



**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
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**Traditional Service**  
**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*(Divine Service Setting Four)*  
**November 15, 2015 – 10:45 a.m.**

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven  
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

**OUR JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY** began with recognizing God's blessings richly given to us every day. It is fitting that we reflect on our Journey with gratitude. This month nation observes Thanksgiving Day. Recognizing all that God has provided, we respond with praise, thanksgiving and celebration of God's goodness especially revealed in Jesus Christ, who brings us His greatest gift— forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe. May your journey of open-handed living continue as you serve the Lord.

### † Prayer Before Worship †

Come, O Holy Spirit, open my eyes to see the gracious gifts bestowed on me. Fill my heart with gratitude that I may respond with a generous attitude sharing Your many blessings with others. Fill my heart with joy and cheer in the gladness of giving even as You have filled with the joy of Your Salvation through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

**Prelude**

***Only to God Be the Glory***

Johann Walther

**Welcome**

*(Please Stand)*

**Processional Hymn #790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Introit** *Psalm 48:11–14; antiphon: Mark 13:13b*

P: The one who endures to the end will be saved.

**C: Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments!**

P: Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

**C: consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**

P: that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

**C: He will guide us forever.**

**All: 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.**

P: The one who endures to the end will be saved.

**Kyrie**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis**



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be stirred up to open-handed living here and eagerly await life with You forever in the world to come, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

## Old Testament Lesson

**Daniel 12:1–3**

*(The prophet speaks of the resurrection of all and affirms hope to those who believe.)*

<sup>1</sup>“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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

***Holy Manna***

early American arr. Joel Raney

## Epistle Lesson

**Hebrews 10:11–25**

*(Through Christ's one sacrifice of Himself, we are made holy and given the full assurance of faith.)*

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have

confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,<sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,<sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God,<sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,<sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

### Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: The one who endures to the end will be saved.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

**Mark 13:1–13**

*(Jesus speaks of the destruction of the temple and signs of the end of the age.)*

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>3</sup> And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not

be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. <sup>9</sup>“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence 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)*

### **Children’s Message – Pastor Schoolcraft**

### **Hymn of the Day #786 *Lord of All Good***

**Sermon            “An Offering, Not For Sin, But For Gratitude”**

**Hebrews 10:11-25**

**Offering**            *Congregation will process forward and place their offering and  
Promise Cards on the Altar*

**Offering Hymn #851 *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us***

*(Please Stand)*

**Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Merciful Father, we thank you for Your promise to be our refuge in times of trouble, for as long as You are before us, we shall not be moved. By the gift of faith and the strengthening of it by Your Word and Spirit, let us draw near to You in full assurance of faith.

**C: Let us continue firmly in the confession of our hope without wavering, and fill us with a desire to stir up love and good works in one another.**

P: Your prophets of old and Your Son, Jesus Christ, have warned us of great signs and troubles to come. Many have been fulfilled and others continue. We are grateful that You have spared many of us from calamity.

**C: Keep us in Your grace that we may be faithful no matter what may come even unto the unknown hour. Help us carry out our mission to bring others to heaven by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

P: We pray for all the nations of this world that peace may come to the troubled, justice to the oppressed, and that compassion may abound for those in need.

**C: Move us to care for those who are hungry and homeless through living generously, sharing the gifts You have given. Bless the unemployed and underemployed. Provide meaningful work and sufficient livelihood.**

P: We lift up those who face troubles and trials in mind, body, or spirit especially . . . , that healing and peace may be had according to Your good and gracious will. Continue to grant strength to all facing affliction, that in faith they may hold to Your promise that all who endure to the end will be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Bless all those who have laid their offerings and Promise Cards on Your altar. Through Your Word and Sacraments, keep all of us faithful to You.

**C: Grant us Your strength that Your mission and ministry may be fulfilled through us.**

- P: Guide us in our Voter's Meeting that the decisions we make will honor You and Your ministry.
- C: Grant us wisdom and discernment as we consider how we may effectively fulfill Your Ministry in our midst.**

*(Other Petitions Offered here.)*

- P: Grant that we may be found faithful, generous and trusting in Your promises through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Benedicamus & Benediction**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn #575 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Walther

# Happy Thanksgiving!

The members of St. John's Lutheran Church invite you and your children to **celebrate** Thanksgiving with us at **9:30 am on Sunday, November 22** during the Sunday School hour.

The **children** will meet in the Family Life Center for a special Sunday School Service - to hear a **Bible story, to sing, and to do a craft/service project** of preparing gift boxes for the Children's Home. At the same time Pastor Schoolcraft will lead a Bible study in the Fellowship Hall for you parents, entitled "**Thankful Hearts**."

Afterwards at 10:45 am you are invited to join us for **worship** in the sanctuary. The **children will sing** during this service. God is so gracious to us.

Let us respond with "**Thankful Hearts**".



Join Us  
for Sunday School  
November 22  
at 9:30 am





# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Today, November 15, 2015**

There will be a Congregational meeting immediately following second service. We will be discussing the proposed changes to our church Constitution and Bylaws. It is most important that you attend as this is a significant transition choice as St. John's prepares to call a new "settled" Pastor. **A Vote will follow.** There will be updates and announcements from the School and updates from the Campus Beautification Campaign.

## **Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper & Service**

There will be a soup and salad Fellowship meal prior to the Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 25th at 5:30 pm.

The worship service will be at 7pm.

Did you pick up the Separate Announcement sheet **"Weekly News "** in the church entry?



# St. John's LUTHERAN

Church & School

***Our Sunday Worship*** - Morning services are at  
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and  
Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.

***A Great Place to Grow in Christ***

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a  
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by John Williams in memory of  
his mother, Sylvia S. Williams.

**Ushers:** Don Davidson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel & John Williams