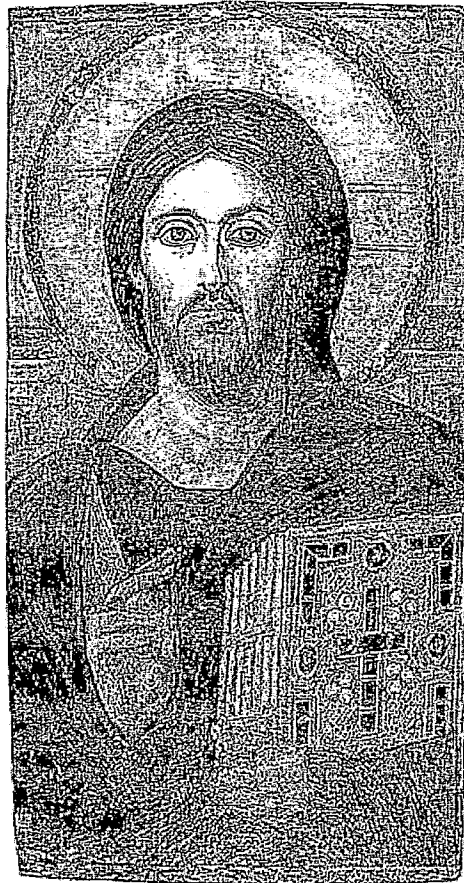


**St. John Lutheran Church
and Preschool**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Trinity

Divine Service Setting Three
November 16&17, 2024



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As we prepare for worship together please remember to set your phone to silent mode. Thank You!

Mission Statement: Growing a Christian Community rooted in Faith, Fellowship, and Service

Cover: anonymous, *The Christ Pantocrator of St. Catherine's Monastery at Sinai*, 6th century.

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As we gather for this service let us take time to lay aside our thoughts of other things as we prayerfully prepare for the worship of our Lord. Inside the front covers of your hymnal are Prayers For Worship. Additionally inside the back covers of your hymnal are the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds as well as the Lord's Prayer.

Bell tones and Prelude - Picardy – K. Hildebrand

(we prepare in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)

Hymn: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

621

(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Confession And Absolution

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Introit: *Psalm 31: 1-2a, 5, 24; antiphon: Psalm 31: 9a, 15b, 17a*



Antiphon: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*

Rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from me perse-
|cutors!

O LORD, let me not be | put to shame,*

For I call up-|on you.

C: In you, O LORD, do I take | refuge;*

For I call up-|on you.

In your righteousness de-|liver me;*

Incline your ear to me; rescue me | speedily!

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*

You have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*

All you who wait | for the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Antiphon

Kyrie - *Lord Have Mercy* **p. 186**

Hymn Of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis* **p. 187**

Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)

First Reading: *Job 14: 1-6*

In those days the prophet Job spoke, saying: "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; he flees like a shadow and does not continue. And do You open Your eyes on such a one, and bring me to judgment with Yourself? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one! Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass. Look away from him that he may rest, till like a hired man he finishes his day."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: *1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

Brethren: I do not want you to be ignorant concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Psalm 74: 4, 2a*

A: Your foes have roared in the midst of your | meeting
place;*

They set up their own | signs for signs.

Remember your congregation, which you have pur-|chased
of old,*

Which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your |
heritage!

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 24: 15-28*

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And with your Spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: When Jesus was asked by the disciples concerning the end of the age, He said, "When you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Communion Prayers *During the time before, during and after Communion you may wish to pray while kneeling or sitting in your pew. Prayers are provided for the time of Communion inside the front covers of the hymnals under "Prayers for Worship."*

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Closing Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heave* **793**

(silent prayer)

Postlude *Lauda Anima – K. Hildebrand*

¹ *The Prayer of Thanksgiving III – adapted from Apostolic Tradition, Worship Supplement, CPH 1969*

Church Attendance

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Offerings for God The offering box is available in the narthex for our giving.

Welcome Guests! Please take a moment to fill out the form in the red Record of Fellowship pads at the end of your pew. This will help us to get to know you as you share worship among us!

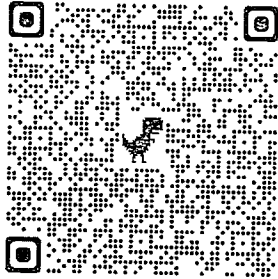
Assisting with our services: Assistant: Hector Rodriguez (Sat), Dan Cox (Sun); Lead Deacon: Wayne Sasso (Sat), Beth MacDonald (Sun); Readers: Hector Rodriguez (Sat), Dan Cox (Sun); Altar Guild: Cathy Poulin (Sat), Joanne Outlaw (Sun).

Stewardship 2025: There are pledge cards on the narthex table for our members to take home. Please pick up a pledge card and prayerfully consider the offering of your time, talent, and treasure to your Lord! On the weekend of **November 23rd and 24th**, our members will have the opportunity to bring their pledge cards forward to be placed on the altar offering box. May the Lord bless our offering of ourselves to the Lord!

God's Blessing: *"Pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."* James: 5:14 The blessing of God with prayer and the anointing with oil is an ancient and biblical custom. Following services on **Saturday, November 30th, and Sunday, December 1st**, you are invited to join at the altar area after service for a brief time of scripture, prayer and this request of God's blessing!

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Support Our Preschool: The preschool has set up a wishlist for supplies and other teaching items on Amazon. Use your cell phone's app to scan this QR code to link directly to the wishlist. You can order and have items shipped directly to the preschool. Thank you for your support.



Joyful Response: Joyful Response is a program we offer here at Saint John Lutheran Church where you can make your contributions to the Lord through online banking if you wish. If you're interested, a form has been included on our website detailing all the information we need from you! When you've completed it, please leave it in the mailbox outside the office door.

Christmas Memorials: Christmas memorials are available at the table in the narthex. You may purchase a poinsettia or make a monetary contribution. Deadline for poinsettia order is Sunday, November 24th, and monetary contributions continue to December 15th.

News at Saint John

Wednesday Worship: During this season we will explore mid-week Trinity themed readings. We will worship in the Saint John Chapel each Wednesday evening for the Divine Service at 7pm. Join us in God's presence!

Match Campaign: There are Match envelopes in the narthex as part of our campaign to help the budget. Please place your envelope number on the top of the Match envelope so your giving can be recorded. Two members of our congregation have agreed to match the donations up to \$8,000. The Lord bless our congregation as we participate in this campaign.

Voter's Meeting: Join us in the lounge following worship on November 17th, for a Voter's Meeting.

Operation Christmas Child: St. John Lutheran Church will once again be collecting items, packing them in shoe boxes, and having them mailed to people around the world. Suggested items are toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items and no perishable foods are allowed. You can also write a check made payable to "Samaritan's Purse" with "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo. All gifts and checks must be at the church by noon on Sunday November 24, 2024.

Faith Comes By Hearing the Word of Christ

“The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed” (Luke 17:20). You must use your ears and not your eyes. For God’s kingdom in this world is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. The people of Israel, however, wanted to walk not by faith but by sight. When Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they decided to make a visible god for themselves, the golden calf (Ex. 32:1). Upon such faithless and false worshipers God’s judgment comes. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. “For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man” (Matt. 24:27). The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead. In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble (Job 14:1), let us comfort one another with these words of the resurrection and the coming of our Lord Jesus. Lcms.org/worship.