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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **11/19/23**

WELCOME in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

Sermon: "Stewards of His Property," Mattheew 25:14-30

St. Luke's, 8:30 a.m.

P. 15 Hymns: 446; 430; 441; 400

St. John's, 10:00 a.m.

LSB 203-212 Hymns: 663; 730; (627 vv 1-6, 783, 781, 733) 411

MUSIC: St. John's Sunday School children will sing "Butterfly Song" and "This Little Light of Mine" in this morning's service.

ATTENDANCE: (M) 88 (C) 22 Sunday School: 15 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday: 4 Weekday: 11

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this morning.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next Saturday/Sunday, November 25th/26th, is for Christmas Treats.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's Thanksgiving Day is for LCMS Disaster Response. All money not in an envelope will go to the home budget.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES will be held at St. Luke's at 8:30 a.m. and at St. John's at 10:00 a.m. (includes Holy Communion).

PLEASE JOIN the Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School choir as they present "Christmas Music from Around the World" on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoyleton.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS: Are you currently receiving the Lutheran Witness? If not, would you like to receive it? Let LuAnn Sprehe know by November 20th if you would like to receive the Lutheran Witness.

CATECHISM POSTERS AVAILABLE: Trinity, Nashville, is offering posters with the six chief parts of Christian teaching. A generous grant has made them available free of charge. You can get one from the table in the hallway by the restrooms. (If you would like to make a donation to make them available to others in the future, the suggested donation is \$9.00. See Pastor Mueller.)

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," Forgiving Those Who Sin Against Us, The Parable of the Ten Virgins, Transhumanism and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Barb Maschhoff Knee replacement
Tuesday at Barnes-Jewish West

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF November 19th-25th, 2023

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Don Schuette will have hip replacement surgery Wednesday, November 22nd, at St. Joseph's, Breese

Bob Mueller—Pastor's brother—coming home from hospital with six weeks of IV antibiotics at home

Sandy Martin diagnosed with breast cancer; doctors are optimistic as plans for treatment unfold.

Brendan Pfister—grandson of Bryan & Julie Wessel—recuperating from knee surgery at home in Bloomington

~~*Jim Tyberendt—father of Jill Witte—in ICU at St. Elizabeth's~~ *deceased*
arrangements pending

Corrina Rose Stevenson, daughter of Jon and Amanda Stevenson (C), still at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, IN, continues to make progress

Larry Brinkmann now home under the care at SLU for liver cancer

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) at home recuperating from neck surgery

~~*Gene Knolhoff at St. Mary's Centralia~~ *died Friday night*
Funeral Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. here at St. John's
Bob Jack diagnosed with prostate cancer

Amanda Garrison—daughter-in-law of Rosalie Rice—has health issues

Danny Brinkmann on kidney dialysis

Tom Anderson—friend of the Hausler's—health issues

Wayne & Lola Wessel—in need of prayers

Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS:

Stanley Renth started chemotherapy

Rosemary Miller—sister of Howard Weihe—starting new experimental drug

Duane Miller—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer—holding his own

Amie Evans--sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki—diagnosed with cancer. We give thanks that she received a good cat scan report.

Rev. G. Robert Heimgartner—retired in Texico, IL—chemotherapy

> *Families of Gene Knolkoff and Jim Tyberendt*

MISSION PRAYERS:

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Missionary Micah Wildauer & Family serving in Belize, our Sunday School Mission Project
- Centralia Correctional Center

We Remember:

-St. Salvator, Venedy, and Olive Branch as they prepare to call a pastor again

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine and Israel

The people suffering from the earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, fires, etc.

We Give Thanks to God for His protection and provision:

November 17th marked ten years since the New Minden tornado.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Matthew Hanson 11-19; Stanley Renth 11-21; Caden Hanenberger 11-23; Jane Weihe 11-24; Evan Kroeger 11-25

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Wayne & Lola Wessel 11-24

PASTOR'S ABSENCE: Pastor Mueller plans to leave after church today to go to Fayetteville, Arkansas, to see his brother Bob who has been quite sick. He plans to return home tomorrow evening (Monday, November 20th). If you need a pastor, please contact Pastor Nate Wollenberg at 335-4155 (cell) or 493-6226 (office).

