

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations
before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open
doors before him that gates may not be closed:
²“I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of
darkness
and the hoards in secret places, that you may know
that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising
of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

GRADUAL Ps. 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

DAILY READINGS

October 22: Deut. 21:1-23; Matt. 16:1-12; **23:** Deut. 24:10-25:10;
Matt. 16:13-28; **24:** Deut. 25:17-26:19; Matt. 17:1-13; **25:** Deut. 27:1-
26; Matt. 17:14-27; **26:** Deut. 28:1-22; Matt. 18:1-20; **27:** Deut. 29:1-
29; Matt. 18:21-35; **28:** Deut. 30:1-20; Matt. 19:1-15.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly
mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our
God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we
know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵be-
cause our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You
know what kind of men we proved to be among you for
your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the
Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with
the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example
to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not
only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in
Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone
forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For
they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception
we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols
to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son
from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who
delivers us from the wrath to come.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle
[Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him,
along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that
you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you
do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed
by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful
to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their
malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites?
¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a
denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and
inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said
to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are
Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When
they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went
away.

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VERSE: Alleluia. You have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. Alleluia. (Col. 2:10)

PRAYER: Gracious Lord Jesus, fill us with Your saving forgiveness and grace this morning as we feed on Your Word and Your Body and Blood so that, empowered and nourished by Yourself, we may glorify You by our lives and serve our neighbor even as You have served us so sacrificially and faithfully. Amen.

Sermon: "Don't Get Entangled in Confusing Questions About What It Means to Live in This World as a Christian" (Saint Matthew 22:15-22)

Preacher & Liturgist: Pr. Steven Briel

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: Holy God, We Praise Your Name (Jeffrey Blersch)

Offering: Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me (Michael D. Costello)

Postlude: Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing (Robert Hobby)

Altar Guild: Arlene Rogge & LuAn Schutte

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Dan Kolander
10:30 am: Dean Noren

Acolytes: 8:00 am: Bradley Kruse & Sam Say
10:30 am: Colin Vetsch & Alex Vetsch

Ushers: 8:00 am: Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler,
Dan Orbin, Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge
10:30 am: Randall Beyreis, Marv Cummins,
Tim Lodholz, Dean Noren

Money Counters: Duane Abraham, John Meyer,
Bob Radintz, *Craig Schutte*

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Eternal Hope Lutheran, Brooklyn Park, and Reverend Bill Hillyer (vacancy pastor).

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Kantor Dr. Crystal Rossow together with the Choir members and the Instrumentalists, and also for our Pre-K Teacher Amy Becker.

SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER: At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper "every Sunday and on other festivals" (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

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TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTE-BOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

PARENTS: We're happy you've brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

THE DIVINE SERVICE The Divine Service is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God's holy "priesthood" can participate and "declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, "It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).

INTROIT Ps. 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 121:5

The Lord is your | keeper;*
the Lord is your shade on your | right hand.
I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?
My help comes | from the Lord,*
who made | heaven and earth.
He will not let your | foot be moved;*
he who keeps you will not | slumber.
Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.
The Lord will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
The Lord is your | keeper;*
the Lord is your shade on your | right hand.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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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- Since the Lord's Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
- Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord's Table.
- Members may prepare by reading Luther's "Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament" (LSB 329-340).

OPENING HYMN: LSB 797

CONFESSION: LSB 167

INTROIT: (inside of bulletin)

KYRIE: LSB 168

GLORIA: LSB 170

SALUTATION: LSB 172

COLLECT

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual (backside of bulletin)

Responses: LSB 172-73

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 940

SERMON

CREED: LSB 174

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: LSB 176 ("What

Shall I Render to the Lord")

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 177ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 683; LSB 663

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 181

("Thank the Lord")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 924

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
October 22- October 28**

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Tracey Blanck Oliver Borcherding Harold Grambart Karen Orth David Renner Mara Schmidt	K. C. Kolstad Cheryl Lucas Kari Preus
MONDAY	THURSDAY
Cory O'Hern	Kimberly Bredesen Noah MacMillan Sarah Walters Grace Windsperger
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Brian Cleaveland	Weston HoloVnia Aaron Rossow Johanna Rossow Matthew Weishaar
	SATURDAY
	Brian Remer

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

Ir./Sr. High Youth

GET CONNECTED: Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th grade? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - jayme.kruse@gmail.com Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!

RANDOM RAKING: Join us as we do some fall cleanup next Sunday, October 29th. Leaving St. John's at 12, back by 3. Bring a snack/lunch and a rake!

**Please lock all doors before leaving this building.
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!**

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SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Monday, October 23, *St. James of Jerusalem* (Readings, LSB pg xxiii; Hymn, LSB 518, vss. 1, 27, 3); Saturday, October 28, *St. Simon and St. Jude* (Readings, LSB pg xxiii; Hymn, LSB 518, vss. 1, 28, 3).

