

St. John's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
Arlington, Minnesota

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Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 22, 2020

Welcome to St. John's! We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. Let us rejoice in the Lord's Day.

Order of Service: Divine Service I, page 151
Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast"

Hymns: 353, 532, 621, 525, 643, 687

Sermon: "His Cross has Brought Forgiveness" Matthew 35:31-46

Gradual:

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.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Serving the Lord with Gladness Today:

Organist: Barb Hardel
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Wilhelmi, Kris Willmsen
Elder: Dean Hardel
Ushers/ Greeters: Carl Belz (head usher), Gaylan Hardel, Glen Deno, Warren Hardel, Wade Schneider

There's still room for more items for the Silent Auction for Mites! Bring your items to be bid on. And let the bidding begin! There are lots of nice items already for your bid! All funds collected will be donated to the LWML Minnesota South District for the mission grants projects. This will go until December 13th.

Upcoming Events at St. John's:

Today:	9:00 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday:	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Worship
	5:30 pm	Deadline for Bulletin Information
Sunday:	9:00 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship
		After Worship Church Decorating

Next Sunday begins the new church year with the first Sunday in Advent. The church will be decorated for the Advent/Christmas season after the worship service on November 29th. The more that stay to help, the faster the decorating will get done!

Last Week at St. John's:

At Worship: 20 Offering: \$862.00

Many of our homes feature a cornucopia as part of our traditional Thanksgiving decorations. The curved goat's horn overflowing with fruit and ears of grain serves as both a celebration of our abundance and an encouragement to thank God for it. Likewise, as the Scriptures speak of thanksgiving they overflow with both celebration of God's gifts and encouragement to thank Him for them. The cornucopia invites: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" (Psalm 136:1 ESV).

One accent that flows out of the horn of God's plentiful words about thanksgiving is just how important it is. It is so crucial that in Israel's calendar for worship God prescribed *two* festivals connect explicitly with harvest for His people to give thanks annually. What are they? How were they to be celebrated? The answers can be found in Exodus 23:16 and Deuteronomy 16:9-17. Not only the times for these thanksgiving celebrations were specified by God, so were the gifts God's grateful people were to offer to Him as expressions of their gratitude. They can be found in Leviticus 23:16-18 and Numbers 29:12-16.

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