



## *St John's*

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### *Christ the King—Last Sunday of End Time*

20 November 2022 9:00 A.M.

**Welcome!** Even if you come unknown to us, you are known to our Lord Jesus Christ. In His name we welcome you, hoping that you find peace, inspiration, and our friendship here in His house. May God draw you closer to Himself through this service.

We *love* to have **Children** with us in the pews for worship. Baby sounds are beautiful to our Savior who said, “Let the little children come to me.” If children are crying loudly, the **Parent’s Room** (in the back of our worship area) and the **Restrooms** (in the fellowship hall downstairs) are good places for children to regain their composure. Then come back so we can all worship together. Our **children’s worship bags** in the entryway have quiet items that children enjoy interacting with.

The message God proclaims in His Word is so vital for this life and for the next, we hope everyone will read the Bible daily at home, and then come back for worship again and again!

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!

**Pre-worship Pondering:**

—Author unknown

*Hail, O once-despiséd Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King!  
You have suffered to release us, Hope to give and peace to bring.  
Hail, O universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame;  
By Your merits we find favor; Life is given through Your name.  
Pascal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on You were laid;  
by almighty love anointed, You have full atonement made.  
Every sin has been forgiven through the power of Your blood  
Open is the gate of heaven. We are reconciled to God.*

## Service of the Word in Three Parts

### Part One: Old Testament

**Worship Theme**

*Christ the King is Worthy of All Honor*

**Hymn**

#370

**Invocation**

Pastor: *In the name of the Father who created us, the Son ✠ who redeemed us by His blood and thus paid our way into His Kingdom, and the Holy Spirit who sanctified us, setting us apart from the unbelieving world for a life of service to God and our fellowman.*

Congregation: Amen. May Christ the King be gracious to us, and bless us, and keep us in His Kingdom through the Gospel. Praise the Lord!

♪♪ C (sings):

(tune: CW239)

Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n & earth, Your praises bring!  
Glory, glory to the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

## Prayer of the Day

*P: O Christ the King, by Your victory You have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim You as King of kings and Lord of lords to Your unending praise,*

**C:** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 23:2-6

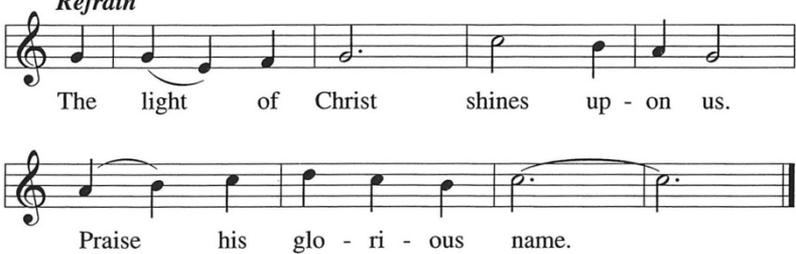
<sup>2</sup>This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup>I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.”

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 72 CWS → see next page →

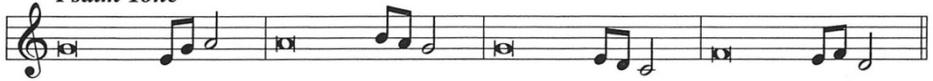
# Psalm 72

## Refrain



The light of Christ shines up - on us.  
Praise his glo - ri - ous name.

## Psalm Tone



Endow the King with your justice, Q God,  
the royal son with your righteousness.  
He will defend the afflicted among the people  
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,  
as long as the moon, through all generations.  
He will be like rain falling on a grown field,  
like showers watering the earth.

## Refrain

All kings will bow down to him  
and all nations will serve him.  
All nations will be blessed through him,  
and they will call him blessed.

May his name endure forever;  
may it continue as long as the sun.  
Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.  
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

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

## Part Two: Epistle

### Epistle Lesson

Colossians 1:13-20

<sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

### Profession of Faith Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

All this He did that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

### Hymn

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## Part Three: Gospel

### Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

<sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup>and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” <sup>38</sup>There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

### Confession of Sins & Absolution

*P: Knowing that it is God who works in us to want to live according to His good purpose [Philippians 2:13], let us confess our sins to God, because in Jesus’ name we will find forgiveness.*

**C:** If we claim to be without sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:8-9]

*P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, on this weekly memorial day of the resurrection of Your Son, we make our confession before Your throne of grace.*

**C:** I readily confess that my sins have earned Your eternal wrath and judgment. I am without excuse and stand convicted before Your perfect law. I can only plead with the penitent tax collector: Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner!

[Luke 18:13]

*P: Grant us Your everlasting mercy in Jesus Christ, and by the shedding of His innocent blood, cancel out the written record of our sins against You.*

**C:** I lay claim to Your gracious promise of forgiveness won by Your Only-begotten Son on Calvary's cross.

*P: Through the prophet Ezekiel [36:25-26] the Lord says: "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Take heart and be of good cheer: your sins are forgiven you [Matthew 9:2]. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved [Mark 16:16]. Go forward in peace, fellow children of God, and sin no more.*

**C:** May God the Holy Spirit, who has begun this good work of faith in us, bring it to completion on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. [see Philippians 1:6]

## **Hymn to the One Who is Coming**

#216

*We bring our Thank Offering forward during this hymn.*

## **Prayers of the Church**

*spoken by the pastor*

### **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.

### **Our LES Students Sing (PreK - Grade 2)**

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

## Prayer

*P: Lord Jesus, we have heard the good news that you are the King of the universe and Savior of all. Preserve our faith in this gospel so that we may trust in Your mercy and serve You as loyal subjects.*

**C:** We ask it of You because You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Blessing

*P: 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 grant you His ✠ peace.* **C:** Amen.

