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TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
St. John Lutheran Preschool & Childcare
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
824 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, Wisconsin - 262-692-2734
Sunday, November 19, 2023 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Special Welcome To Those With Young Children

We are very happy that you are here today! At St. John we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. John.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily watch the pastor, note the colors, hear the bells, see the fire, and wonder about the stained glass windows of the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.

If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we didn't build a nursery. Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out.

- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of good folks here who would love to lend you a hand!

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to St. John!



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

LSB 660

Stand

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

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 151

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.**

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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

LSB 151

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.**

Remain Standing

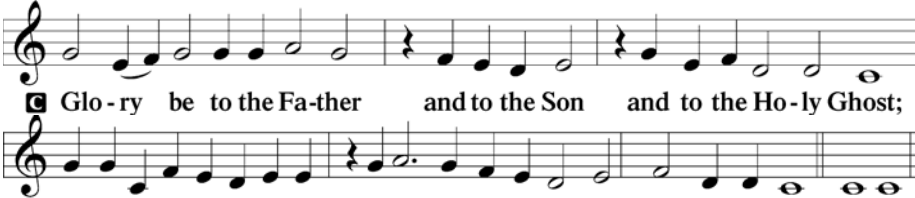
SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**
P Enter not into judgment with your servant,
C **for no one living is righteous before you.**
P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
C **I ponder the work of your hands.**
P I stretch out my hands to you;
C **my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**
P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
C **Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**
P For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
C **In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

Gloria Patri

LSB 186

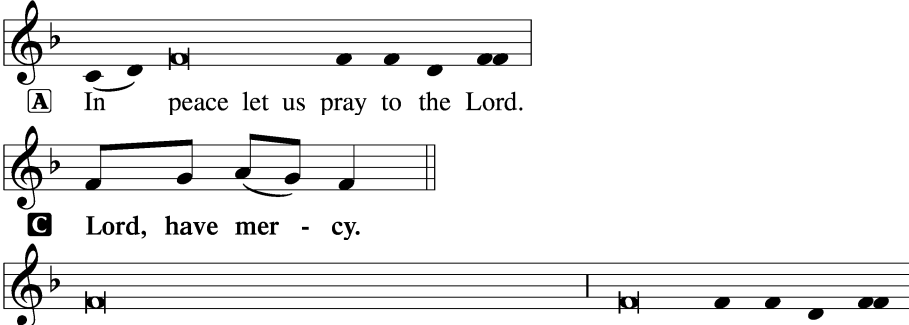


C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

Kyrie

LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



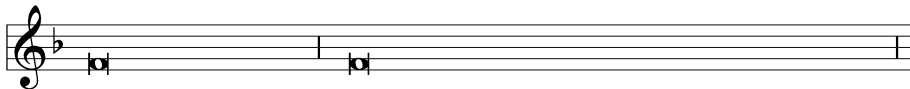
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



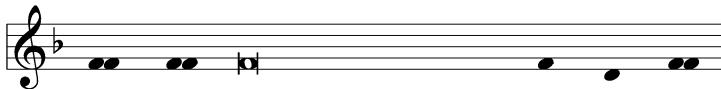
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



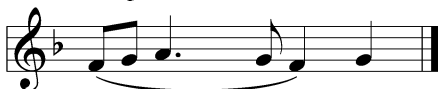
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis


LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

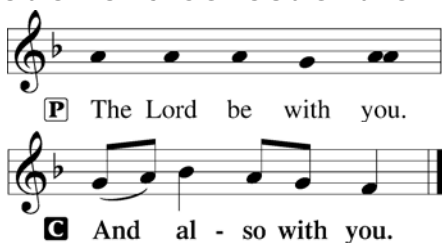


C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
 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.



Sit

Old Testament 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,

live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “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.

Sit

HYMN: "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

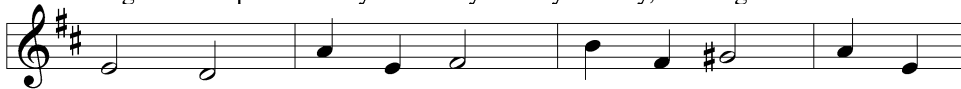
LSB 663



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

Sermon

The Rev. Marshal Frisque

Following the Sermon, the Pastor Prays:

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

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

Final Petition:

P ... one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Our Offerings to God

The Offering is a part of our Worship life together as God's children gathered here at St. John. This historical practice is more than "helping pay the electric bill". Having received His absolution and cleansing of our sin, the Offering, then, is a part of our worship posture (Psalm 51). As we move from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament we bring before God, in a communal fashion (Acts 2:42-47), the toils of our hands, the bread of the earth (Gen. 3:19) and give it to God. This, He transforms and provides back to us the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of the Altar! Together, placing our offerings in the plate, the Lord sees and treats all giving hearts the same, whether they can provide much or little (Luke 21:1-4). All of this, then, furthers God's mission and ministry in our flock and into the lives of our community members. May the Lord bless your lives as you entrust your possessions to Him (Phil. 4:10-20)!

Text: Pastor Frisque

(Please place your offering envelope in the collection plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, thank you!)

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Offertory

LSB 159

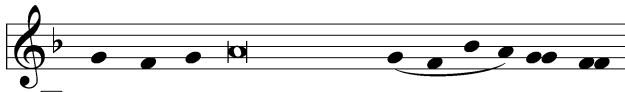
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so 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.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

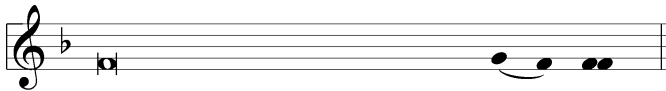
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us 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

LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

HYMN: "We Praise You, O God"

LSB 785

1 We praise You, O God, our Re-deem-er, Cre-a-tor;
 2 We wor-ship You, God of our fa-thers, we bless You;
 3 With voic-es u-nit-ed our prais-es we of-fer.

In grate-ful de-vo-tion our trib-ute we bring.
 Through tri-al and tem-pest our guide You have been.
 And glad-ly our songs of thanks-giv-ing we raise.

We lay it be-fore You, we kneel and a-dore You;
 When per-ils o'er-take us, You will not for-sake us,
 With You, Lord, be-side us, Your strong arm will guide us.

We bless Your ho-ly name, glad prais-es we sing.
 And with Your help, O Lord, our strug-gles we win.
 To You, our great Re-deem-er, for-ev-er be praise!

HYMN: "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

LSB 508



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face,
 With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532-99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832-1919, alt.
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
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HYMN: "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

LSB 562



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
 2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
 3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
 4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
 dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
 deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the
 sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
 in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
 dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
 light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell
 And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
 So by one Man, who took our place,
 We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
 New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
 This grace our ev'ry way attend
 Until we reach our journey's end.

Text: Lazarus Spengler, 1479-1534; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.
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Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** 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 A - men.

The musical notation for 'A - men.' is a single staff of music in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple, consisting of a few notes followed by a double bar line.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

The musical notation for the Benediction consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple, consisting of a few notes followed by a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.



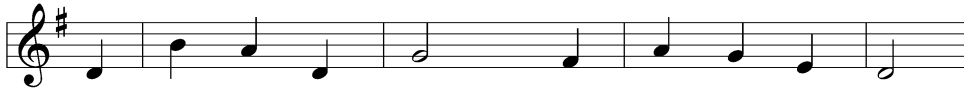
■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

HYMN: "Be Strong in the Lord"

LSB 665



1	Be	strong	in	the	Lord	In	ar - mor	of	light,
2	In -	teg - ri -	ty	gird		You	round	to	im - part
3	With	ea - ger -	ness	shod		Stand	firm	in	your
4	Though	Sa - tan	pre -	sume		To	test	you	and
5	So	wield	well	your	blade,	Re -	joice	in	its
									pow'rs,



With	hel - met	and	sword,	With	shield	for	the	fight;
The	truth	of	His	Word	As	truth	in	your
Or	go	forth	for	God	With	news	of	His
In	hel - met	and	plume	Your	head	shall	be	high;
Fight	on	un -	dis -	mayed	For	Je -	sus	is
								ours!