ARE YOU IN SEARCH of a Christmas gift for a loved one this Holiday season? We have just the thing for you. Christ Our Rock's Student Leadership Team is sponsoring a fall/winter spirit wear store. Now featuring limited edition baby and toddler clothing! Proceeds will go towards Prom and additional chromebooks for the school! See bulletin board for copies of the "spirit wear."

NEW GriefShare BEGINS MONDAY, DECEMBER 4:

GriefShare provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. It doesn't matter if the loss is recent or it has been several years. It is a video-based support group that meets weekly. Each of the thirteen sessions is "self-contained" so you don't have to attend every week in sequence. The sessions begin with a video seminar featuring interviews with others who have suffered loss and many top experts in the field of Christian grief counseling. Everyone's loss is different, but these videos cover just about every situation at some point. The videos help grieving people understand what has happened to them, and gently point us to Jesus and His healing love. You will also be provided a book that follows up with the sessions. After watching the videos together, there is opportunity for discussion, though no one has to talk. You can just sit and listen! If you have been through a GriefShare cycle before, please note that over 90 new interviews went into the making of this new series. We meet on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We plan to start with the three Mondays in December before Christmas (Dec 3, 10, and 17)—just in time for the holidays—and continue, Lord willing, on January 8 in the new year. If you are interested in GriefShare, please call or text Pastor Mueller at 618-314-3972 so that he can contact you if there are any schedule changes. There is no cost for GriefShare. Materials have been provided for participants in memory of Zach Brinkmann.

25th Sunday after Pentecost + November 19, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois

Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Four

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED today at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and 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 St. John's and the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament here, **are asked first to speak with the Pastor.** (See Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.)*

For the proper accounting of souls, we ask all communicants to sign the Communion Register.

HYMN: "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" *LSB 663*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 203*

PSALM: Psalm 90 *spoken responsively* *LSB 90*

KYRIE *LSB 204*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 204*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also 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, on God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Zephaniah 1:7-16

- P: ⁷ Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.
⁸ And 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.
⁹ On 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.
¹¹ Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
¹² At 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.'
¹³ Their 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."
¹⁴ The 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.
¹⁵ A 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,
¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and
against the lofty battlements.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEMS: "Butterfly Song" and "This Little Light of Mine"
Sung by the St. John's Sunday School Children

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- P: ¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have
no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are
fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
³ While 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. ⁴ But you are not in darkness,
brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all
children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the
darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those
who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day,

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let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for
a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for
wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who
died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with
him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up,
just as you are doing.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 205

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

- P: ¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who
called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To
one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to
each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who
had received the five talents went at once and traded with
them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the
two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received
the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's
money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants
came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And 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.' ²¹ His 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.' ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward,
saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have
made two talents more.' ²³ His 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.' ²⁴
He 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, ²⁵ so I
was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here

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you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But 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?' ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For 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. ³⁰ And 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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HYMN: "What Is the World to Me"

LSB 730

SERMON: "Stewards of His Property" *Matthew 25:14-30*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 208-212

During the Distribution, we will sing the following hymns, as time allows:

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" *sts. 1-6* *LSB 627*

"Take My Life and Let It Be" *LSB 783*

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" *LSB 781*

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" *LSB 733*

CLOSING HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 411

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This Week : -Nov 19th-26th, 2023

Today	8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM 12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE
Monday	NO Grief Share
Tuesday	10:30-3:00 p.m. Pastors' Conference at Venedy 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	NO School—Thanksgiving Break NO Weekday Religion
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Svc at St. Luke's 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Svc at St. John's w/HC
Saturday	9-1:00 Christ Our Song Piano Lessons in FH 6:30 Worship Svc at St. John's w/HC
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7 10:00 a.m. Worship at NM 10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on Cable TV