



## St John's

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### *End Time—Saints Triumphant*

19 November 2023 9:00 A.M.

**Welcome!** We're glad you're here! Although we are from all different backgrounds, we love to learn about what God has done. You and everyone are welcome to learn about God and find helpful guidance for your life. Feel free to bring us your questions or your feedback so we can improve. Or ask how to be part of a group conversation about faith in Jesus.

We *love* to have **Children** with us in the pews for worship. Our children's activity bags in the entryway have activities that can help them. We love babies in worship too because our Savior said, "Let the little children come to me." When babies want to be loud, the **Parent's Room** (just outside our worship area) is a good place for them to talk or cry so the rest of the worshippers can focus on God's Word. Then come back so we can all worship together.

If your **hearing aids** have T-Coils, set them to "on" and the service will be piped wirelessly to your ears.

We invite you to fill out a **ministry card** so we can better care for you. You'll find one on the pew in front of you. God bless your week. Come hear God's Word with us again!

Members: please note that the ministry cards are designed to serve some of your needs too.

**Pre-Worship Pondering:** —Horatio B. Nelson and Rowland Hill

*By all Your saints still striving, for all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blest.*

*You rose, our King victorious that they might wear the crown  
And ever shine in splendor reflected from Your throne.*

*Oh, may we tread the sacred road  
that saints and holy martyrs trod,  
Wage to the end the glorious strife,  
and win, like them, a crown of life.*

## Service of the Word

**Worship Theme**

*We are Saints Triumphant in Christ*

**Hymn**

#728\*

**Invocation**

Pastor: *The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Congregation (speaks): *And also with you.*

**Confession and Absolution**

*P: 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.*

*P: 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.*

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

## Song of Praise

Oh, Taste and See

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 eter - 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.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## Prayer of the Day

*P: Almighty God and Savior, You have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world with its sin and death. Keep us alert and watchful for the coming of our Savior so that we are not led astray by anything or anyone. You alone are God, and we long to enjoy Your visible presence as Saints Triumphant, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with the lyrics 'A - men.' placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## First Lesson

Revelation 19:1-9

<sup>1</sup>After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, <sup>2</sup>for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” <sup>3</sup>And again they shouted: “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.” <sup>4</sup>The 24 elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: “Amen, Hallelujah!” <sup>5</sup>Then a voice came from the throne, saying: “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!” <sup>6</sup>Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. <sup>8</sup>Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (The fine linen consists in the verdicts of “not guilty” pronounced on the believers.) <sup>9</sup>Then the angel said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

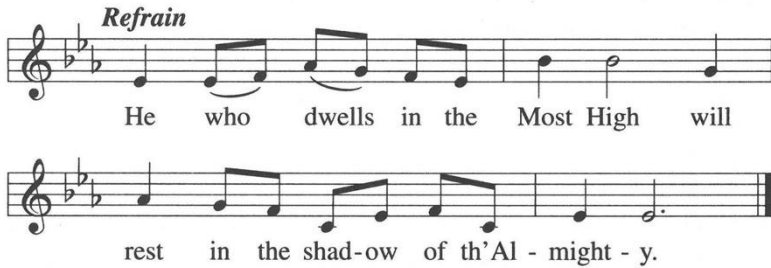
*P: You have heard the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 91 (CW:NSS p. 52)

*Refrain*



He who dwells in the Most High will  
rest in the shadow of th'Al-might-y.

*Psalm Tone*



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High;  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,

“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God,  
in whom I trust.”

Surely He will save you from the fowler's snare  
and from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with His feathers, and under His  
wings you will find refuge;

His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. ↑ *Refrain*

You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies  
by day,

nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague  
that destroys at midday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your  
right hand,

but it will not come near you. *Refrain*

If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD,  
who is my refuge—

then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near  
your tent.

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

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**

## Verse of the Day

Revelation 7:15a

*P: Alleluia! Praise the Lord! They are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple. Alleluia!*



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!

## Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

<sup>1</sup>At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup>The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became

drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>At midnight the cry rang out: “Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!” <sup>7</sup>Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.” <sup>9</sup>“No,” they replied, “there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.” <sup>10</sup>But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the others also came. “Sir! Sir!” they said. “Open the door for us!” <sup>12</sup>But he replied, “I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.” <sup>13</sup>Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

*P: You have heard the Gospel of the Lord.*



## Hymn of the Day

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### Sermon

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup>According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be

caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage each other with these words.

### *Triumph Over Death*

## **Apostles' Creed**

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.

Many of our members give to the Lord electronically or once a month. So we now gather our offering as we enter the worship area. It is also acceptable to place an offering into the plate on the way out of the worship area. Guests are always welcome here without obligation.

## **We Bring a Thank Offering**

Hymn #551

8. From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Prayers of the Church**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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.

