

Sunday, November 12, 2017

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*and
be prepared*

M A T T H E W 25:13

Schedule

Saturday Evenings at 4:30pm
Sunday Mornings 8:30am (Traditional) and 11:15am (Contemporary)
“Nursery Care” provided downstairs for children ages 1-4 during 11:15am Service.
Holy Communion—Celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class - Sunday Mornings at 10am (September-June)
Radio Broadcast WXRL 1300 AM at 11am Sundays

THOSE SERVING AMONG US

Acolytes Madison Kilanowski (8:30am), Emma Kabel (11:15am)
Altar Leigh Cwiklinski, Dawn Varga
Elders John Fragale (4:30pm), Barb Perry (8:30am), John Hughey (11:15am)
Lectors John Fragale 4:30pm), Barb Perry (8:30am), John Hughey (11:15am)
Radio Broadcast Jim Kless
Saturday Music Mrs. “E”

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST OVER WXRL

is sponsored by **Harold Deutschlander** in memory of my mother and father,
Violet and Carl Deutschlander, and also in memory of Ida and Joe Witkowski.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

today are given by **Jay & Phyllis Hanson** in loving memory of our parents,
Margaret and Harry Hanson & Phil and Charlotte Lipka.



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S

Just a friendly reminder.... Worship is sacred time; a time when God comes to us through his Word and Sacraments. In order to maintain reverence during worship we kindly ask that worshipers refrain from “regular conversation” during the service. Please refrain from cell phone use and ensure that ringers on phones are shut off before the service begins. Please keep all food and beverage (with the exception of bottled water) out of the church/pews. The “mother’s room” in the back of the church is available for parents with young children should the need arise. The room is equipped with speakers and hymnals for those who wish to continue to worship.

May the Lord richly bless your worship!

ORDER OF WORSHIP DIVINE SERVICE II

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” LW #177*

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and self-examination)

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

♪ THE KYRIE

- P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: ♪ *Lord have mercy.*
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C: ♪ *Lord have mercy.*
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C: ♪ *Lord have mercy.*
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C: ♪ *Lord have mercy.*
P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: ♪ *Amen.*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “*Glory to God*”

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: *Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

C: **O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 5:18-24

Pg. 918 (Pew Bible)

¹⁸Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. ¹⁹It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. ²⁰Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? ²¹“I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. ²²Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. ²³Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 70

P: Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, LORD, to help me.

C: May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.

P: May those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!” turn back because of their shame.

C: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, “The LORD is great!”

P: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.

C: You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay.

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM..... *“Nothing Left to Say”*

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Pg. 1188 (Pew Bible)

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For 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. ¹⁵ According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

C: ♪ *Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13 Pg. 993 (Pew Bible)

C: ♪ *Glory to You, O Lord.*

25 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ “‘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.’ ¹⁰ “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. ¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ ¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ *Praise to you, O Christ.*

C: ♪ **BAPTISM HYMN** “Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy” #224 (vs. 1&4)

1. *I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.*
2. *When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time, and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme, from dusk till rising sun.*
3. *In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.*
4. *I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*



♪ **SERMON HYMN** “Be Still My Soul” LW #510

SERMON

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: It is our faith that brings us here, O God.

C: **It is our faith that leads us to offer these things.**

P: Accept these gifts as an expression of thanks for all you have given to us.

C: **Use these gifts for service in the church and world that all may come to know you and your all providing love. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Welcoming God’s reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

(A Brief Silence)

P: We pray for all who govern, especially **DONALD** our President, give them wise and generous hearts for those they serve. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

- P: Answer the cries of your people in nations caught in war and destruction. Hold in your care all veterans and their families, including **CODY, TRACY,** and **WILLIAM** from our congregation. Ease the burden of tough memories and bring restoration and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: We pray for this assembly, especially the **PAYNE, PEARCE, PECK, PELTON** and **PERRY FAMILIES**; for our guests and visitors, for newcomers to this community, for those who are certain and those who doubt, and for all who seek you in this place. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Shine your merciful and healing light on the despairing places of our minds and souls. Bring hope in the midst of danger, depression, and illness (*especially, ___*). Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Ever present God, thank you for your continued presence with the people of **LASANTA CRUZ LUTHERAN CHURCH**. We rejoice in the work taking place with our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Continue to bless Pastor Florez, and all the members of LaSanta Cruz as they seek to be in your presence. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

THE 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.**

THE BENEDICTION

- 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. In the name of the Father and of the ☩Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN "Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness" LW #239

