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Last Sunday of the Church Year

10:00 a.m.

November 23, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One with Holy Communion *LSB* p. 151

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Stand

Invocation and Exhortation

LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 151

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

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

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

who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the LORD!

May the LORD bless you from Zion,

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.**

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Kyrie *LSB 152*

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 156*

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Malachi 3:13–18*

P The Old Testament Reading is from Malachi, chapter 3.

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You 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? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

¹⁶Then 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. ¹⁷“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. ¹⁸Then 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 1:13–20

P The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter 1.

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For 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.

¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

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

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day: 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Sermon: They Shall Be Mine

Malachi 3:13-18

Stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

LSB 159

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

Sanctus

LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

LSB 162

Lord's Prayer

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Pax Domini

LSB 163

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Distribution Hymn: 532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

The Dismissal

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

LSB 166

Hymn to Depart: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

***for healing and strength** for Dennis, Helen, Jeff, Cara, David, Elaine, Sarah, Carolyn, Delbert, Art and Gladys, Linda, Delbert, Brian, Dawn, Susan, Paul, Robert, Jace, Mary, and Dorothy

***for all members of the military, police, and firefighters including** Jace and Ryan.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH

Organist Diann Scherle

Sunday School Teachers

Amanda Roedl, Sunday School director and 5th through 8th grade;
Kaley Roedl, pre-school through 4th grade; Joy Meyer, handbells.

Officers

Dennis Phegley, chairman; Deb McCutcheon, secretary; Jill Phegley, treasurer; Diann Scherle, assistant treasurer; Brian Liefer, Jonathan Mehring, and Tim Schrader, elders; Matt Roedl, Jeff Schlueter, and Lloyd Schoenbeck, trustees.

Stewardship Committee (responsible for the Bible presentation series) Rachel Mehring and Jill Phegley from St. John's; Troy Birch and Nathan Koester from St. Peter's.

TO CONTACT PASTOR WINTERFELDT

Call or text: (618) 830-6762. Email: jwinterfel@aol.com

TO SHARE INFORMATION

Church Council: Dennis Phegley, chairman; Brian Liefer, elder; Jonathan Mehring, elder; Timothy Schrader, elder.

Church Bulletin: By Wednesday afternoon, send email to Deb at church address (stjohnlutheranruma@gmail.com) or give her a written note at church.

Church Facebook Page: Directly message *StJohnEvLutheranChurchRumaLL*, send an email to the church email address (above), or ask Amanda to have your information posted.

FOR MORE ONLINE INFORMATION

Church Facebook Page: *StJohnEvLutheranRumaLL* for Sunday School activities and church news updates.

Church Website: Check the website for the week's bulletin, a calendar of church activities, and links to all things LCMS. Look for us at www.stjohnlutheranruma.com.

Pastor's YouTube Channel:

If you are unable to attend services or want to listen again to a particular sermon, go to "jwinterfel" on YouTube where Pastor posts a recording of the week's **Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel readings, as well as his weekly sermon**. You will also find video and audio of some entire services.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

By purchasing our Ladies Aid Apple Butter for only \$5 a pint or \$8 a quart: The Ladies Aid uses the money to buy items for our church and for area food pantries. They also donate to COSHLS and LWML. See Pearl May or Marlene Ling to buy a jar. **The shelves are restocked with fresh apple butter!**

By working with the Sochowski family as Susan recovers from a stroke. At our request, Mark has provided a list of concrete ways we can help. A copy of the list is available on the pew in back of church.

By leaving non-perishable food items in the back of church. The Ladies Aid/LWML members are collecting for area food pantries.

By donating toward our NEW Lutheran Heritage Foundation Mission Project FOR 2025... The new LHF mission project will focus on children in Ghana. Every \$5.00 donation provides a beautiful hardcover Bible storybook for children in the Kusaal language. **Write Ghana in the memo line of your check or on an envelope with cash.** We will send collected money to LHF at the end of each quarter in 2024. *Check out Diann's bulletin board display just outside the Fellowship Hall for more information.*

By bringing altar flowers: You are welcome to provide fresh flowers for a special occasion or just because. Check the sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall to see what months are available. Please let Deb know by Wednesday afternoon so she can acknowledge the gift and occasion in the bulletin.

By donating toward the Cemetery Fund: Spring rains washed deep ruts into the entrances to the cemetery. Voters approved the cost of asphaltting the entire cemetery road. The road is finished and should be beautiful and maintenance-free for years! If you would like to help replenish the cost of the road, please put your donation in an envelope marked Cemetery Fund.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sundays, Nov. 23 – Dec. 21: Sunday School students from St. John's and St. Peter's will meet here **at 11 a.m.** to prepare for the Sunday School Christmas program.

TODAY: The last day to turn in names and money for altar poinsettias to Deb.

Thursday, Nov. 27: Our **Thanksgiving Day** service with St. Peter's will be held **at St. Peter's** beginning at 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be served.

Sunday, Nov. 30: The last day to let Jill know you want a subscription to the Lutheran Witness for 2026. The cost is \$27.85 for the year. The payment is not due until January.

Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, and 17: Our mid-week Advent services with St. Peter's will be held here beginning at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme for all three services and Christmas is "The King Is Coming!" An informal hymn-sing will begin at 6:15 each evening.

Saturday, Dec. 13: Trinity, Millstadt, Christmas Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to noon. All proceeds go to the Millstadt Food Pantry. Homemade Christmas cookies sold by the pound. See the flyer in the Fellowship Hall for information on placing preorders.

Sunday, Dec. 14: Special Voter's meeting will be held immediately after the service to decide on issuing a call to Pastor Winterfeldt.

Sunday, Dec. 21: Our Sunday School Christmas Program with students from St. Peter's will begin at 4 p.m. here in the church. The students and teachers invite us to join them after the program for a dessert reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Southern IL District Looking for Part-Time Bookkeeper

The Southern IL District of the LCMS is looking for a part-time (20 hr/week) bookkeeper to cover accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, and other common bookkeeping tasks. The District office is located in Belleville and the role will require some set hours to be worked at the District office while others may be done remotely. Interested candidates with experience in non-profit bookkeeping and familiarity with common bookkeeping software should send a resumé to SID Business Manager, Mr. Jeffrey Fick via email at sidlcmsage@gmail.com by **Dec 8, 2025**.