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Tony Stadler, Bill Radintz (son of Paul & Diane), Bill Wacker, Dorothy Schutte, Gail Ledstrom, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Bruce O'Hern, Dana Rossow, and Doris Gangelhoff. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Alex & Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiede, Ilene Shepherd, and Bill Wacker.

All those serving in our Armed Forces— Drew (Virginia) and Rachel (Texas) Ellis, Agena Hamilton (Oklahoma), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—Laurie and Randy Bredenberg (at the loss of her youngest brother), Lynn Slauson and family (at the death of her mother Ella Fritz), Jeri Bennett and family, the family of Francis Rol, Jane Kothrade and family (at the loss of her father Loren Zander), Karen Orth (at the loss of her mother Elaine Larson), Tim Kanz & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Harold Bauermeister, Lori Kaiser & family (at the loss of her father Raymond Kinzler), Ed Kemna & family (at the loss of his brother Ted), the family of Marcella Faue, the family of Elaine Underdahl, Katy Briel & family and Erik Preus & family (at the loss of their mother Donna Preus), Dan Kolander & family (at the loss of his father Donald), and Marv Cummins & family (at the loss of his brother Larry), Gloria Burns & family (at the loss of her mother LaVonne Richert), and the family of Caroline Christophersen.

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul).

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available the first Thursday of every month in the sanctuary from 6:30 until 7:00 pm or by appointment. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

"LUTHERAN HOUR" this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

† **Announcements** †

MISSION: See Pastor David Preus's Summer Newsletter on the narthex table for the latest updates. Remember also the Rev. Daniel Jastram and his wife Joan who have been deployed to Japan and the Rev. Charles Wokoma in Nigeria. Your regular financial gifts are desperately needed by these missionaries; with your prayers and financial gifts you take part in our Lord's great commission to make disciples of all nations.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Weekly Bible class began last week and will meet on Tuesdays at **9AM**. We will study Paul's epistle to the Galatians, a critical epistle for Luther in his reformation efforts. He loved this epistle and once commented, "The Epistle to the Galatians is my epistle, to which I am betrothed. It is my Katie von Bora" (Katie was his dear wife). Join us for study, reflection, prayer and fellowship around God's Word and this special Epistle.

PROPERTY AND GROUNDS UPDATE The previously seldom used "Good Shepherd light" has been converted into an efficient LED light with a photocell that will turn on every night at dusk. This light will illuminate our beautiful stained-glass windows and increase visibility and security around the north parking lot and entrance to the church and school.

ANNUAL GERMAN DINNER: Sunday, November 5th from 4-7pm here at St. John's. The 7th and 8th graders will be serving a German Dinner to raise money for their Washington D.C. trip that they take in the Spring. The menu is roast pork, German potato salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, red cabbage, sauerkraut, roll and choice of apple kuchen or German chocolate cake and a beverage. Tickets will be available starting next Sunday October 22nd. Prices are: Adults \$12, Seniors (55+) \$10, Children (5-12) \$5 and Under 5 are Free. For questions email Nichole Schilling at spicefamily6@gmail.com. Also, please look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for ingredients needed for the event, to be posted soon. Your donations are greatly appreciated and help make the German Dinner a huge success.

Installation

INSTALLATION service for our new pastor, the Rev. Matthew Moss, will be on **Sunday afternoon, November 12 at 3PM**. This will be a communion service with Pr. Moss officiating as the new pastor. A reception and catered meal will follow the service. Pastor Briel will be the preacher, Pastor Johnson the liturgist, and President

Nadasdy the officiant for the rite of installation. Mark your calendars for this exciting and special event in the life of our congregation!

Please note also that due to the afternoon service of installation and communion, we will have only **ONE** Divine Service that morning at **9AM**. Also, there will be no Bible Class or Sunday School that day. *"Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit on Your servant now, we pray; let him prove a faithful shepherd that no lamb be led astray. Your pure teaching to proclaim, to extol Your holy name, and to feed Your lambs, dear Savior, make his aim and sole endeavor"* (LSB 681, vs. 1).

