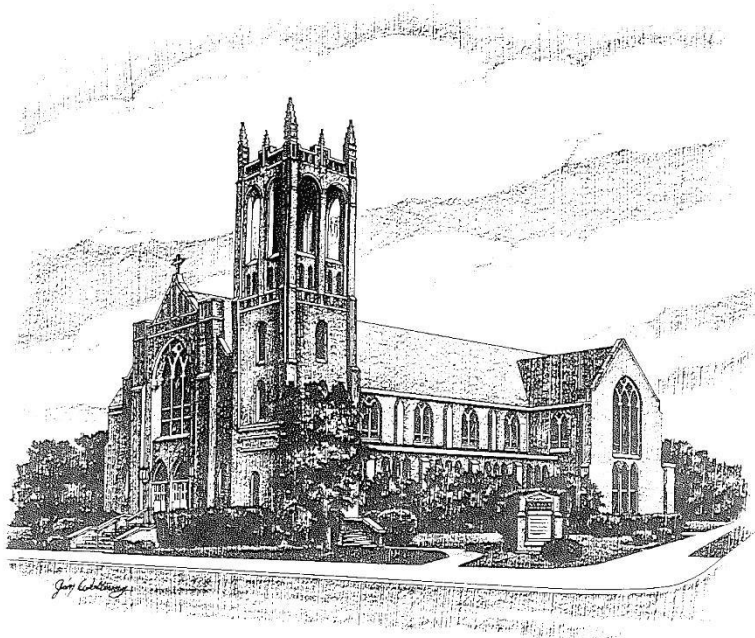


# St. John's Lutheran Church



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## Celebrating 143 years of God's Blessings

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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY...** Before we begin, please:

- † **Sign in the “Fellowship Pad”** and pass it down your pew. Both visitors and members are asked to fill in their information. You can do this before the service, or during the offering.
- † **Place ribbon bookmarks** at the page for liturgy, and one of the hymns in **Lutheran Service Book**.
- † **Place ribbon bookmarks** at the pages of the Scripture readings in the **pew Bibles**, if you wish to follow along.
- † **Introduce yourself** to our Pastor, if it's your first time with us; and all are encouraged to greet and get to know their fellow worshippers.

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*In Holy Communion, we joyfully receive Christ's Body & Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. In participating, we publicly confess our unity in Christ's Body, and a harmony of teaching and practice. Congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion. **Guests who desire to commune with us for the first time are asked to speak with the pastor before the service, to answer any questions you may have.** You may also wish to review Luther's “Christian Questions with Their Answers,” on pp. 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book, and refer to the “Before worship” and “Before communing” prayers inside the front cover of LSB.*

*If you are not in fellowship with our Synod, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate that by folding your arms over your heart while at the communion rail.*

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## GOD'S WORD TODAY

**Walking humbly with our God and forgiving one another**

With what shall we come before the Lord (Micah 6:6) who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our “*burnt offerings*” or “*thousands of rams*” (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another “*with the affection of Christ Jesus*” (Phil. 1:8). As forgiven sinners, “*filled with the fruit of Christ's righteousness*,” our “*love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment*” (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He leads us “*to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God*” (Micah 6:8).

## **STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES FROM SYNOD**

**Philippians 1:3-5 – “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”** God doesn’t need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become “partners in the Gospel.” This is a gift of His grace: inviting us to do significant work in the Kingdom of God through our tithes and offerings.

