the world. Be our constant spiritual strength and joy, in Jesus' name! Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said *"Take and Eat, This is my Body, Take and Drink, This is my Blood given for you for the forgiveness of sins"* (Matt. 26: 26-28).



We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, and believe that Jesus is truly present "in, and with and under" the bread and wine. All communicant members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are welcome to receive communion. Participation means

that one is repentant of sin and believes the Sacrament increases faith, forgives sin, and is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor and wish to take communion, please see Pastor



or an Elder before the service. Grape juice is offered for those who cannot drink wine.

DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING ONE

LSB 151

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

OPENING HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.**

Refrain:

*Lord of all, to Thee we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

**2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]**

**3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]**

**4 For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of Thine:
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]**

THE INVOCATION



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

C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

ABSOLUTION

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

INTROIT for Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.

**I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

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

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST



LSB 155

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

COLLECT for Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

P Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHIMES *“A Thankful Peal”*

FIRST READING



Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

“I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

⁹On that day I will punish

everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

¹⁰“On that day,” declares the LORD,

“a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!

For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the men
who are complacent,

those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.’

¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.”

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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

Gradual for Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.

**Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers,
you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For
you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord
will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are

saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (spoken)

C **Alleluia.**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

CHOIR *"All Things Work Together for Good"*

GOSPEL



Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
starting at the twenty-fifth chapter

C Thanks be to God.

14“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ 21His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ 23His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather

where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON HYMN  "There is a Time for Everything"

LSB 762

SERMON "Build Up One Another for Christ" based on 1 Thessalonians 5: 11

OFFERINGS We ask all members and visitors to please sign our "Friendship Folder" located at the center aisle end of each pew in the red vinyl folder.

OFFERTORY



LSB 159

PRAYER

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



Brief silence

P Lord, in Your mercy, C **hear our prayer.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

LSB 160



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 It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore
praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



LSB 161

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LSB 162

LORD'S PRAYER

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PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI  **LSB 163**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” **LSB 411**

“Take My Life and Let it Be” **LSB 783**

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” **LSB 622**

“THANK THE LORD”  **LSB 164**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT 

P We give thanks to You, almighty God.....one God,
now and forever.

C **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.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN  **“We Praise You, O God”** **LSB 785**

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CHURCH STATISTICS FROM NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Church Attendance: 62

Adult Bible Study: 19

Offering Income: \$3255.00

Misc. Income: \$333.00

Total Income: \$3588.00

PRAYERS FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S FAMILY (*Homebound)

Andy Banas Jr. Charlene Cox Irma Deichen*
Lynn Erke John Linn Sandra Luecke*
Myra Mayerak Shirley Odegaard* Sandy Swanson
Norma Vierk* Shirley Weiss Margaret Zoellick**

THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

*Gary Kilbury, Nov 19 Wayne Douma, Nov 23
Tanya Woodson, Nov 23*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

*Pastor: Pastor John Richy
Elder: Mike Winters
Communion Asst. Duane Schultz
Lector: Al Erke
Usher: Gary and Rene Knight
Music Director: Sue Olson
Organist: Kyle Castillo
Chimes and Choir List below*

Our 2023-2024 St. John's Adult Chimes



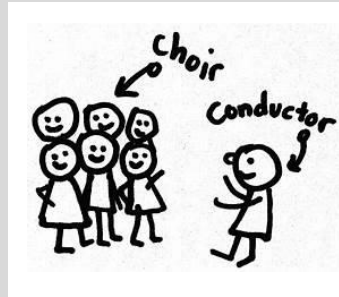
*Kyle Castillo
Naomi Furtek
Eileen Gronewold
Rene Knight
Tracy Krause
Susan Kreger
Ashley Richy
Mary Wells
Nancy Wojcik*

Our 2023-2024 St. John's Adult Choir

Soprano: *Donna Pyritz*
Ashley Richy
Mary Wells
Cheryl Zimmerman

Alto: *Lori Costenaro*
Eileen Gronewold
Diane Scanlon

Baritone *Ray Biederstadt*
Hal Gronewold
Gary Knight
Jim Kreger
David Swanson
Mike Winters



Accompanist: *Kyle Castillo*

Director: *Sue Olson*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 22 **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE @ 7:00 pm with Holy Communion**

Nov. 23 **Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed. Reopens Fri.**

Nov. 26 **Christ the King Sunday (Last day of the church year)**

8:15 am **Adult Bible Study on Revelation**

9:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion**

Nov. 30

6-7:00 pm **Confirmation**

6:00 pm **Chimes Practice**

7:00 pm **Choir Practice**

**First Sunday in Advent is December 3rd;
Wednesday Advent Services are offered at noon
(abbreviated) or at 7:00 pm on Dec. 6, 13, and 20th.**

COOKIE WALK: This year's COOKIE WALK is set for Sunday, December 10th right after worship.

We can always use bakers, as well as metal coffee tins. This will be in the St. John's Lutheran Church Basement right after worship.

A great variety of homemade cookies will be available for you to choose how many, and what kind you want. Fill a decorated coffee can and have your selection weighed. Cost is **\$8.00 a pound**. So come on down **Dec. 10th** to our St. John's Lutheran Church Basement and stock up on homemade cookies.

CHURCH BRICKS If you wish to make an order, order forms ("Legacy Project") are available at either entrance. It may be a few months before we get at least 5 orders to help with shipping.

SHOP WITH SCRIPS: The Shop with Scrips (also known as Raise Right) card fundraiser is being offered EVERY MONTH. Orders are to be placed the last Sunday of the month with delivery the following Sunday. The enrollment code is A938D6FC4588. The website is **www.raiseright.com/** Questions?call Tina Funchion @ 708 789-2844 **funchionpt@comcast.net**.

LANSING FOOD PANTRY MONTH DRIVE: Don't forget that our Lansing Food Pantry donation collections go on each month. Items may be placed on the table inside the inner school doors. Last Monday of each month is the delivery.

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CHURCH OFFICE *The office is open Tues - Fri, 9:00 – 2:00 pm.
(except for Thanksgiving Day)*



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