

St. John Worship for November 20, 2022  
The Last Sunday of the Church Year  
*Setting Four Lutheran Service Book, page 203*

Hymn “Sing With All the Saints in Glory” *LSB 671*

**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, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**Introit** *Psalm 134 & Psalm 33:8*

**P** Let all the earth the LORD;

**C** let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**P** Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

**C** who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

**P** Lift up your hands to the holy place

**C** and bless the LORD!

**P** May the LORD bless you from Zion,

**C** **He who made heaven and earth!**

**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.**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 204*

**C** **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 204*

**C** **1 To God on high be glory**

**And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!**

**We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we  
sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our  
heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on  
high**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

<sup>13</sup>“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’”

<sup>14</sup>You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?’ <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*A portion of Psalm 46*

**C** God is our refuge and strength,

**C a very present help in trouble.**

**C** Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**C though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

**C** though its waters roar and foam,

**C though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

**C** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**C the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**C** God is in the midst of her;

**C she shall not be moved.**

## Epistle

*Colossians 1:13–20*

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <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 of all creation.

<sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup>And 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, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were

ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles’ Creed

**C** 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.

## Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

*LSB 912*

## 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, You defeat all the powers of evil and darkness. Strengthen us to resist the temptations of Satan. Surround us with Your truth and light. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**C**     **be our strong defender.**

**P** Lord, we live in a world torn apart by war and violence. All human-made peace is only temporary, but You have made eternal peace by the blood of Your cross. Encourage us by Your peace, which passes all understanding. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**C**     **be our strong defender.**

**P** Lord, we bring before You all who are struggling with infertility. Remind them that their identity is only in You and Your goodness and fruitfulness. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**C**     **be our strong defender.**

**P**     Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**C**     **be our strong defender.**

**P** Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Give them the courage to ask for help. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**C**     **be our strong defender.**

**P** Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people may see Your light. We especially pray for You to send a the settled pastor to lead us at St. John and Immanuel. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**C**     **be our strong defender.**

**P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

**C** be our strong defender.

**P** Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations to Your infinite wisdom and power, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Hymn “God Loves Me Dearly”

LSB 392

Offering

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.

Benedicamus

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart “Soon and Very Soon”

*All God’s People Sing 218*

### Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!

*Refrain:*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!

*Refrain*

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!

*Refrain*

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## St. John Info

Email announcements to [sjlcrogerscity@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcrogerscity@gmail.com)

Please have announcements to Church office by 9:00A.M. Wednesdays morning.

Memorials can be left at the church in the Memorial Box in Narthex or left church office.

Office is open Monday and Wednesday from 9:00A.M. to 1:00P.M.. Use side door entrance.

If you would like to reserve the church basement there is a Calendar outside the Church office.

**Stop by the coffee table for Fall fun flavors with the Kuerig, and Christian Fellowship.**

Communion Services are regularly scheduled to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. We celebrate the Lord's Supper November 27.

## Holiday Service Schedule

**Thanksgiving Day with communion 10:30 A.M.**

**Combined midweek Advent Services**

At Immanuel, St. John, and Peace.  
Supper at 6:00 P.M., Worship at 7:00 P.M.

**The first midweek Advent Service**

At Immanuel, Moltke on *Wednesday, November 30.*  
Dinner and Fellowship begin at 6:00 P.M.  
Worship at 7:00 P.M.

**Christmas at St. John**

Saturday, December 24, at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 25, at 10:30 A.M.

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***Mission Statement:***

***To be an anchor of hope in Christ!***

*We cordially welcome all who are worshipping with us  
this week. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the will  
and the wisdom to renounce the world and to live as His  
follower and disciple.*

**Those Serving the Lord this weekend**

**Officiant: Pastor Lemley**

**Organist: Paula Streich**

**Deacons: Willard Brege and Terry Bellmore**



## **Memorials**

In loving memory of Delores Bruning a gift was given to  
the Radio Fund  
by Ron & Donna Hopp

Happy Thanks giving gift was given to the Radio Fund  
by Bill & Joey Quaine

Thank you to Immanuel Ladies Aid & St. John Royston  
for their gift to Radio Ministry

**Calling** all willing hands – It will soon be time to  
decorate the church for the Christmas holidays. This  
event will take place on Saturday December 3 at  
9:00 A.M. Please come help beautify our church. You  
can change it up any way you want.

Reminder Mite Boxes will be collected  
Thanksgiving Day

Ladies Aid Christmas Dinner will be held Sunday,  
December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00P.M.  
Sing a long and supper at 4:00P.M.  
R.S.V.P. by December 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 to Deanna Karsten  
989 734 2607 ALL ARE WELCOME.

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As you look forward to Thanksgiving, Gift Giving, Christmas and Holiday Season, we would like you to know there are extra gift cards and certificates available to buy from the Italian event.

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## **Italian Dinner**

\$1,450.00	Ads
\$4,005.00	Monetary Offerings
\$13,989.00	Live Auction
\$2,909.50	Dinner Tickets
\$1,179.50	Gift Cards Board Sale
\$1,336.00	Chance Sale
\$510.00	52 Raffle Cards
\$160.00	50/50 Raffle
\$3,500.00	Sponsorships
Total Gross	\$29,039.00

**Thank you everyone!**