# The Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity

November 17, 2019  
*Divine Service, Setting One*

OPENING HYMN: **#606**

**"I Lay My Sins on Jesus**

‡ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION p.151

† **SERVICE OF THE WORD** †

‡ INTROIT *Bulletin*

‡ KYRIE p.152

‡ GLORIA IN EXCELSISP.154

‡ COLLECT OF THE DAY *Bulletin*

OLD TESTAMENT: **Micah 6:6-8 p.990**

GRADUAL *Bulletin*

EPISTLE: **Philippians 1:3-11** p.1247

‡ ALLELUIA VERSE

‡ HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 18:21-35 p.1046**

HYMN OF THE DAY: **#611**

**"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"**

SERMON

‡ APOSTLES' CREED p.159

‡ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

† **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** †

‡ LITURGY p.160

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

**"Your Table I Approach" #628**

**"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep..." #621**

**"Where Charity and Love Prevail" #845**

‡ CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord" p.164

‡ COLLECT & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: **#884**

**"Lord, Support Us All Day Long"**

# The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

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## Introit

*Psalm 130:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: vv. 3–4*

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

**O Lord, who could stand?**

But with you there is forgiveness,

**that you may be feared.**

Out of the depths

**I cry to you, O LORD!**

O Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

**and with him is plentiful redemption.**

And he will redeem Israel

**from all his iniquities.**

**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.**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

**O Lord, who could stand?**

But with you there is forgiveness,

**that you may be feared.**

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## Collect of the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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## Gradual

*Psalm 133:1, 3b*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is

**when brothers dwell in unity!**

For the LORD has commanded the blessing,

**life forevermore.**

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S..

SUNDAY, 11/17..	8am <b>Divine Worship</b> ; 9am Coffee Hour-BoCE; 9:30am Bible Study/Sunday School; 11am <b>Divine Worship</b> ; 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 3pm Youth Event; 6pm <b>Divine Worship</b>
MONDAY, 11/18..	6:30pm New Members Class/Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts; 7pm Gym Rental/LCC Rehearsal
TUESDAY, 11/19..	5pm Fellowship Room Phone Blitz; 7pm Church Council Meeting/Dorcas Meeting/Gym Rental
WEDNESDAY, 11/20..	8:40am Children's Chapel; 4:30pm <b>Worship Service</b> ; 5pm Gym Rental/Food Pantry; 7pm Fellowship Room Rental; 7:30pm Gym Rental – Boy Scouts
THURSDAY, 11/21..	10:30am Plus 60; 6:30pm Chancel Bells/Conference Room Rental/Gym Rental; 7pm Ellinger Hall Rental; 7:30pm Conference Room Rental; 7:45pm Church Choir 4pm Eaglet Tournament
FRIDAY, 11/22..	
SATURDAY, 11/23..	8am Eaglet Tournament; 10:30am STEM Scouts
SUNDAY, 11/24..	8am <b>Divine Worship</b> ; 9am Coffee Hour-School Sports/Dorcas Bake Sale; 9:30am Bible Study/Sunday School; 11am <b>Divine Worship</b> ; 1pm Eaglet Tournament; 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 2:30pm Fellowship Room & Bowling Alley Rental; 6pm <b>Divine Worship</b> ; 6:30pm Fellowship Room & Bowling Alley Rental

**LWML ANGEL TREE..** THANK YOU to all the “Angels” who took a child’s name from the LWML Angel Tree. There are a few names that still need an “Angel.” Please be sure to stop by the tree to get a name and remember to return your gift(s) by December 2<sup>nd</sup> to either the LWML table in the Narthex or to the office. The LWML Wrapping Party is on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in Ellinger Hall at 7pm. Everyone is invited. Thank you again for being an Angel.

**TELL THE INTERNET..** how you feel about St. John's! Our new website has launched, and we'd like to tell our virtual visitors why you love St. John's. Email your 1-2 sentence testimonial to [pastor@stjohnschicago.org](mailto:pastor@stjohnschicago.org), and whether you'd like your first name and/or age included on our homepage.

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK..** Be kind to unkind people, they need it the most.

## EAGLET – November 17, 2019

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# November 5, 2019

## Prayer Chain

**COMFORT AND PEACE:** family of **Judi Wilczak**; family of Alma Hill; for all who continue to struggle day to day with the loss of loved ones.

