

Dec 3rd Silent Auction Teaser / Preview

The following items have already been donated and many more are yet to come!

All proceeds from the silent auction benefit our school. See the bulletin insert for more info.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Raffle Item: iPad 2017 ➤ Stone Creek Basket / Mulch Gift Certificate ➤ Captain's Walk Winery Tour ➤ Ikea Items Basket ➤ Shopkins Toys Baskets ➤ 3M Products Basket ➤ Italian Dinner Basket ➤ Trader Joe's Variety Pack ➤ Marvel Avengers Pack ➤ Tastefully Simple Dip Serving Set ➤ Lia Sophia Jewelry ➤ Lularoe Items ➤ Candy Basket ➤ Relaxation Basket with Large Fleece Blanket ➤ Greenleaf Landscaping-Landscaping Plan (\$350) ➤ Parallel 44 Winery Tour ➤ (2) Green Bay Gamblers 4 packs ➤ Kwik Trip \$100 Gift Card ➤ Hilly Haven Gift Cards ➤ Van Abel's Gift Cards ➤ Tanner's Grill and Bar Gift Certificates ➤ Timber Rattlers Ticket 4 Pack ➤ Badger Sports Park Gift Card ➤ Learning Shop Gift Card ➤ PDQ Gift Card ➤ Skate City Party Pack ➤ Wander Springs Gift Certificates ➤ Neville Museum ➤ School House Gift Cards ➤ Mid Vallee Golf Course ➤ (3) Accurate Vehicle Center Alignment Gift Certificates ➤ Seroogy's Gift Certificate ➤ Scentsy Item ➤ Frozen Pizzas ➤ Sausage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chili John's Chili ➤ Train Set ➤ Festival Gift Certificates ➤ Schneider Toy Truck ➤ Wheelbarrow ➤ Eileen's Nuts ➤ Buffalo Wild Wings (Wing Party) ➤ William's Landscaping Gift Certificate ➤ Presto Boxes ➤ Pepsi Products ➤ Kid's Baskets ➤ Kitchen Baskets ➤ Thirty One Bags ➤ Men's Basket ➤ Craft Baskets ➤ Mackinaw's Gift Certificate ➤ Green Bay Distillery Gift Certificate ➤ Gap / Old Navy Gift Card ➤ Red Robin Gift Card ➤ TGI Friday's Gift Card ➤ Sky Zone Bounce Pack ➤ Star Wars Action Figure Pack ➤ CTI Salon and Spa Gift ➤ Truck Model ➤ Enameled Cast Iron 6 qt Casserole (Hometown Insurance) ➤ Wrightstown Dental – SonicCare Toothbrush ➤ Milwaukee Brewers Ticket Pack ➤ Homemade Items ➤ Melania Trump Caviar Skin Cream (Menards) ➤ 2 Pillows form Verlo ➤ Pizza Oven ➤ Garbage Disposal from Beno Plumbing ➤ Lego Basket ➤ Sears Craftsmen Father/Son Pack |
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Second Sunday of End Times: Last Judgment November 12, 2017



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Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

At Your Service Today:

	<u>7:45</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Greeters:	Michelle Bruecker Carroll Treptow	Mary & Nichole Barb Verbeten Rozanne Bohrtz
Ushers:	Jacob Bruecker Bryce Herlache Noah Pennenberg Monty Reynolds Dave Treptow Don Treptow	Josh Bohrtz Ralph Bohrtz Kenny Lemke Chris Lemke Ryan Lemke Ed Maass
PowerPoint:	Phil Roberts	Rebecca Wicks
Altar Guild:	Lou Ann G, Janet W, & Courtney S	

Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

News & Notes

Church Cleaning Day – Nov 18th

All our members are invited to help in any way – either indoors or outside. Please bring along any cleaning supplies or yard tools if you're able.

Usher / Greeter Signup

Please make any additions or subtractions on the sheets in the entryway. Current volunteers don't need to do anything if they wish to keep serving in these ways.

Greeters – either gender, 6th grade and up

Ushers – confirmed men, young and old alike

Bautista Concert at Trinity, Kaukauna

Stephen Bautista is a WELS musician (folk-style music) and he and his family will be coming to Trinity, Kaukauna for a special concert on Wed, Nov 15th at 6:30 pm. A free-will offering will be gathered to help defray the Bautistas' expenses.

Wrightstown Christmas Parade

We need your help! St. John church and school will again be participating in the annual parade on December 2nd. The theme this year is "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" The float will have basic decorations, and the children will be dressed like Christmas presents. We need the following: 1) a wagon or trailer; 2) a vehicle and driver to tow it; 3) people to decorate or donate materials for the float; 4) donations of cardboard boxes (roughly the size needed to cover a child's torso, neck to waist), large rolls of wrapping paper, large bows or ribbons; 5) volunteers on parade day to be "presents" and adult chaperones and candy-handers; 6) donations of 150+ lbs of candy (Halloween leftovers??). Please speak with Mrs. Bunn or Mr. Raddatz for more info.