On	prayer	be	de -	pen -	dent,	Be	belt -	ed	and
His	righ -	teous -	ness	wear -	ing	As	breast -	plate	of
No	foe	shall	dis -	arm	you	Nor	force	you	to
Be -	set	by	temp -	ta -	tion	Be	true	to	your
Then	in	Him	vic -	to -	rious	Your	ar -	mor	lay
									down,



In	breast -	plate	re -	splen -	dent:	The	ar -	mor	of
His	vic -	to -	ry	shar -	ing,	Be	strong	to	pre -
No	ar -	row	can	harm	you	With	faith	as	your
Your	hel -	met	sal -	va -	tion	And	Scrip -	ture	your
To	praise,	ev -	er	glo -	rious,	His	cross	and	His
									crown.

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Elder:

8:00 & 10:30 AM -Abe Rohde

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Altar Committee:

Cindy Scheunemann & Melissa Lareau

Flower Committee:

Kristie Parker

Usher Team: #1

Ben Hedrick, Captain

SUNDAY (11/19/23)

✠25th SUN. A. PENTECOST

Divine Services - 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Bible Study, Sunday School, and Sr.

High Youth - 9:15 AM

Tuesday (11/21/23)

Women's Bible Study

at 1:00 PM in the Church Library

♪ Choir Practice- 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY (11/22/23)

No Bible Studies & Confirmation/Youth Classes!

✠ Thanksgiving Service - 6:00 PM

THURSDAY (11/23/23)

✠ Thanksgiving Service - 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY (11/26/23)

✠25th Last S. of the Church Year

Divine Services - 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Bible Study, Sunday School, and Sr.

High Youth - 9:15 AM

Board of Ed. meet after the 2nd. service



HYMN OF THE MONTH

"We Praise You, O God" LSB #785

NEED WINTER ACCESSORIES DONATIONS FOR THE GIVING TREE!



A Giving tree is in the north hallway. Let's decorate the tree with lots of hand-made or purchased mittens/gloves, hats and scarves to give to the food pantry this year!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Rose Bottesi, Guy Wenzel (Kathy Wenzel's brother-in-law), Jane Kultgen (Eric Kultgen's mother), Yoke Tanko, Jay Bretschneider, James Brooks, Jill Peiffer (Harley Meins' daughter), Jane Bubolz (Dear Friend of Cookie & Don Gruell), Tim Monahan (Debbie Paape's brother), Marvin Hoppe (Kathy Wenzel's father), Christofer Munoz Soto (Bill & Roberta Hilgendorf's great-grandson), Judy Fischer, Betty Fairbert, Jodi Cook, Keith Johnson, Verna Oehme, Bob & Sandi Thiel, Carl Jagow (Steve Jagow's brother), Karen Wiebe, Jack Gerlach (Shelia Shults's relative), Sarah Grisar (Bob & Sandi Thiel's niece), Edie Jacobs, family of Davey. Ihrcke (Mark Meyle's cousin), and Daniel Kuehl.



SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
Confessing Christ for the Next Generation

NEW Giving Tuesday / Annual Appeal

We boldly ask you to prayerfully consider participating in our Giving Tuesday effort on November 28 to help us continue planting distinctly Lutheran congregations and schools. Our goal is to raise \$500,000 in this effort to plant five congregations and schools over the next two years. We need your help to reach this aggressive, but critical goal! It is our prayer that these efforts will allow us to shine the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ here in South Wisconsin as we continue *Confessing Christ for the Next Generation!* **You can make your contribution online at swd.lcms.org/give or send your contribution to the South Wisconsin District-LCMS | 8100 W. Capitol Drive | Milwaukee, WI 53222.**



Church Advent & Christmas Decorating HELP NEEDED!