This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY:	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	11:30 am:	Acolyte/Processional practice (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm:	Robotics (Conf Rm-Upper Level)
MON:		
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study
	6:00 pm:	Robotics (Conf Rm-Upper Level)
WED:	6:00 pm:	Public School Catechism
	6:15 pm:	Brass Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm:	CSP Rehearsal
THUR:	6:00 pm:	Robotics (Conf Rm-Upper Level)
	7:00 pm:	Table Tennis (Music Room)
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel~Third Grade Sings
SAT:	8:00 am:	Robotics (Conf Rm-Upper Level)
SUN:	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	5:00 pm:	Robotics (Conf Rm-Upper Level)

Those Serving Next Week, Reformation Sunday, October 29th:

Altar Guild:		Arlene Rogge & LuAn Schutte
Processionals:	8:00 am:	Jasmine Brockberg & Donna Toelle
	10:30 am:	Colin Vetsch & Alex Vetsch
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Greg Christopher
	10:30 am:	Dan Holtus
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Zach Kappel & Noelle Dolan
	10:30 am:	Naomi Schilling & Evan Pulju
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Joe Koehler, Philip Koehler, Dan Orbin, Mike Orbin, Jerry Rogge
	10:30 am:	Randall Beyreis, Marv Cummins, Tim Lodholz, Dean Noren
Money Counters:		Cindy Kiekow, <i>Scott Kulberg</i> , Mark Radintz, Bill Walters



CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of October are: Rice and Toothbrushes. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



REGISTRATION UNDERWAY for the 4th annual St. John's Gala: We invite you to join us for a fabulous dinner and evening of entertainment at beautiful Rush Creek Golf Club in Maple Grove on Friday, November 10th. This year the funds raised will go toward improving our church and school technology resources, as well as support our tuition assistance program for families in need. Exciting auction items are being added each week, including; 6 lift passes to Vail resorts, a golf outing at Hazeltine National Golf Club, a Speed Queen washing machine and dryer set delivered and installed, and a "vintage" STJ scoreboard for any guy's man cave...and more. Check out some of the items already on display in the narthex or entryway. You can RSVP by mail, drop

the card at the reception desk, or register online at St. John's Church website. The deadline to register is Sunday, November 5th - Hope to see you there!



DONATIONS REQUEST: The Gala committee is currently seeking and graciously accepting donated items for the silent and live auctions at this year's event. Creative ideas like these and others are greatly appreciated as donations:

- Vacations (airline tickets, condo rentals, hotels)
- Day Trips
- Electronics
- Sports or Horseback Riding Lessons
- Services (auto repair, car wash, home svcs, etc)
- Gift Cards or tickets (restaurants, theater, sporting events)

Contact Liz Glock (612-247-4794) with any questions or if you or someone you know would like to donate. Table sponsorships are also available, plus all businesses that donate or sponsor will be recognized through emails, handouts, flyers, and throughout the evening of the event! All donations are tax deductible. Please submit all donations by November 1st for recognition in our programs. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ALVEDA C. KING, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, will be presenting a pro-life message at St. Mary's University Center, 2540 Park Ave S., in Minneapolis on Friday, November 3rd. Dessert & refreshments at 6:30 pm & program at 7:30 pm. Free will offering. Reservations due by October 27th. See LeAnn Cummins, 763-420-2317 or Gretchen Kliche 763-477-6136 for more info & carpooling.



PLEASE HELP: support new mothers and babies in need of basic items. Some Twin Cities new mothers, and fathers too, rely on pregnancy centers to help them. Not only do they receive material blessings, but also spiritual through weekly Bible studies. Our donated items will go to City Life Center in Minneapolis and Women's Source in Anoka. Please add your donations to the play pen in the narthex. Items needed:

City Life Center

- baby blankets
- diapers (any size)
- baby wipes
- onesies
- bibs

Women's Source

- baby blankets
- boy clothes (any age)
- bottles of pre-mixed formula
- car seats
- 2T & 3T coats, hats, sweaters, mittens

For mothers

- deodorant
- toothpaste
- shampoo/conditioner
- mouthwash
- bar soap

We are also accepting "gently-loved" Bibles that will be distributed to new families as well.

WLHS TRAP TEAM CULVER'S NIGHT FUNDRAISER:

Mark your calendar to join us on Monday night, November 6th at Culver's in Maple Grove for Butterburgers, French Fries, Custard, and FUN! Please come out and support our West Lutheran High School Trap Team; take the night off from cooking, and let our high school trap team members serve you!



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by the end of the day on Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. If there is an accompanying flyer or insert, kindly provide the information by the Monday beforehand to allow appropriate processing time to accommodate your posting. Thank you!!

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, October 15th: 8:00 am: CT: 172 CM: 131
10:30 am: CT: 129 CM: 86

FINANCIAL UPDATE	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
	10/15/17	since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 12,045	\$ 198,251
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 218,160
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (1,590)	\$ (19,909)
% Ahead (-Behind)	-12%	-9%

Please contact the Church Treasurer Chad Brown (763-276-4736) or Finance Deacon Randy Beyreis (763-222-8729) if you have any questions on St. John's financial condition.

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S! Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event! The Secretary keeps a main calendar and all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar!