



>Welcome

“WHAT REMAINS”

NOVEMBER 17, 2024



ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church
Grounded • Growing • Branching

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church

Good morning and a blessed welcome to you! It is an honor to have you worshiping with us this morning and we pray that you find great comfort and peace in Jesus' Word of love, mercy, and forgiveness!

At St. John's we are pleased to offer two styles of worship services on Sunday morning. In our 8:30 a.m. traditional service, we offer familiar hymns and rich, traditional worship forms in a meaningful and inspirational setting. Our 11:00 a.m. contemporary service includes the same message as our 8:30 a.m. service, but in an informal style, enhanced with contemporary music. We encourage you to try both worship styles! Thank you for worshiping with us; we would love to have you join us again!

(If you need assistance or need a hearing aid device, please see one of the ushers.)

The Lord's Supper

Though we are eager for all to participate fully in the Lord's Supper, we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us. Because Scripture states that the Lord's Supper can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, we ask all visitors to refer to the following statement of belief regarding the Lord's Supper before communing:

I am truly sorry for the sin in my life. I am struggling to die to my sin and to live in faith in Jesus. I am looking to Jesus to empower me to stop my sinning and to live a new life in Him. I believe when I receive the bread, I am receiving the true body of Christ, and when I receive the wine, I am receiving the true blood of Jesus. I believe that when I receive His true body and blood my sins are forgiven, I am given power over sin, death and the devil, and the gift of eternal life. My faith is completely in the words of Jesus.

The Lord's Supper offers the two-fold gift of forgiveness and peace with God on the one hand, and unity and oneness among those who commune together on the other hand (Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 10:16–17). Those who receive the body and the blood of the Lord do so in terms of their relationship with God as well as with their fellow-communicants. Therefore, all baptized believers who understand and agree with the above Lutheran teaching of the Lord's Supper are welcome to attend. As always, we encourage you to speak with Pastor Ray or Pastor Aaron with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Disabled – The pastor and lay minister will gladly commune anyone unable to come to the communion rail. Let the pastor or an usher know before the service begins.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Grounded in Christ, Growing in Faith, Branching to Others

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND A TIME FOR PRAYER

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING SONG

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (Vv. 1-5)

LSB 508

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

L: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God my exceeding joy.

L: The Lord makes known the path of life;

C: in His presence there is fullness of joy.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: God the Holy Spirit bears witness to us of the covenant of salvation, saying, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Come, let us receive this salvation by confessing our sins and pleading for God's mercy and grace. We confess together...

C: Merciful God, we come to You as the only one who can give us hope, rest, and deliverance. Our sins have made us blind to Your grace and love, and have caused harm to us and our neighbors. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior, grant us forgiveness. Give us a strong faith and a clear vision through Your Word that we may hold fast the confession of our hope. Amen.

L: Those who turn many to righteousness shall shine like the stars forever. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of

the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Daniel 12:1-3

Old Testament

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Listening to God Speak to Us Through His Word

Hebrews 10:11-25

New Testament

¹¹Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. ¹²But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God’s right hand. ¹³There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. ¹⁴For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says, ¹⁶“This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds.”¹⁷ Then he says, “I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds.”¹⁸ And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.¹⁹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house,²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (NLT)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-13

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*sung*)

¹ As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, “Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls.”² Jesus replied, “Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!”³ Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him privately and asked him,⁴ “Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to be fulfilled?”⁵ Jesus replied, “Don’t let anyone mislead you,⁶ for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many.⁷ And you will hear of wars and threats

of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.⁸ Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.⁹ "When these things begin to happen, watch out! You will be handed over to the local councils and beaten in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me.¹⁰ For the Good News must first be preached to all nations.¹¹ But when you are arrested and stand trial, don't worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit.¹² "A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed.¹³ And everyone will hate you because you are my followers. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. (NLT)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

SERMON

"What Remains"

Mark 13:1-13

Pastor Adam Ray

NICENE CREED

OFFERING

*Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at
www.stjohnsdecatour.com/giving.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Leader will conclude every prayer with: "Lord, in Your mercy..."

People respond with: "hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

PREFACE (*responses sung*)

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (sung)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI (sung)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>	LSB 575
<i>I Lay My Sins on Jesus</i>	LSB 606
<i>Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	LSB 528

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	LSB 537
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POSTLUDE

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed	\$12,403.85
General Fund	\$13,915.00
Online Giving.....	\$860.00
Total Giving.....	\$14,775.00

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 a.m.	131
11:00 a.m.....	62
Total.....	193

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.