- P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.**



IN OUR PRAYERS: Carol Adragna, Sylvia Andolina, Jerry Bernfield; Evelyn Camarano; Shirley Christ; Carol Coffed; Shirley Connors; Tabitha Delano & Family; Harold Deutschlander; Ruth Dowd; Karen Durning; Janet Erickson; Kim Goldyn, Don, Gail Kelm; Marge Kelm; Kori Kent; Rose Kirsch; JR McNett; Carolyn Nosky; Phyllis O'Rourke; Elgene Peck; Ernie Reitzel; Pat Schlebus; Betsy Suttell, Kim Theil, Jordan & Ryan Thurnherr; Ray Varga; Darlene Vogel; Betty Wilson; Karen Zielen. **OUR SERVICE MEMBERS:** Tracy Thurnherr, Cody Lewis, William Borowski. **FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S:** Sandy (Ruth Haungs' niece); Angela, Dana (Jay & Phyllis Hanson's daughter, friend); Rea, Carol, & Gloria (Kathy Ponosny's grandson's sisters-in-law); Helen, Emily, Stanley (Ceil Rowell's friends); Marjorie (Carolyn Nosky's sister); Gary, Carol (Cathy Fragale's brother/sister); Grandma Zawadzki (Adrianna Best's grandmother); Megan Scharf; Larry Gabriel (Toni Chapman's nephew), Jim (Bob Chapman's Brother); Kathy Watson (Pam Bluhm's friend); Lori (Bob & Karen Zielen's daughter); Doris Owens (Darlene Vogel's friend); Jim (Karen Shafer's friend); Delores Schad (Betty Cavaleri's sister-in-law); Meg (Carol Coffed's daughter-in-law); Mike & Gus (friends of Carol Coffed); Gary Stango (Betty Cavaleri's cousin); Mary Dziejman (Jenn Purpura's grandmother); Mary Nowatski (Mike Durning's mother); the families of those killed in last weeks shooting in Texas. *"Friends of St. John's" will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks without further notification. If you would like to keep a prayer listed after 4 weeks, please contact us at that time by phone or email (683-3947 / stjohnlutheran.office@gmail.com). Thank you!*

Next Weekend
November 18th & 19th
Consecration Weekend

We'll soon be announcing new options for making your contributions to St. John's; and, once the trial phase is completed, we'll be introducing:

On-line Giving (using a credit or debit card through our new website); **Mobile App** (Pastor will even let you use your phone during the offering at Worship Services!); **Texting**—again using your smart phone!

As we get closer to the end of our beta testing, we'll provide more information through weekend bulletins, the newsletter, our website and pew cards! Want to be a beta tester—speak with Laura Tirone, Mike Brown or Ross Contella!

St. John's Sunday School Fall Mission Project

We'll be making Blessing Bags to give to the Tri-Community Food Pantry. The bags will be gallon-size Ziploc bags filled with personal care items for people in need—right here in our own community!

Please use the tote found in the Narthex for your donations, or your child can bring them to Sunday School to be given to their teacher **on or before Sunday, December 3rd.**

Items Needed:

Small or Travel Sized:

- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Tissue Packs
- Q-tips

Any Size:

- Baby / Hand Wipes
- Toothbrush / Toothpaste

- Floss
- Brush / Comb
- Soap (Bar or Pump)
- Granola / Protein Bars
- Socks
- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Lotion / Moisturizer
- Band-Aids
- Chewing Gum / Hard Candy

Please help us support the Tri-Community Food Pantry!

This weekend is your **Last Chance** to order **Advent Devotional Booklets** if you haven't already. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The adult version is \$1.50, \$2 for the children's.



Sign-up sheets can be found on the bulletin board of the Narthex for ordering your **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA'S** (November 12 deadline) and **WREATHS** (November 19 deadline).

Poinsettia's are \$6.65 each, the wreaths can be ordered in 2 sizes—20" (\$25) and 35" (\$40). Dedications for the poinsettia's will be included in the Christmas bulletin.



ST. JOHN'S 2017 ELECTION PROCESS

Nominations have been tallied and letters have been sent to each nominee. Check the chart on the Narthex bulletin board for the list of nominees and pray for them—encourage them to accept a nomination.

This Weekend
November 11th & 12th
Nominee Response
(Accept / Decline) Deadline

December 3rd
Budget Forum

December 9th & 10th
Budget Vote & Election Day



The **ST. JOHN'S MEN'S GROUP** meets at 8am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month (November 18th).

CAFÉ—Every month on the 3rd Thursday (November 16th).

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY Saturday, 7pm, at Ed & Deann Lorenz's home (Ransom Road, Lancaster). The next meetings are December 2, and December 16. Anyone interested in participating should contact Karen Dowdall (716-391-1171).

Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick Saturday, December 16th, 9:45 am

Followed by the Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal (11am)
Please use the sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board for your RSVP!
This year's breakfast is hosted by Lucas Possinger.



Looking Ahead ...

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 18 & 19
Readings from
Sundays & Seasons Lectionary:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Attendance	4:30pm	8am	11:15am	Total	Sunday School
Last Week	29	128	79	236	?

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Thank You for the financial blessings given to help carry out our ministry through St. John's.

Stewardship is a way of life . . . I Peter 4:10-11	Financial Mission Plan through October 2017	Giving Last Week	Mission 2017 - St. Luke's Pantry - Passion Link (<i>Hojnacki's</i>) Y-T-D	WXRL Radio Broadcast through October 2017
Goal	\$ 201,904.00	\$ 4,632.00	\$ 3,801.32	
Giving - Actual	\$ 197,433.60	\$ 5,430.25		\$ 7,950.99
Expenses - Actual	\$ 186,845.24			\$ 7,920.00
Difference - Actual	\$ 10,588.36	\$ 798.25		\$ 30.99

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13 7:30pm Council Meeting	14 7pm Praise Band	15 6pm 6th Grade Confirmation Class 7pm Choir 8pm AA	16 10am ECMC (meet in church parking lot at 9:15am) 6pm Café	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 8am Men's Group 4:30pm Worship Service w/HC 8pm AA	19 8:30am Worship Service w/HC 10am Sunday School 11:15am Worship Service w/HC
					CHRISTMAS WREATH DEADLINE	
					CONSECRATION WEEKEND	