## Hymn

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## Memory Verse of the Month

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be misled. Bad company corrupts good character.

**THANK YOU** Thanksgiving—a time for Giving Thanks. The Bible is full of encouragements to us to give thanks. Your organists, pianist, choir director, and choir accompanist thank the congregation for the October Last Sunday Offering, and we thank God for the opportunity and privilege to lead the congregation in praising our God. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1).

# SERVING THE LORD AND US

November 20, 2022

**Preacher:** Pastor Nathan Cordes 651-448-3559 KnowJesusBetter@StJohnsLakeCity.com

**Organist:** Bob Wolff

**Audiovisual Tech:** Kristi Gross

**Flower Committee for June:** Bonnie Fuhrman, Mary Hoops

**November 20 Ushers:** Rodman Family

**November 23 Ushers:** Tom, Dawn, Max Balow (Wednesday evening)

**November 27 Ushers:** Ralph Kackmann & Randy Hinck

## 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, Jennifer Ellison, Kristi Gross,

Philip Harteneck, Seth Harteneck, Brittany Huneke, Marcus Huneke

## Opportunities for Learning and Spending Time Together Virtually

November 20, 2022 – November 27, 2022

### Sunday –

Grades PK-2 Sing

8:55 AM Live-stream on YouTube

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:15 AM Bible studies for all ages

10:35 AM Rebroadcast of 9 AM  
service on ch 18 or 13

### Monday

1:00 PM Visitation

2:00 PM Roberta Wempner  
funeral

3:00 PM Altar Guild—meets in  
the worship area

5:00 PM Jesus Cares

6:00 PM SJPTA Core Meeting

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

8:40 AM Chapel—all welcome

3:30 PM Catechism Bible Study

7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship

**Thursday**—office closed

**Friday**—office closed

### Saturday

**Sunday** – Last Sunday Offering  
—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

**LAST SUNDAY OFFERING** Usually the LSO for November goes to the Christmas Fund which provides for the children's Christmas bags and some decorations. But this year someone received a grant to cover the costs of the Christmas bags. So *the Christmas Committee is asking everyone to consider redirecting their LSO gift for November toward the Video Fund.* Please make clear in writing on your LSO envelope exactly where you want your LSO gift to be deposited so our church office can honor your wishes. If you write no instructions on your envelope or on your check, our church office will deposit your November LSO gift into the Christmas Fund, which is the default for November.

**GETTING TAX SAVVY.** The IRS requires everyone who is at least 72-years-old to take a distribution from their IRA accounts every year. This distribution usually results in income taxes being paid. But our government wants charities to be supported. So our lawmakers created a way for our elderly members to direct some or all of this required distribution toward the ministry of St. John's or toward our joint gospel ministry that we carry out with our sister churches in the WELS. Our WELS gift planning counselors are available to help us set up these gifts in the most tax efficient way. 612-280-4491 or [michael.hatzung@wels.net](mailto:michael.hatzung@wels.net)

## **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 23. May your soul and your body be blessed with both kinds of feast over this great holiday to God's glory!

Grace, St Peter, and St John Lutheran, our sister churches in Goodhue, are hosting a **DRIVE-THRU LIVING NATIVITY** on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran-39774 County 4 Blvd., Goodhue. They plan to have scenes of the stable, the shepherds in the field, the wise men on the way, and the angels singing. All are welcome. Those driving through may bring a donation of non-perishable food items or cash for one our area food shelves, if they wish to.

**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, November 30, for a special midweek Advent service. At the 3:30 P.M. service, our LES children will sing a song of preparation. The service will be repeated at 7:00 P.M.

These midweek services are a great opportunity to start coming again to worship after being away. Who can you invite to come with you on Wednesday?

**LADIES** of the church, the Ladies Aid is hosting your Christmas party on December 1 at 1:00 PM. All ladies of St. John's are welcome. Invite a friend.

**ADVENT BY CANDELIGHT** Ladies, you are invited to **An Evening with Isaiah** at our sister church, Resurrection in Rochester (4520 – 19<sup>th</sup> Ave NW) on Sunday, December 4, 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Join with other women from the area WELS congregations as we focus our eyes and hearts on celebrating the birth of our Savior with a time of quiet reflection, Scripture, singing and candlelight. RSVP requested by email: [shinelikestarstoo@gmail.com](mailto:shinelikestarstoo@gmail.com). Light refreshment provided.

**FORWARD IN CHRIST** During 2022, several St. John's members subscribed to Forward in Christ, a magazine which encourages us in our daily walk with Christ. Each monthly issue is delivered to the church in bulk for cost-efficient shipping. (Our pastor has also made available two copies each month to members of St. John's who are not familiar with Forward in Christ in order to build awareness about this helpful Christian tool.) A number of members are interested in subscribing to Forward in Christ in 2023. 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. 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.

**HOSPITAL VISITS** - When hospital visits are needed by St. John's members, please contact the pastor closest to the hospital where the member is being treated.

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Pastor Sternberg - 651-764-6869; Office: 651-388-2149

**Rochester Hospitals:** LIMA Cell: 507-421-5477

**Wabasha Hospital:** Pastor Peters - cell: 262-880-5951

**Some of the Ways We Fed our Faith**

**Sunday Morning Worship Attendance** – 214    **Communion** – 173  
plus all who watch the worship video or read the worship materials

**Sunday Bible Class** – 35

**Sunday School** – 12

**GROW** – 12