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LAST SUNDAY OFS THE CHURCH YEAR 11/25/26/23

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: "Come, You Who Are Blessed by My Father,"
Matthew 25:31-46

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

LSB 184-202 Hymns: 516; 508; 619; 851

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

P. 5 Hymns: 609; 611; 442; 657

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

LSB 184-193 Hymns: 516; 508; 851; 680

ATTENDANCE: (M) 84 (C) 14 Sunday School: 15 Adult Bible
Classes: Sunday: 3 Weekday: 6 Thanksgiving (M): 66 (C) 26

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next
Sunday, December 3rd.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this evening/morning
is for Christmas Treats.

ACOLYTE FOR DECEMBER IS: Spencer Dunn.

USHERS FOR DECEMBER ARE: Chad Brinkmann, Kent
Schuette, Dean Sprehe and Chandler Witte.

"THANKS" to everyone who touched my life during and after my surgery and now the recovery which is still on going. Thanks for your prayers, cards, phone calls and many other deeds of kindness and help. It gives me great joy to "have" such a loving Christian family. God's blessings be with all of you." Lorna Kottmeyer (C)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We express our sympathy to the family of Gene Knolhoff who went to his heavenly home on Friday, November 17th. Funeral services were held here at St. John's on Tuesday, November 21st. May the sweet assurance of a blessed reunion in heaven comfort the survivors at this time.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We express our sympathy to Jill Witte and family at the loss of her father, James Tyberendt, who departed this life on Friday, November 17th. Funeral services were held at Trinity, Hoffman, on Tuesday, November 21st.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY: We express our sympathy to Rhonda Karmeier and family at the loss of her father-in-law Richard Karmeier who departed this life on Tuesday, November 21st. A celebration of life memorial service will be held at a later date.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Nov 26th-Dec 2nd, 2023

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Barb Maschhoff had knee replacement surgery at Barnes Jewish Hospital West

LouAnn Foster (C) was hospitalized but has since returned home

Vickie Emery—wife of former teacher Glen Emery—diagnosed with breast cancer

Don Schuette at St. Joseph's, Breese

Bob Mueller—Pastor's brother— 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

Corrina Rose Stevenson, daughter of Jon and Amanda Stevenson (C), has returned home

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

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) at home recuperating from neck surgery

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

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

TSJ: Pray that God would guide the Board of Christian Education as we seek a permanent principal and also seek a replacement for Mrs. Janice Lange (kindergarten teacher) who has announced she will retire after this school year.

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine and Israel

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

In Sympathy With:

The Family of **Gene Knolhoff**

The Family of **James Tyberendt**—father of Jill Witte

The Family of **Richard Karmeier**—father-in-law of Rhonda Karmeier

The Family of **Ian Kleinig**—friend of Ray & Eunice Hausler—who departed this life on Monday, November 20th. He was one of the first missionaries in New Guinea.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Tessa Sprehe, Chuck & Bill Funke, Hudson Whitener 11-27; Trent Twenhafel & Dorothy Windler 11-30; Diana Brinkmann & Eric Hemminghaus 12-1; Dakota Hanenberger & Natalie Ibendahl 12-2

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Ray & Eunice Hausler 11-26

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."

PASTOR'S ABSENCE: Pastor Mueller is leaving Friday afternoon, December 1st, to fly to Denver, Colorado, to go and see his son Lukas. He will return, God-willing, Sunday evening, December 3rd. If in his absence you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Nathan Wollenberg at 335-4155 (cell) or 493-6226 (office).

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 4, 11, and 18)—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. You do not have to be a church member to attend! Please invite anyone you think may benefit.

DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE... You can listen to morning chapel from Kramer Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN live weekdays at 9 a.m. Central, 10 a.m. Eastern, 8 a.m. Mountain or 7 a.m. Pacific at issuesetc.org. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org/kramerchapel.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE: St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, will host a German Christmas service *Der Weihnachtsgottesdienst* on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Darwin P. Schrader will preach the Christmas message, and Rev. Dr. Arthur D. Eichhorn will play the organ. Many beloved German Christmas carols will be sung. A German-English printed order of service will be furnished. *Gemütlichkeit* (refreshments with visiting) will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The offering has been designated for Lutheran Braille Workers, Workcenter #315 at New Minden.

DO YOU HAVE A MANGER SCENE? For Christmas this year, the Altar Committee would like to display manger scenes in the eight window ledges. If you would like to share yours, please let Julies 618-367-2480 or Kirsten 618-791-8402 know as soon as possible so we can plan the displays. Thanks for sharing.

2023 Finance Report

| | Home Collections(Finance Board) | | | Synod Collections | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|--------|--------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Over (Under) | Budget | Actual | Over (Under) |
| January | 22,254 | 15,939 | (6,315) | 1,584 | 885 | (699) |
| February | 22,254 | 17,839 | (4,415) | 1,584 | 1,215 | (369) |
| March | 22,254 | 29,358 | 7,104 | 1,584 | 815 | (769) |
| April | 22,254 | 19,814 | (2,440) | 1,584 | 2,730 | 1,146 |
| May | 22,254 | 14,388 | (7,866) | 1,584 | 755 | (829) |
| June | 22,254 | 23,009 | 755 | 1,584 | 810 | (774) |
| July | 22,254 | 26,946 | 4,692 | 1,584 | 1,440 | (144) |
| August | 22,254 | 17,254 | (5,000) | 1,584 | 925 | (659) |
| September | 22,254 | 16,441 | (5,813) | 1,584 | 995 | (589) |
| October | 22,254 | 20,831 | (1,423) | 1,584 | 1,630 | 46 |
| November | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |
| | Year-to-date | | | Year-to-date | | |
| | 222,540 | 201,818 | (20,722) | 15,840 | 12,200 | (3,640) |

Last Sun of the Church Year + November 26, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

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Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Three

HYMN: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" *LSB 516*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 184-185*

PSALM: Psalm 95 *spoken responsively* *LSB 95*

KYRIE *LSB 186*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187-189*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing:)* **And with thy spir - it.**

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(Sing:)* **A - men.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

P: ¹¹ "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich

pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . .

²⁰ "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

P: ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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TRIPLE ALLELUIA (Sing:)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

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

C: (Sing:) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: ³¹ When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Sing:) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 192 or inside back cover

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

LSB 508

SERMON: "Come, You Who Are Blessed by My Father"

Matthew 25:31-46

HYMN: "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB 851

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD *[LSB inside front cover]*

P: Lord God, bless ... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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: *(Sing:)* Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" *LSB 680*

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This Week : -Nov 26th-Dec 3rd, 2023

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| Today | 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM 12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE |
| Monday | 6:30 p.m. Grief Share 7:30 p.m. Historical Society |
| Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion |
| Thursday | 8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC |
| Saturday | 9-1:00 Christ Our Song Piano Lessons in FH NO Worship Svc |
| 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 w/HC 10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377 and Channel 18 on Cable TV |