Hymn

#213

### Prayer about God's Word

*P: Blessed Lord, You caused all the Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by Your Holy Word, we may patiently and steadfastly embrace the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



### Exhortation and Blessing

*P: 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 His favor and grant you His ✠ peace.*



Hymn

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## Memory Verse of the Month

1 Peter 4:7-8

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

## Members of St John’s who joined the Church Triumphant since last year at this time.

Dick Beck	November 13, 2022
Jean Wohlers	November 24, 2022
Shirley Breuer	January 7, 2023
John Kackmann	February 3, 2023
Lila Roth	March 4, 2023
Anna May Duden	March 17, 2023
Millie Lichtblau	March 26, 2023
Jennifer Lee Fick	June 1, 2023
Charlotte Peters	August 11, 2023
Donald Klein	August 27, 2023
Walter Kehren	October 22, 2023

**CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY** this week are Tom Balow, Erin Hinck, Pat Meyer, Holly Olson, Rich Roschen, Natalie Swanson, Don Thoe, Bob Wempner, Brenda Wieck

# SERVING THE LORD AND US

November 19, 2023

**Minister:** Pastor Nathan Cordes 651-448-3559 [KnowJesusBetter@StJohnsLakeCity.com](mailto:KnowJesusBetter@StJohnsLakeCity.com)

**Organist:** Bob Wolff

**Audiovisual Tech:** Chris Fischer

**Communion/Flower Cte for November:** Judy Lortscher, Linda Sievers

**November 19 Ushers:** Jeff & Ruth Lee

**November 22 Thanksgiving Eve Ushers:** Al & Miriam Holtan

**November 26 Ushers:** Ralph Kackman & Jim Dose

## Teachers in our LES

Mr. David Zabel, Principal, Gr. 6-8

Mrs. Jamie Fischer, Gr. PK-4, Director

Miss Molly Ring, Gr. 3-5

Miss Allison Hofland, PK-3

Mrs. Katie Majerus, Gr. 1-2

Miss Michelle Yotter, Gr. K

**Sunday School Teachers** Dawn Balow, Seth Harteneck, Brittany Huneke,  
Marcus Huneke, Kayla Peters

**Youth Bible Teachers** Stephanie Knudsen, Jolayne Johnson

**WE LOVE EVERYONE** and want everyone to feel welcome and wanted at St. John's. Picture yourself waiting at the church door before worship, smiling at those who arrive, opening the door, and greeting them with a just-right "Good morning." You might even say, "Welcome" or "I'm glad you're here" or "Good to see you." Greeting those who come to St. John's for worship is a great way to show hospitality, something our Savior wants all His followers to do. Giving warm greetings is a way to acknowledge that people have come here for the most important event all week. If you would like to serve as a greeter, please write your name on the sheet at the information counter. People start arriving for worship early, so if you arrive at least 20 minutes before the service starts, you'll be able to greet most worshipers. Thanks for helping our whole church express the love Jesus has for everyone.

**Opportunities for Learning, Serving and Spending Time Together  
November 19, 2023 – November 26, 2023**

**Today**

8:55 AM Live-stream on YouTube  
 9:00 AM Worship  
 10:15 AM Bible studies for all ages  
 10:35 AM Rebroadcast of 9 AM  
 service on ch 18 or 13

**Monday**

3:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting  
 5:00 PM Jesus Cares  
 6:00 PM Basketball Parent Mtg.

**Tuesday**

9:30 AM G.R.O.W  
 9:30 AM Pastor at Circuit Meeting

**Wednesday**

8:35 AM Chapel—all welcome  
 3:30 PM Catechism Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve  
 Worship—Live Broadcast

**Wednesday—cont.**

**Thursday**

Happy Thanksgiving!  
 No School or Roots to Wings

**Friday**

No School or Roots to Wings

**Saturday**

**Sunday – Last Sunday Offering**

**Christmas Fund—see below**

8:25 AM Usher unlocks doors  
 8:55 AM Live-stream on YouTube  
 9:00 AM Worship w/ Communion  
 10:15 AM Bible studies for all ages  
 10:35 AM Rebroadcast of 9 AM  
 service on ch 18 or 13

**STUDY THE BIBLE** after worship today. Stay and feed your faith even more. (No expertise necessary!) We all start by meeting together in the Fellowship Hall for song and prayer. Bible study finishes at 11:15.

