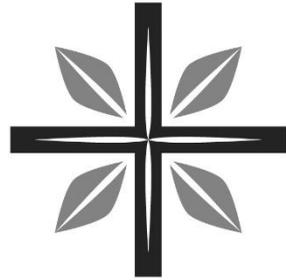


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 AM.
To the Ends of the Earth: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

Last Judgment

November 10 & 11, 2018

Use Your Time: To reach the lost

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (Saturday)

Christian Worship 295

Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning (Sunday)

Christian Worship 209

Holy Baptism (Saturday)

Christian Worship, pg. 12

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Malachi 4:1-3[†]

Those who revere the name of the LORD have the certainty of heaven.

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,” says the LORD Almighty.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90 (see pg. 12)

Our time on earth is limited, but we have the certainty of an eternity in heaven.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 9:24-28

Through Jesus, our Great High Priest, we have the certainty of heaven.

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Alleluia.

[†] **Malachi:** Malachi was most likely the last prophet of the Old Testament era and possibly a contemporary of Nehemiah. Like many of the other Old Testament prophets, Malachi’s prophecies can be viewed in layers: having both an immediate and a far-reaching fulfillment. For more information on Malachi, see pg. 53 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

Gospel

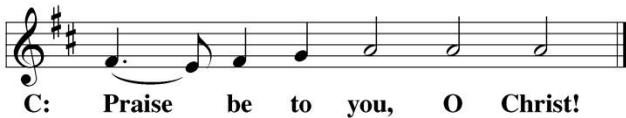
John 5:19-30

Jesus promises the certainty of heaven for those to whom he gives life.

Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out – those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”



Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)
Adult Handbell Choir

Bound for the Promised Land
arranged by Derek Hakes

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

Refrain: I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land,
Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

O'er all those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away. *Refrain*

When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blessed,
For I shall see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest! *Refrain*

Hymn of the Day

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Christian Worship 382

Sermon

Hebrews 9:24-28

Whose Judgment Matters?

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

THANKSGIVING

Offering

The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.



Please stand

Prayer of the Church

M: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: **Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.**

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment. If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

C: **But we also confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us. Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.**

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, and spiritual apathy.

C: **Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.**

M: Keep us faithful to your Word. Send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

C: **Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

If God Himself Be For Me
Christian Worship 419

Please stand

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



Be seated

Closing Hymn

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense
Christian Worship 167

Announcements

WELS Connection

Youth Rally / Kids Connection

Postlude

If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Presiding Minister	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Musicians	Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday) Mandy Treder, organ (Sunday)
Head Ushers	Tom Wessel (Saturday) Jon Johnson (8:00 AM) Michael Schneider (10:30 AM)
Greeters	Mark & Jackie Bye, Sue Freedlund, John Frailing (8:00 AM) Steve & Cindy Zemplinski, Mary Rindfleisch (10:30 AM)

Worship Notes

- Fletcher Lee Festerling, son of Darren and Kelsie Festerling, nee Birschbach, will be baptized in the 5:30 PM service on Saturday. Serving as sponsors are Kevin and Lisa Festerling.
- The altar flowers are placed by John and Carol Stearns, Christian and Evan Willick, in memory of Aidan Willick and in celebration of an assured heavenly reunion.

In Our Prayers

- Joy Schnell, hospitalized at Froedtert.
- Thanksgiving for Sue Pappalardo, released from Sacred Rehabilitation Center on Friday.
- Those deliberating calls: Teacher Justin Wiechmann of St. Matthew's in Oconomowoc, called to teach at St. John's, and Miss Mandy Treder of St. John's, called to teach at Grace in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Psalm 90



Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.

Refrain

You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength;
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Refrain

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

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

Refrain

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Readings for the Week of Last Judgment

M	John 5:19-24.....	Daniel 5:1-30
T	Hebrews 10:26-31.....	Genesis 19:15-29
W	Luke 13:1-9.....	Romans 2:1-11
TH	Luke 21:11-19.....	Ezekiel 14:12-23
F	Revelation 21:1-5, 7.....	Revelation 2:8-11
S	1 Peter 4:1-7.....	Revelation 20:11-15

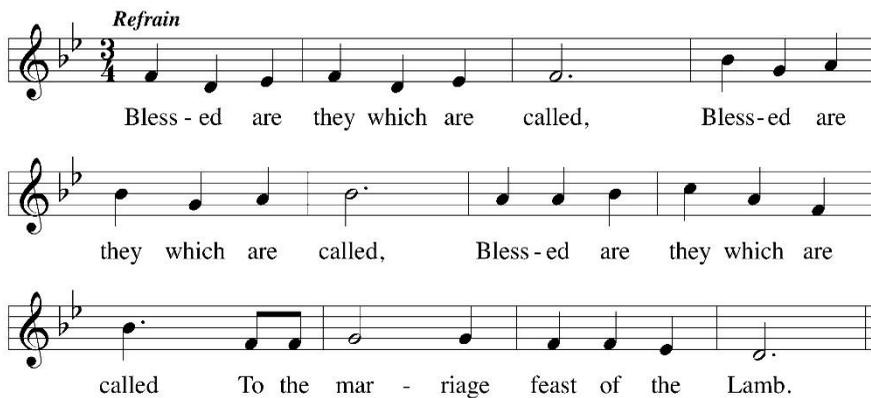
Parents' Preview for November 18

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

“Blessed Are They” Refrain

Christian Worship Supplement 730

Refrain



Bless - ed are they which are called, Bless - ed are
they which are called, Bless - ed are they which are
called To the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.