**CANCER:** Linda Thorson – chemo treatments; Rich Axtmann; Pat; Jim Barzano

**HEALING & RECOVERY:** Sarah M. – healing from surgery; Ashley and Tom – miscarriage of their second child; Mike Del Fava – recovering from heart attack; Rosalie Oppenheim – knee replacement; Megan – 22 year old severely hurt in a car accident

**PRAISE & THANKS:** Erica – thankful the doctors were able to diagnosis her illness. Pray that the treatment is helpful and brings her to full health; wonderful vacation was experienced for a mother and daughter; a 1<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration was held for Levi Rickelman.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Park family – help them through a very difficult time; Nichole – give the doctors wisdom to treat the fluid on her brain; Karen – awaiting results of a biopsy; Kathi – seeking a solution to her headaches

**PREGNANCIES:** Michelle Runge; Amy Hiller

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** continued safety and respect for police, firemen and our military who put their life on the line each and every day; for the healing ministry of the Comfort Dogs in times of disaster; for continued growth and stability of St. John's, Walther Christian Academy and Concordia Chicago; Rev. Delwyn and Lenita Campbell – our adopted Missionaries; our church and school leaders; wisdom for our government leaders.

**PHONE BLITZ..** Please join the Elders of St. John's for a phone blitz on Tuesday, November 19th from 5PM-7PM. Please meet in the Fellowship Room. All you need to bring is your cell phone. You will be provided a list of people to call and invite them to St. John's to receive God's gifts during the holiday season and beyond. Also, you will be provided a free dinner. Please note that you will be using your cell phone to make calls, so consider any charges you will incur on your phone plan. If you have unlimited minutes and/or can use VoIP by logging onto St. John's WiFi, then you will not incur charges. Please contact Adam Neubauer if you want to join this group that we know how much food to order. [neubauer.adam@gmail.com](mailto:neubauer.adam@gmail.com) | 815.793.5743

**OOPS, LETS TRY THAT AGAIN..** The Dorcas ladies are busy baking up a storm for the holidays. They will have a variety of baked goods available for purchase in the Church Parlor **next** Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> between the 8am and 11am services. Dorcas will also have crafted fall items for purchase. Please be sure to visit them to satisfy your sweet tooth.

**DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS..** Please join us for an afternoon of Christmas cheer. Decorating the church is a large task and the Altar Guild needs your help. We will be decorating the church on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> following the 11am service. We appreciate any time you can give us, even if you have to come late. Mark your calendar now! If your student/family needs community service hours this is a good opportunity to serve. If you would like more information, please contact Debbie Wheeler or the Church Office.

**COME ONE, COME ALL..** to St. John's Youth Night! This event is for any and all students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school. Please meet in the gym as fun activities are planned.

**DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER..** the congregation is invited to read Galatians 5 together. The following questions will guide your reading. In Christ, what is the only thing that counts? What alternative to loving your neighbor does Paul warn against? How do you reflect the struggle with which Paul ends this chapter?

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT..** will take place on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at **Panera Bread** located at 4244 N. Harlem in Norridge. You may order online for pick-up, or delivery, or just stop by between the hours of 4 and 8pm. Show the flyer which is in the back of church or you may get it on our website.

### **SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev. Jacob Ehrhard (8am, 11am & 6pm)
<b>Organist:</b>	Mark Eggert (8am & 11am)
<b>Musical Enhancement:</b>	Church Choir (8am)
<b>Fellowship Hour:</b>	Agape
<b>Communion:</b>	Laura Weith
<b>The Trustee:</b>	Bob Anhalt (opening); Brian Bowman (closing)





**THANKSGIVING SERVICES..** here at St. John's will be on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 and 7pm. Please note there will be no services on Thanksgiving Day.

**CAN YOU HELP..** The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Eaglet Tournament is happening next weekend November 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed to make this weekend a success. Anyone can help in the kitchen, or the admission table it's no experience needed. If you can volunteer a few hours please sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4EADAD2AA3FE3-eaglet](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4EADAD2AA3FE3-eaglet). Don't forget to also come on out and watch some exciting basketball games.

**YOUR "GIFTS OF LOVE" IN  
RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL..**

<b>Our "Gifts of Love"</b>	<b>Week of: 11/10/19</b>	<b>Goal:</b>
Contributions	\$4,366.30	\$5,136.00
Mortgage	\$441.00	\$1,223.00
Missions	\$15.00	
Memorial	\$0.00	

**OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE  
IN THE LORD'S HOUSE  
Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

8am = 87  
11am = 30  
6pm = 11

**Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**  
4:30pm = 5