Volunteers are requested to gather at church on Friday, December 1st at 9:00am to help decorate the church and sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Seasons! It's hard to believe that it is already that time of year again! Any questions contact the church office at (262)692-2734.



Christmas Caroling for Fredonia's Holiday Tree Lighting

This year, St. John's Choir will be singing Christmas Carols for the Village of Fredonia's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on **Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 6 - 7 at pm. At Freedom Park.** We need some

more singing voices, if you'd like to join us in this special event, please let Deborah Jackman, Choir/Music Director know. Note: Everybody must get their own transportation to the site and will be provided with caroling books at the time of the event.

Looking for some helping hands!!!



St. John Preschool and Childcare will be holding their annual Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 3pm. We are looking for a few individuals who would be available that afternoon to help serve and clean up our fellowship time which follows the program. If you are interested, please call Cheryl at the childcare (262-692-2734). We greatly appreciate it!

HELP MAKE OUR PLAYGROUND COME TRUE BY LEAVING YOUR FAMILY'S MARK ON IT! Show your long-time support by ordering a picket for \$75, inscribed with your name on it. You can find the order forms in the Narthex, fill one out today!

Birthday Blessings to the following church members:

- 11/20 - Matthew Caswell
- 11/20 - Susan Gerth
- 11/22 - Marlene Bretschneider
- 11/22- Randy Jacobs
- 11/23 - Kathy Wenzel
- 11/24 - Lauren Heller
- 11/25 - Tanner Russell
- 11/25 - Dylan Russell
- 11/26 - Brooke Bares
- 11/26 - Harland Meins



Anniversary Blessings to the following church members:

- 11/24 - Dennis & Lynn Bares



Gift Cards for Seminary Students

It's that time again when we gather gift cards to nationwide retailers, restaurants, and gas stations to send off to Concordia Theological Seminary to bless the students and their families. As they enter the holiday season desiring to give Christmas gifts to their children and family, this is one way we are able to help them because they are not financially able to do so with no major source of work income. Please consider dropping off some gift cards in the offering basket or to the church office no later than Sunday, November 26, 2023 so that we can get them to the students by the 1st of December! Thank you for your continued generosity to our future Church Workers and their families!



Any Church Members with a Thrivent financial policy that would like to use one of their "action team dollar cards" to assist with Advent Dinner

costs, contact the church office, 262-692-2734.



Advent Dinners and Taizé Prayer Services

Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, 2023

Morning Responsive Prayer services with Preschool students included will be offered this year again at 10 AM.

Evening Taizé Prayer Candlelight Services at 6 PM. *Dinners open to all, will be served from 5-6 PM.*

Week 1 (Dec. 6) – Bada Bing - Italian Night, Week 2 (Dec. 13) –Hearty Turkey Noodle Soup, and Week 3 (Dec. 20) – Barbecue. If you plan on attending the meal, please sign up in the narthex. You can also sign up if you wish to provide a dessert and/or help with set-up and clean up. Dinner is served from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by the Advent Taizé service.



Poinsettia Order Form

We would again like to give you the opportunity to help beautify our church this Christmas by ordering a Poinsettia.

NEW PRICES

Cost: \$12.00 per plant (single)


Cost: \$20.00 per plant (double)

*Orders must be turned in
no later than Sunday, November 26, 2023.*

Fill out the bottom portion of this form and place it, along with your payment, in the church office or the church office mailbox, #222 in the narthex.

*Please make checks payable to:
St. John's Ruth Guild*

*1.
If you have any questions, please call
Janet Block at 262-692-9455.*

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Colors:

*Red _____ White _____ Marble _____ Pink _____ Burgundy _____
(pink & white)*

Total \$ _____

In Memory of:

For Special Blessings:

To the Glory of God!

*I will pick up my poinsettia after the Christmas Services. _____
Yes No*

(please print) Name

Phone #





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