

**Bob Jack** begins radiation Monday, December 11th

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### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**12/17/23**

**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: Rejoice in God's Anointed One," Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

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

P. 5 Hymns: 90; 66; 62; 73

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

LSB 151-166 Hymns: 375; 349; (621, 357, 341); 352

**MUSIC:** St. John's Sunday School children will sing "Away in a Manger" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain" in this morning's service.

**ATTENDANCE:** (M) 93 (C) 12-3: 8; 12-10: 9 Sunday School: 19  
Adult Bible Classes: Sunday: 3 Weekday: 11

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

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's Christmas Eve is for Camp Wartburg. All money not in an envelope will go to the home budget.

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. Luke's Christmas Day is for Missions.

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**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:** We express our sympathy to Ryan Spenner and family at the loss of his grandfather Wayne Maschhoff who departed this life on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services were held at Trinity, Hoyleton, on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

**NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES ARE HERE** Envelopes for the 2024 year are located on table by bathrooms and in the north bookcase. A list of envelope numbers was included in the last newsletter. This new style was approved by the voters and will be used each year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a Finance Board member or Marla Hempen. A list of members by number is located on the bulletin board.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

### **WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Jonathan Mueller**—Pastor's brother—hospitalized with pneumonia in Bay City, MI

**Cathy Redeker** fell and broke her shoulder; undergoing evaluation

**Jane Weihe** at St. Louis University following a fall

\* **Dawn Watts**—friend of Amy Hanenberger—<sup>died Saturday</sup> ~~now on hospice care~~

**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** waiting for results from lumpectomy

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

**Lorna Kottmeyer (C)** at home recuperating from neck surgery

**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

### **We Give Thanks That:**

**Betty Sachtleben** has returned home

## **THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS**

### **AILMENTS:**

**Stanley Renth** undergoing chemotherapy



**Bob Jack** undergoing radiation

**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)

*Today Trinity has call meeting.*

**We Remember:**

The People of Ukraine and Israel

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

**In Sympathy With:**

The Family of **Wayne Maschhoff**

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:** Chelsea Garrison & Cathy Redeker 12-17; Dennis Windler & Josh McKnight 12-20; Cody Rhine, Judy Vogt & Wayne Wessel 12-22; Jackson Hess 12-23

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Tony & Shirley Seeger 12-17; Don & LouAnn Foster (C) 12-21; and Jon & Amanda Stevenson (C) 12-22

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

**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.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SUNDAY MORNING...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to weekly studies of the Biblical texts, prayers and hymns of the day. Pastor Sean Daenzer of LCMS Worship leads us through the three-year lectionary. Pastor Will Weedon of "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever" leads us through the one-year lectionary. 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](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**AN OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All outgoing officers are encouraged to be in attendance.



The Third Sunday in Advent + December 17, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois  
*Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting One*

*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:** "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" *LSB 375*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *LSB 151*

**PSALM:** Psalm 126 *responsively* *LSB 126*

**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. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

P: <sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

<sup>3</sup> to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations....

<sup>8</sup> For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup> Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEMS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

"Away in a Manger" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

## EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

P: <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(Sing:) **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C: (Sing:) **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

P: <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light....

<sup>19</sup> And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight



the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup> (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>

They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup> John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **NICENE CREED**

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**HYMN:** "Hark the Glad Sound"

*LSB 349*

**SERMON:** "Rejoice in God's Anointed One" *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

*LSB 159-160*

*(Sung by all after the collection plates are placed on the altar.)*

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*LSB 160-166*

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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *LSB 621*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *LSB 357*

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *LSB 341*

*The Post-Communion Canticle will be "Thank the Lord," LSB 164.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" *LSB 352*

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**This Week : Dec 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Today 8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM  
12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUO  
Youth Huddle After Service  
1-2:00 p.m. Practice for Christmas Eve Service  
3:00 p.m. German Christmas Service

Monday 6:30 p.m. Grief Share

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Pastor Has Worship at FMNH  
10:30 a.m. Pastor Has Worship at WCH Skilled  
Care  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion  
6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Advent Service

Thursday 8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC  
NO LWML

Fri-Wed NO School—Christmas Break

Saturday 9-1:00 Christ Our Song Piano Lessons in FH  
NO Worship Svc

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's  
9-9:45 a.m. Practice for Christmas Eve Service  
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  
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Svc at Covington  
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Svc at New Minden

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