OPENING SONGS

Battle Belongs

Good Grace

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

Blessed Assurance

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-13

SERMON

"What Remains"

Mark 13:1-13

Pastor Adam Ray

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

Forever

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

This Is Our God

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Adam Ray
Worship Leader	Pastor Aaron Bird
Reader	Cathi Tavarczyk
Communion Helper	Jeff Salefski & Jason Frisby
Lay Minister	8:30 – Steve Craycroft 11:00 – Michael Baggett
Organist	Ted Hesse
Ushers	8:30 – Brady Fawcett 11:00 – Dan Murphey/Tom Schollenbruch
Computer	8:30 – Mike Patzwitz 11:00 – Allison Cushing
Live Stream	8:30 – Matt Cushing
Camera	8:30 – Matt Cushing
Sound	8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – Brandon Patzwitz
Vocals.....	Amanda Ray, Lindsay Tipsword, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar	Nathaniel Stoll
Piano.....	Angela Cushing

OUR MISSION We are restored to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a family of Christians, we are dedicated to the love and forgiveness of Christ as we reach out, preach and teach the truth of God's Word to each other, our community and the world.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: If you would like to be added to the prayer list or the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Please call the prayer chain with an update of your prayer request.

IN THE MILITARY: Laura Byers, Bryon Chaney, Kimberly Chaney, Kristel Chaney, Travis Chaney, Dan Cheney, Tristin Comer, Randy Edwards, Caleb Goodson, Austin Highcock, Braden Highcock, Destiny Little, Noah Lung, Nathan Lung, Andrew Nailer, Jared Pinney, Caitlin Goodson, Tyler Salefski

CONGREGATION NEWS

Voter's Meeting is today, Nov. 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Ladies Friendship Circle: A representative from the Macon County Animal Shelter will attend our Tuesday, November 19th meeting and tell us more about the organization, their accomplishments and challenges. Bring a friend and join us in the fellowship hall at 1:00. This is a perfect time for animal lovers to join us. Come at 12:30 if you are interested in making favors to be delivered to the homebound members of St. John's.

Life Together Event! Join us on Wednesday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. We will be making a craft, having light refreshments and fun fellowship. Please join us.

St. John's Youth Fundraiser: Panda Express will do your cooking and donate 20% to our youth! When? Saturday, November 23rd. How? By presenting the flyer. The flyer is in your bulletin, on the back table, and in the church office.

Yard Clean-Up: Leaf clean-up will be on *Tues., Nov. 26th* at 8:30 a.m., and work until done. **The more help, the less time this will take.** Please bring your leaf vacuum. If any questions, please contact Gary Schwartzle.

Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion will be on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Decorating the Church: We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 7th starting at 8:30 a.m. Would appreciate any help.

Bus Trip: St. John's will be taking a group to the Little Theatre on Wed.; Dec. 18th for the 2:00 p.m. performance of "Elf the Christmas Story". To sign up, please contact Jerry Pelz at 217-433-2961 or the church office. Cost is \$42.00 per person.

NECF Food Drive: St. John's is sponsoring a food drive for the Northeast Community Fund. There is a need for the following items: Breakfast items,

mac & cheese, peanut butter, and canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.) However, they will accept any donations of nonperishable food items. There will be a table to receive the donated items plus a box for monetary gifts on Sunday, November 24th & December 1st in the back of the sanctuary.

Northeast Community Fund's Thanksgiving Shopping Days are starting soon! **St. John's family will be gathering to volunteer to help stock shelves on Saturday, Nov. 16th and Nov. 23rd at 4:00 p.m.** If you would like to help in the pantry during the Thanksgiving Shopping, go to NECF Facebook page.

LSA ReSale Shop: Christmas is coming! We take Christmas items year-round, but now is a great time to donate the items you don't plan on using this year. Donation days are Monday & Tuesday 9:00am – 1:00pm and Thursday 2:00 –6:00pm. The shop is located at 421 E. Cerro Gordo. Follow the LSA ReSale Shop Facebook page for the most up to date information.

STEWARDSHIP SEEDS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.” Christians are different from unbelievers. Our trust in Christ changes us. Our hope in Christ means that we don't grieve in the same way that unbelievers grieve – we know what comes after death. We don't treat our time or money in the same way as unbelievers either. We start each week with a sacrifice of our time as we come to the Lord's house to hear His Word and receive His Sacraments. And we also set aside a generous, first-fruits proportion of our income for the support of the Lord's work in His church. Our faith changes us and our actions ... we don't do anything as others do who have no hope.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
12:30 P.M. Confirmation Class (FH)
1:30 P.M. Voter's Meeting (FH)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts (FH)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting
1:00 P.M. Ladies Friendship Circle (FH)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study (FH)
6:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 P.M. Bells Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

5:30 P.M. TOPS (Rock)
7:00 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

No church activities scheduled.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

10:00 A.M. – 9:30 P.M. Youth Group Fundraiser at Panda Express
4:00 P.M. Stocking Shelves at NECF

SUNDAY, November 24

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
12:30 P.M. Confirmation Class (FH)