**I WANTED TO KNOW, SO I ASKED:** “I see ‘Jesus Cares Service’ on this week’s schedule. What is ‘Jesus Cares Service’?” On the 3rd Monday of each month, interested members of St. John Lake City, Trinity Lincoln, and St. John Mazeppa gather on the corner of Prairie and 7th St in the group home for people with developmental disabilities. We conduct a

simplified worship service for as many as 12 such friends. “Jesus Cares” is a nice name for expressing God’s love for people with developmental disabilities. Either Bob Wolf or Pastor Horn leads the service. Jason Maas leads the singing with his bass guitar. You are welcome to come and see how a Jesus Cares Service happens. St. John’s was the first church in the WELS to start these services. The other Jesus Cares services that have sprung up around the country are modeled on what was started here. We’ve had over 200 services in Lake City. We look forward to spending eternity with our friends from Jesus Cares because Jesus cares.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** The office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Memorials** *Walter Kehren: \$1260 General Memorial, \$45 Video, \$1005 Pastoral Ministry, \$75 Window/Siding, \$70 Cemetery, \$780 School Fund, \$20 Altar Guild, \$10 Ladies Aid*

**FORWARD IN CHRIST** During 2023, several St. John’s members subscribed to *Forward in Christ*, a magazine which encourages us in our daily walk with Christ. The church office is now collecting all the names of interested members because it’s time to renew our subscription, and we don’t want to leave anyone off the list who wants to be on. If there are at least 12 households who are willing to subscribe, each subscription will cost \$12 instead of \$19. Each monthly issue is delivered to the church in bulk for cost-efficient shipping. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the Information Center to receive *Forward in Christ*. Yes, sharing between two or more households is permitted.

### Some of the Ways We Fed our Faith

**Sunday Morning Worship Attendance** – 210    **Communion** – 166

plus all who watch the worship video or read the worship materials

**Sunday Bible Class** – 30    **Bible Discovery Class** – 16

**Sunday Teen Bible Class** – 9    **Sunday School** – 13    **GROW** – 14

**LSO** Next week we plan to gather an LSO. This month's Last Sunday Offering is for the Christmas Fund. Watch for the LSO envelope in your worship folder next week. LSO envelopes are always available at the information counter and next week in your worship folder.

**PIANO** St. John's has one piano that is available to any member of St. John's for "an excellent price." Ask Neil Klenke.

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER** is being served November 23 at Bethany Lutheran Church. The meal will be served from 12:00 – 1:30 P.M. Please call 651-345-2424 by Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> for delivery, pick up, or dine in. Freewill donations will be accepted and will benefit the Lake City Food Shelf. Please see the flyer on the information board for more information.

## **Coming Up Soon for St. John Lake City**

**THANKSGIVING EVE** is a brilliant day to thank God for all He has blessed you with. Join your family and friends here at St. John's for a service at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 22. May your soul and your body be blessed with both kinds of feast over this great holiday!

**SIGN UP NOW** for this uplifting event! St. John's will be holding an **Advent Candlelight Brunch** for all women of the congregation, and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, on Saturday, December 2 beginning at 10:30 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Please join us for this wonderful morning of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your heart for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing! (Sign-up on the sheet at the Information Desk between the two church office doors.)

**NATIVITY WALK** The Evangelism committee is hosting a Nativity Walk in our fellowship hall from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 2. Do you have a nativity set or two or three you would be willing to loan us? If so, please indicate what you have and the size on the sign-up sheet on the info desk. Thank you. Questions? Ask Judy Lortscher.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE** December can be such a busy time of year as we get our homes ready for celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus. Many Christians have found it helpful to set aside extra time to make sure their *hearts* are as ready for Christmas as their homes. Here at St. John's we've set aside Wednesday, December 6, for a special midweek Advent service. Services will be held at 3:30 P.M. and again at 7:00 P.M.

**LADIES** of the church, the Ladies Aid is hosting your Christmas potluck on December 7 at 1:00 PM. All ladies of St. John's are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

**ROOTS TO WINGS LEARNING CENTER** (St. John's Lutheran School, Lake City) has an opening for a Full Time Teacher's Aide / CDA beginning in May 2024. This full time position is year round and includes duties in both the classroom and childcare setting. Classroom duties would be primarily in the Pre-K4 classroom under the direction of Mrs. Fischer. Current MN teaching or CDA credentials are ideal, but not required to apply. Candidates will have a love of young children and a desire to serve in God's kingdom by sharing God's Word with his littlest lambs. For more detailed information or to set up a meeting, please contact Jamie Fischer via email at [rtw@stjohnslakecity.com](mailto:rtw@stjohnslakecity.com) or via cell phone: 920-285-1600.

These items are **ALWAYS AVAILABLE** to St. John's members at the table near Door 1 or the Info Counter near the church office: the previous four weeks' bulletins and sermons, prayer request forms, DBRGs (daily Bible reading guide), monthly calendar, latest quarterly report and voters' meeting minutes, Forward in Christ magazine, info about the mission churches we support in the US and church bodies we partner with around the world, info about the seminary and college and high schools we operate in partnership with our sister churches in the WELS, and so much more. Member directories are available in our church office upon request as is this year's **Book of Reports** and **Memorials** and the Proceedings of the biennial convention, which informs WELS members about the joint ministry work we do with our sister churches.



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