Adult Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange

Phil and Erica Roberts have graciously offered to host us this year at their home in Wrightstown. Mark the evening of Saturday, Dec 9th on your calendars and make plans to attend.

Bring: 1) yourself and all your Christmas cheer; 2) a hot or cold hors d'oeuvre and/or dessert for a potluck-style supper (e.g. BBQ meatballs; shrimp cocktail; pigs in a blanket; cheese, crackers, sausage; chips and dip; cookies; bars; etc.); 3) any adult beverages you wish to have (bottled water will be provided); 3) a wrapped Christmas ornament (\$5-\$10 range) for the exchange. Couples may bring a single ornament or two of them – depending on how many they wish to take back home with them.

Last year's inaugural event was a blast! Let's build on the fun and fellowship this year, as we share the true reason for Christmas!

Events at FVLHS & Other WELS Churches

Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin Preview Day

at FVLHS – Sat, Nov 18th, 1–4 pm. LVW is open to all WELS members in grades 8-12. It's not just for band students, but for anyone interested in color guard or front line ensemble, as well. Visit the web page (www.lutheranvanguard.org) or contact James Neujahr at jneujahr@fvlhs.org.

Retire Wisely Seminar at FVLHS – Wed, Nov 15th from 10–11 am. Hosted by Dan Voss and Jason Hanuszcak of Thrivent. RSVP by contacting Bob Fischer at 920.450.8830 or rfischer@fvlhs.org.

OWLS – Naomi Plocher presents on Katie Luther; Nov 14th at noon at Pizza Ranch in Darboy. Attendees pay for their own lunch.

Deer Hunters' Service – Bethlehem, Hortonville; Wed, Nov 15th at 6:30 pm.

***Last Week's Stewardship of the Means of Grace
and the Means for His Work***

Worship: 132; LS: 97 ABC: 24

	<u>Nov 5</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Goal</u>
Church Offerings	\$5,552.75	\$128,371.03	\$158,897.38

The Week+ Ahead as We Live in God's Grace

Today (12th)	7:45 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School (The Golden Calf) Adult Class (Faith – Forgiven but Not Perfect: Saint & Sinner)
	10:15 am	Worship
Mon (13th)	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tue (14th)	11:30 am	Senior Luncheon
Wed (15th)	6:45 am	Breakfast & Bible Study (The Augsburg Confession)
	3:30 pm	6 th -8 th Grade Catechism Class
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thu (16th)	7:00 pm	Handbells Practice (at Trinity, Kaukauna)
Sat (18th)	8:00 am	Indoor / Outdoor Church Cleaning Day
Sun (19th)	7:45 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School (topic) Adult Bible Class (topic)
	10:15 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	FVL Schools & HS Combined Band Concert (at FVLHS)
Wed (22nd)	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship w/ Holy Communion
	7:30 pm	Pie / Dessert Social
Wed (Nov 29th)	8:30 am	Christmas Tree Setup / Decorating
	6:30 pm	Advent by Candlelight (all women of St. John are invited)
Sat (Dec 2nd)	12:00 pm	Wrightstown Christmas Parade (church/school float)
Sun (Dec 3rd)	all morning	Silent Auction (church fellowship hall)
Wed (Dec 6th)	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Service
Sat (Dec 9th)	5:00 pm	Adult Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange
Sun (Dec 17th)	10:15 am	St. John LES / SS Christmas Service
	4:00 pm	FVL Choirs Christmas Concert (at FVLHS)
Wed (Dec 20th)	6:30 pm	St. John Preschool / PK Christmas Service

Service Theme for the Second Sunday of End Time – Last Judgment: Lord, keep us mindful of the Judgment! "He will come to judge the living and the dead." We confess it every Sunday, but often live like those are empty words. Moses' psalm on the mortality of man shakes us from our spiritual slumber. Number your days aright and gain a heart of wisdom! Today the Church prays that God keep us ever mindful of the Last Judgment that we might be found in faith, fruitful in both word and deed. Then there's no need to fear Judgment Day; rather, we can look forward to the day of our redemption.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn.....*"Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"* (CW 376)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord [†] Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Confession of Sins

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Announcement of Forgiveness

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

First LessonDaniel 7:9,10 (EHV)

Daniel sees a vision of the Last Judgment that's filled with fire and thrones and books. God the Father is seated on his throne with fire beneath him and flowing out from him—fire that metes out punishment for the unrighteous but refines believers like gold with the dross removed. Who doesn't shudder when he sees Daniel's vision of God and then hears the somber statement, "The books

Closing Hymn "There Is a Blessed Home" (CWS 729)

1 There is a bless - ed home be - yond this land of
 2 There is a land of peace, good an - gels know it
 3 O joy all joys be - yond, to see the Lamb who
 4 Look up, you saints of God, nor fear to tread be -
 woe, Where tri - als nev - er come, nor tears of
 well; Glad songs that nev - er cease with - in its
 died, And count each sa - cred wound in hands and
 low The path your Sav - ior trod of dai - ly
 sor - row flow; Where faith is ful - ly lost in
 por - tals swell. A - round the glo - rious throne of
 feet and side; To give to him e - ter - nal
 toil and woe: Wait on - ly for a lit - tle
 sight, and pa - tient hope is crowned, And ev - er -
 God the count - less saints a - dore Christ, with the
 praise for ev - 'ry tri - umph won, And sing through
 while in un - com - plain - ing love. His own most
 last - ing light its glo - ry casts a - round.
 Fa - ther one, and Spir - it ev - er - more.
 end - less days the great things he has done!
 gra - cious smile will wel - come you a - bove.

Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✠] give you peace.



were opened”? Being mindful of the coming judgment means knowing that one day the books will be opened, and God will judge us according to what is in them. But look carefully: there’s not just one throne here! Daniel said “thrones” were set in place. See who else is at the judgment. The Son of God has a throne there (Psalm 110). So do the apostles (Mt 19:28). Yes, the same Jesus who died for us will be there to advocate for us; the same apostles who preached Jesus Christ risen for the forgiveness of sins will be there to call us part of their Church. Look at Revelation 20:11-15 and see the rest of the story. There are two kinds of books: books of deeds that record what each person has done, and a book that holds only names. Unbelievers are judged on the basis of their deeds, but believers are judged on the simple fact that their names are written in the book of life. When we are mindful of that, we can rejoice and look forward to the end of this age when we will reign with Christ in glory.

⁹I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothes were white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books were opened.

Pre-K / Preschool Choir “God Loves Me Dearly”

Second Lesson Romans 2:2-11 (EHV)

Being mindful of the judgment means never falling into a self-righteous condemnation of the world around us. You judge them, but you do the same things that they do—do you really think that you will escape God’s wrath? Those are serious words. Paul aims leave no soul unindicted, but to make the whole world accountable to God (Romans 3:19). As long as man still has the righteousness and pride and strength to judge his fellowman, he’s not ready for the beggary of faith; he’s not ready to receive the radical rescue of the righteousness of God (Franzmann). God will give according to what each person has done—but the point here is the motive, not the actions themselves. Those who live in faith seek God’s kingdom and his righteousness—their actions give evidence of the faith that moves them, and they receive eternal life. Those who live without faith seek only themselves—their actions give evidence that faith is lacking, and they receive wrath and anger. Lord, keep us mindful of the judgment that we might be found in fruitful faith!

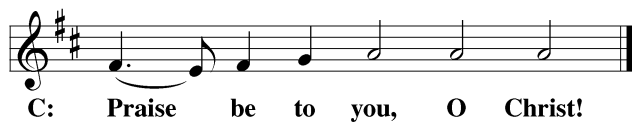
²And we know that God’s judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth. ³Are you thinking that you will escape God’s judgment, you who judge those who do such things and then do the same things yourself? ⁴Or do you have so little regard for his rich kindness, his restraint, and his patience, that you ignore the fact that the purpose of God’s kindness is to lead you to repentance? ⁵As a result of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God will reveal his righteous judgment. ⁶God “will repay each person according to what he has done”—⁷eternal life to those who seek glory, honor, and immortality by persisting in doing what is good, ⁸but furious anger to those who out of selfish ambition are disobeying what is true and obeying what is wrong. ⁹There will be trouble and distress for the soul of every person who does what is evil—for the Jew first and for the Greek—¹⁰but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does what is good—for the Jew first and for the Greek. ¹¹For God does not show favoritism.

Gospel LessonMatthew 25:31-46 (EHV)

The Son of Man came once as a humble baby, but will return as a glorious king with angel armies at his side. He'll sit on his throne, and all the nations will be brought before him to be judged. In this judgment, there are no shades of gray: you're either a sheep or a goat—there's no third option. You'll either be judged righteous and brought to heaven or condemned and sent into eternal fire. In our present world we see so many shades of gray, but at the judgment the contrast between believer and unbeliever will be stark. Jesus' judgment on unbelievers will be a just one, yet completely opposite of what he had wanted. Hell was never meant for humans; it had been prepared for the devil and his angels. When children of Adam are sent to hell on Judgment Day, they'll enter a realm never meant for them. From the creation of the world, God had prepared an inheritance for the sons of Adam, a kingdom that becomes ours not by merit, but by grace. Both sheep and goats fail to see how their earthly lives could possibly merit their eternal fate. In fact, they speak the same words. The contrast, however, is stark: the sheep had faith in Christ that gave evidence of itself in the world; the goats had neither faith nor true fruits. Both receive an eternal judgment—life for the sheep and punishment for the goats. Lord, keep us mindful of your coming judgment that we might be found in faith, judged by your grace, and gifted with eternal life!

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰“The King will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’ ⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.’ ⁴⁴“Then they will also answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?’ ⁴⁵“At that time he will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.’ ⁴⁶And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

...this is the Gospel of our Lord.



Children's Message

Hymn of the Day.....“Great God, What Do I See and Hear” (CW 208)

Sermon Matthew 25:31-46

God's Court Is Now in Session.

Rise in honor
of the judge.

Look closely at
the evidence.

Listen carefully
to the verdict.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Thank-Offering / Handbell Choir“O God Beyond”

Prayer of the Church

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.