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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

12/10/23

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: Comfort, Comfort My People," Isaiah 40:1-11

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

P. 15 Hymns: 63; 61; 306; 436

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

LSB 151-160 Hymns: 518, vv 1,18,3; 344; 347; 710

At St. John's there will be a brief children's message.

ATTENDANCE: (M) 88 Sunday School: 18 Adult Bible Classes:
Sunday: 5 Weekday: 11 Mid-Week Advent: 29

REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's next
Sunday, December 17th.

ENVELOPE COLLECTION at St. John's this morning is for the
Building Fund.

THANK YOU: "I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, texts, phone calls and well wishes following my recent knee replacement surgery. A special thank you to Pastor for his uplifting texts and prayers! You are all a true Blessing to me and my family! Thank you so very much!" Barb Maschhoff

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN will sing during the service on Sunday, December 17.

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

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."

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE: St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, will host a German Christmas service *Der Weihnachtsgottesdienst* next 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.

FINANCE BOARD REPORT FOR NOVEMBER: Home--\$24,776.29; Missions--\$404.00; Kitchen Committee (Gene Knolhoff)--\$351.56; Hoyleton Rural Water—Memorial for Gene Knolhoff \$100.00; Kroger Rewards--\$60.28; Thanksgiving—LCMS Disaster--\$300.00; Christmas Treats--\$473.00; Radio Broadcast--\$1000.00; District Missions—\$330.00

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec 10th-16th, 2023

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Dawn Watts—friend of Amy Hanenberger—now on hospice care

Betty Sachtleben at ~~Good Samaritan, Mt Vernon~~ *home*

Barb Maschhoff recuperating at home after knee replacement surgery

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

Don Schuette recuperating at home after hip replacement surgery

Bob Mueller—Pastor's brother— six weeks of IV antibiotics at home

Sandy Martin scheduled for lumpectomy Wednesday at Centralia.

Larry Brinkmann home under the care at SLU for liver cancer

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) at home recuperating from neck surgery

Bob Jack begins radiation Monday, December 11th

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 undergoing 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

We Remember in our prayers:

Pastor Ron Rall--friend of the Hauslers--traveling this month to Papua New Guinea to assist our sister church there in building unity

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 are requesting a seminary graduate

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)

We Remember:

The People of Ukraine and Israel

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

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Allen Martin, Larry Sachtleben, George Dunmyer & Jill Witte 12-10; Peggy Brinkmann, Lori Felts & Sondra Knolhoff 12-13; Ali Waugh 12-14; James Funke, Caden Hoffman, Beckett Stein & Ron Motiejaitis (C) 12-15; Sara Wilderman, Curt Brinkmann & Domanick Buchholz 12-16

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Jordan & Jolie Meinert 12-12 and Scott & Allie Ravanasi 12-13

A BLOOD DRIVE will be hosted at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School on December 13th from 11-4.

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH...

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 topics include: Christian Decision Making & the End of Life; Biblical Inerrancy; Has Evolution Disproved the Creation Account; Gender Fluidity; Pre-Marital Sex and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

COPIES OF THE LWML NEWSLETTER are available on the table by the restrooms.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND the TSJ children's Christmas Service at Trinity on Wednesday, December 13th, at 2:00 p.m. and/or 6:30 p.m. There will be no service at St. John's.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: Why are we so short of pastors? What are the qualifications of a pastor? How should a pastor and his congregation work together? What are the qualifications for lay leaders in the congregation? All these questions and more will be discussed in our study of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, known as the "Pastoral Epistles" because they were written specifically for pastors. Join us Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH HUDDLE next Sunday, December 17th, after church.

The Second Sunday in Advent + December 10, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

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

Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting One

HYMN: "By All Your Saints in Warfare" *LSB 518*
We sing stanzas 1, 18, and 3.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *LSB 151*

PSALM: Psalm 85 *spoken responsively* *LSB 85*

KYRIE *LSB 152-153*

The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Advent.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY *[LSB 156]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing:)* **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same 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

Isaiah 40:1-11

P: ¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:8-14

P: ⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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ALLELUIA and VERSE [LSB 156]

C: (Sing:) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P: ¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' " ⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

LSB 344

SERMON: "Comfort, Comfort My People" *Isaiah 40:1-11*

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HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"
LSB 347

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *LSB inside back cover or 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.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD *LSB 265*

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *[LSB 166]*

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you....

C: *(Sing:)* **A – men.**

CLOSING HYMN: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
LSB 710

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This Week : Dec 10th-17th, 2023

Today 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM
 9:00 a.m. SS Practice for Christmas Eve
 12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE
 2:00 p.m. CORLHS Christmas Concert
 At Trinity, Hoyleton

Monday 6:30 p.m. Grief Share
 7:30 p.m. Christ Our Song Lutheran School of
 Music in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday NO Weekday Religion
 NO Mid-Week Advent Service
 2:00 & 6:30 p.m. TSJ Christmas Svc at Trinity

Thursday NO CCC worship—chapel needed for blood drive

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
 Youth Huddle After Service
 1-2:00 p.m. SS Practice for Christmas Eve
 2:00 p.m. German Christmas Svc at St. John's