

St. Johns Lutheran Church

They will see the Son of
Man



With Great Power & Glory

St. Johns Lutheran Church
Last Sunday of the Church Year
Divine Service Setting 2

St. Louis, Missouri
November 21st, 2021
LSB 167

AS WE GATHER

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is here as we prepare to celebrate the return of Christ our King. When will it be? How will we know so that we are ready? There are the signs in nature, the sight of the Son of Man, and the angels. For these things, we keep an eye on the sky while we watch and wait, living our lives under God's grace as His righteousness draws near.

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

PREPARATION

HYMN Alabare - I *LSB 799*

Refrain:

**Alabare alabare alabare a mi Senor.
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**John saw the number of all those redeemed,
And all were singing praises to the Lord.
Thousands were praying,
Ten Thousands rejoicing,**

And all were singing praises to the Lord. (*Refrain*)

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood has set us free from ev'ry sin.
Power and riches,
And wisdom and strength
And honor and all blessing shall be His. [*Refrain*]**

**Sing with the people, the people of God,
And join creation in a joyful hymn.
Blessing and honor
And glory and might
To God and to the Lamb be without end. [*Refrain*]**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 51:4, 6; Psalm 39:7; 93:2, 5;
Mark 13:33*

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.
**Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house,
O LORD, forevermore.**

Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Luke 23:42;
Philippians 1:6*

As we live in the last days, waiting for Jesus to return, we are called to remember His promises and that we are His people. Yet,

sometimes we forget what He has asked us to do. As God's beloved, we are called to build ourselves up in our most holy faith. **Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect being built up by Your Word and Spirit.**

Forgive us and remember us.

As God's beloved, we are urged to pray in the Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to converse with You in prayer and to guide our prayer life according to Your Word and Your will. Forgive us and remember us.

As God's beloved, we are urged to keep ourselves in the love of God.

Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to remember our Baptism. Forgive us and remember us.

As God's beloved, we are urged to wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect to embrace the mercy that is ours in You as we look forward to Your return.

Forgive us and remember us.

As God's beloved, we are urged to have mercy on those who doubt.

Lord Jesus, we confess that we fail to love others as You have first loved us. Forgive us and remember us.

As God's beloved, we are urged to share our faith with others.

Lord Jesus, we confess that we neglect opportunities to share Your saving grace with others. Forgive us and remember us.

Silence for private confession

As Jesus was on the cross, the thief next to Him asked, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." As Jesus remembered the thief, He remembers us are His beloved children, and He remembers our sin no more. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WORD

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST LSB 170

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

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

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, as we wait for Your return, lead us by Your Spirit to remember that we are Your people. Build us up in this most holy faith, and keep us in Your love as we wait for Your mercy that leads to eternal life. As those who have received mercy, we ask You to empower us to be merciful. As You have saved us by grace through faith, work through us as You save others by snatching them out of the fire; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, Hebrews 12:1

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 51:4–6*

⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5 (spoken)*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE *Jude 20–25*

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. ²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God,

our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Revelation 22:13*

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:24–37*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in

the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lo! He Comes with Clouds
Descending” *LSB* 336

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for ev’ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Ev’ry eye shall now behold Him
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of His passion
Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow’r and glory,
Claim the kingdom as Thine own.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

SERMON

APOSTLE'S 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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 176

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, You reign, robed in majesty. Keep us awake, alert, and blameless as we wait for Your return so we may join You in Your kingdom. Your salvation will be forever,

and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

As we make our pilgrimage through this world, we are attacked in heart, soul, strength, and mind. We remember those among us who are struggling, [*especially . . .*], and we place them in Your healing hands. Your salvation will be forever,

and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

You are the Lord of all and the ruler above all rulers. Give wisdom to those who govern our country. Guide and protect those who serve as first responders in our communities.

Your salvation will be forever,

and Your righteousness will never be dismayed.

As You have saved us and brought us to faith in You, work Your saving work through us and all of Your missionary people around the globe so others experience Your mercy.

Your salvation will be forever,

and Your righteousness will never be dismayed. 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.

BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB 549

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God
Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, Man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Sam Shick
Lector	Pastor Michael Taney?
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Allen Dass
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Pastor Michael Tanney

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 36

Communion: 33

Nepalese: 32

Offering: \$2,726.00

CONCORDIA SEMINARY AFTER CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES The After Chapel Concerts are mini concerts featuring musicians from within and beyond the Seminary community. Concerts are held in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus directly following morning chapel services from 9:55 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Concerts are typically held in the chapel balcony. These concerts also will be streamed at csl.edu/live. Check out their website for a full schedule and details! The next concert is on Tuesday, December 14th featuring Lessons and Carols.

FOOD PANTRY will be holding a Thanksgiving food drive from November 6th-November 25th

2022 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS are available to be picked up in the back of church.

WAIT UPON THE LORD ADVENT SERIES In this Advent series for family worship, we look back at those who waited upon the Lord in Scripture for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child and we contemplate how we as families should wait upon the Lord together as God continues to make himself known to us in his time.

Week 1 (12/1/21) • Wait Upon the Lord with Faith @6pm

Week 2 (12/8/21) • Wait Upon the Lord with Hope @6pm

Week 3 (12/15/21) • Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing @6pm

Week 4 (12/22/21) • Wait Upon the Lord with Gratitude @6pm

LUTHERAN SOUTH "CHRISTMAS AT THE CHAPEL" Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 4:00 pm the Lutheran South music department will present "Christmas at the Chapel". The concert will be held in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on the campus of Concordia Seminary in Clayton. The concert will include the Jazz Band, LuSo Choir, Concert Band, and the Wind Symphony.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY for young adults between the ages of 18-30. The Bible Study will run from 5:30pm-7:30pm, and will include a pizza dinner (provided by St. Johns). Our next date being December 4th. If interested, please RSVP to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com or call 314-773-0126 and let us know what your preferred pizza topping is.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –Joe Strickert for quick healing from his eye surgery; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery; **Maureen Rehmer** as she continues to suffer from complications; **Field-workers** and **Vicars**; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **EAGLE schools & Compass** as they continue to guide the children.
Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain, Maureen Rehmer, Eileen Wehrheim, Don Osiek

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week November 21-November 28

Sunday 9:00am Worship

10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship
12:30pm African Worship

Monday

8am-2pm Office Open
NO Compass
6pm-7pm Ladies Exercise

Tuesday

8am-2pm Office Open
NO Compass
6pm Seminary Students

Wednesday

8am-2pm Office Open
NO Compass
6:30pm NT Class/ESL
6:30pm Choir

Thursday

Office Closed
9am Thanksgiving Worship

Friday

Office Closed
NO Bible Study
2pm-6pm Compass

Saturday

8:30am Food Pantry
1pm Vicars

Next Sunday

9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion
10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship
12:30pm African Worship