

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Nov. 12, 2023

Pastor J. Christian Strickland

Elders: Kris Holien, Erik Lilleberg and Tim Argabright

Organist: JoAnn Gratz

Hymns: 516, 427, 763, 801, 922

Divine Service: Setting 1, pg. 151

Introit

Ps. 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: Ps. 84:3

P.: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**C.: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD hosts!**

P.: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

**C.: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

P.: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**C.: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

**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.**

P.: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

**C.: at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

This week at St. John

Today

9:00 Sunday School and Bible Study

10:00 Worship w/Holy Communion

5:00 Hand Bells

Wed., Nov. 15

Sunday, Nov. 19

9:00 Sunday School and Bible Study

10:00 Worship

5:00-7:30 Oyster Stew Supper

This morning we welcome *Rev. Jean Rajaonasy*! He will be sharing with us the work that's being done in Madagascar.

Pearl Schroeder fell asleep in Jesus on Saturday, November 4. Her funeral was on Saturday, November 11.

**St. John Lutheran Church**

**Atwater, Minn.**

**Memory Verse: 1 Peter 1:24–25 The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.**

*To St. John congregants: Thank you so much for the cake, cards, and gifts for Pastor Appreciation Day! It was a wonderful day!*

*Pastor Christian Strickland*

**Thank you Rev. Rajaonasy** for coming to St. John Lutheran. May God bless you on the rest of your stay in the USA, your return journey home, and your work for God's kingdom.

**Thank you** to the ringers who helped make *Pastor Jean Rajaonasy's* visit to St. John special: *TJ Holien, Dylan Anderson, Braelyn Santjer, Sarah Strickland, Pearl Holien, Ali Holien, Jean Silky, Cindy Strickland, and Jes Ellson.*

**Veterans' Day and Mission Sunday:** Join us after worship service today for a Potluck. Please join us for a wonderful meal together! There will also be a cake to help Rev. Rajaonasy celebrate his Nov. 13 birthday.

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration-**Neil and Marlene Buboltz invite everyone to enjoy lunch and dessert with them in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Saturday, November 18, 11am-2pm.

**Oyster Stew and Soup Dinner** on Sunday, **November 19th** from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Free-will offering will go to the Sunday School. **Sign-up sheets** for helping with the event and bringing bars are on the table outside of Pastor's office. Thank you!

**Advent by Candlelight** will be held at St. John Lutheran Church on Sunday, **December 3**, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. This event is an opportunity for women of all ages from St. John and the community to prepare our hearts for Christmas through fellowship, music, and a message, followed by dessert served by our hostesses. If you are interested in hosting a table or attending, more information and sign-up sheets are available in the narthex; contact Joan Gatzmeyer with questions at 763-464-1933 or [joan\\_gatzmeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_gatzmeyer@yahoo.com).

**Kingery Family – Performing** at St. John. **December 10, 6 pm.** Here will be a free-will offering.

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**Offering Report for Sunday, November 5, 2023:**

General Fund/Loose Offering \$3,806.11

Missions \$815.00

Youth Camp \$60.00

Nicaragua Mission \$10.00

Madagascar Mission \$40.00

**TOTAL DEPOSIT = \$4,731.11**

Operation Barnabas: *Ali* is collecting goodies during the month of November for a care package to be sent to our adopted chaplain. Please help fill a box or two so he can share your gifts with the troops he encounters while preaching God's Word and administering His Sacraments. An idea list and receptacle are on the Narthex table. (Overflow can be placed in the basket of the shopping cart.) Thank you for blessing our country's active military men and women with your gifts!

RESPONDING TO ARGUMENTS AGAINST CHRISTIANITY... When people challenge the truths of the Christian faith, do find yourself at a loss for answers? You can listen to the new audiobook, "Objections Overruled: Answering Arguments against Christianity," at [issuesetc.org/objectionsoverruled](http://issuesetc.org/objectionsoverruled). This new audiobook is free and produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.