

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
 Why would you have the day of the LORD?
 It is darkness, and not light,
¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him,
 or went into the house and leaned his hand against
 the wall, and a serpent bit him.
²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
 and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts,
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²²Even though you offer me your
 burnt offerings and grain offerings,
 I will not accept them; and the peace offerings
 of your fattened animals,
 I will not look upon them.
²³Take away from me the noise of
 your songs;
 to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
²⁴But let justice roll down like
 waters,
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

GRADUAL Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

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.

DAILY READINGS

November 12: Jer. 25:1-18; Matt. 26:1-19; **13:** Jer. 26:1-19; Matt. 26:20-35; **14:** Jer. 29:1-19; Matt. 26:36-56; **15:** Jer. 30:1-24; Matt. 26:57-75; **16:** Jer. 31:1-17, 23-34; Matt. 27:1-10; **17:** Jer. 33:1-22; Matt. 27:11-32; **18:** Jer. 37:1-21; Matt. 27:33-56.

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Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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† **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost** †
November 12, 2017

VERSE: Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia. (Matthew 25:13)

PRAYER: Gracious Lord Jesus, You have betrothed Yourself to me in the waters of holy baptism and have promised to bring me to Your heavenly wedding Feast. Keep me faithful to You alone until that Day when You consummate our relationship in the eternal glories of heaven. Amen.

Sermon: "This Is No Time to Get Apathetic and Careless Spiritually" (Saint Matthew 25:1-13)

Preacher: Pr. Steven Briel

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (J. S. Bach)

Choral Prelude: Kyrie from Messe de Notre-Dame (Guillaume de Machaut)

Anthem: Sicut cervus (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)

Offering: Magnificat from Short Service (Orlando Gibbons)

Postlude: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (Paul Manz)

Translations: Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus. (As a deer longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for Thee, O God. Ps. 42:1)

Choir: Anoka Ramsey Community College Chamber Choir
directed by Prof. Richard Joseph

Altar Guild: Deb Koehler

Worship Assistants: 9:00 am: Jerry Rogge

Acolytes: 9:00 am: Miranda Blanck & Alexis Brockberg

Ushers: 9:00 am: Dan Kolander, Matt Kolander,
Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland

Money Counters: Mike DeSplinter, Dave Giefer,
Courtney Oakland, Russ Reznecheck

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for New Life (Neej Tshiab) Lutheran, worshipping at Redeemer Lutheran, Robbinsdale, and Pastor Yia Lo and Pastor Jonny Vang.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for BOA Deacons Tom Eversman & Mike Gaffer and the Board Members, and for Treasurer Chad Brown, and also for our Teachers Deb Volberding (First Grade) and Gary Volberding (7th & 8th Grade).

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.

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. 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: Ps. 84:3

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | Lord of hosts!

Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

O | Lord of hosts,*

blessed is the one who | trusts in you!

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.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, 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).

CHORAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: LSB 813

CONFESSION: LSB 167

INTROIT

KYRIE: LSB 168

HYMN OF PRAISE: LSB 171 ("This Is the Feast")

SALUTATION: LSB 172

COLLECT

CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual

Responses: LSB 172-73

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 516

SERMON

CREED: LSB 174

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: LSB 955 ("Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful")

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 177ff

DISTRIBUTION: LSB 631; LSB 514

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 181

("Thank the Lord")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 663

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
November 12 – November 18**

| SUNDAY | THURSDAY |
|--|---|
| Lucas Kiesow Jean Kucera Schuur Lorena Remer | Gabrielle Berres Karen Howey Eric Kaiser Lori Kiesow |
| MONDAY | FRIDAY |
| Therese Noren Arlene Rogge | Ellenna Baltes Kim Brustuen Mark Schutte |
| TUESDAY | SATURDAY |
| Simon Say | Zachary Kappel Eric Nelson Jack Wold |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| Kendra Gilmore Breanna Ostwald | |

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

Jr./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!

GAMES IN THE DARK: at STJL this Saturday, Nov 18th (Jr Youth 6-8, Sr Youth 7:30-9:30 pm). Flashlight tag, Capture the Flag, & more! Eat beforehand; snacks provided.

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: *no special feast days this week.*

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—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), Marv Cummins & family (at the loss of his brother Larry), Gloria Burns & family (at the loss of her mother LaVonne Richert), the family of Caroline Christophersen, and 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 †

YEAR BY YEAR IN THE LIFE-WORK OF MARTIN LUTHER: In this 500th Anniversary year of the Lutheran Reformation (October 31, 2017) we will examine the background, history, main characters, and major events in the life and work of Martin Luther, moving year-by-year starting with 1517. If you have ever wondered how such an amazing event as the Reformation of the Christian Church could have come about or how Luther developed in his theology and what he actually wrote/taught or what all of this means for today come to the adult class in the Fellowship Hall between services each Sunday. This week ...No Bible Study Class
Next week "Against the Heavenly Prophets"—Luther 1525



INSTALLATION service for our new pastor, the Rev. Matthew Moss, will be **TODAY, 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 this morning at **9AM.** Also, there will be no Bible Class or Sunday School today. *"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).

GUEST CHOIR TODAY: The Chamber Choir from Anoka Ramsey Community College will present sacred works from before and after the Reformation, including Bach's Cantata No. 79.

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY is next Sunday, November 19th. Help is needed in many areas. Please sign up if you would like to help in some way. This commitment is for 2018 only.

THE ADMINISTRATOR CALL COMMITTEE has re-started their search for the 2018/2019 school year. The committee is seeking a male or female administrator who embraces LCMS doctrine and who is committed and dedicated to the growth of our school, sharing the message of Christ, and providing a strong academic foundation. If you have questions, comments, or a candidate that should be considered, feel free to contact David Huth at 763-242-7103 or david.huth@bsci.com.

This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY 9:00 am: Divine Service with Lord's Supper
9:15 am: No Sunday School
9:30 am: No Bible Study
3:00 pm: Pr. Moss Installation Service
Divine Service with Lord's Supper (Dinner & Program to follow)
5:00 pm: Robotics (Conference Rm)

MON:

TUES: 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm: PTL Meeting

WED: 6:00 pm: Public School Catechism
6:15 pm: Brass Practice (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm: All Generations Conference (Auxiliary Rm)
7:00 pm: Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THUR: 7:00 pm: Altar Guild Meeting (Auxiliary Rm)
7:00 pm: Table Tennis (Music Room)

FRI: 8:00 am: Chapel ~ 1st Grade Sings

SAT:

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 (Conference Rm)

Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, November 19th:

Altar Guild: Deb Koehler

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Kevin Pomeranke
10:30 am: Jack Wold

Acolytes: 8:00 am: Adam Kiesow & Ben Kiesow
10:30 am: Allie Cate & Dalton Cate

Ushers: 8:00 am: Dan Kolander, Matt Kolander,
Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland
10:30 am: David Giefer, Ed Kemna,
David Kliche

Money Counters: Jon Bode, Paul Radintz,
Craig Schutte, Mark Schutte



FOURTH ANNUAL GALA: A huge thank you to everyone who attended, participated, and volunteered in creating another successful evening of giving and dining this past Friday evening.

ANNUAL GERMAN DINNER: Reported approximately 350 guests attended. All who came enjoyed the food, company, live music and seeing the 7th & 8th Grade students serve and host the tables. A great big thank you for supporting this fundraiser for the 8th Grade Washington, D.C. trip and to those who provided donations. We are very proud of the students; they did an incredible job and we heard nothing but compliments and great things. Your support is incredibly appreciated. Danke Schöen! ~ Nichole Schilling

ALTAR GUILD: The Altar Guild's next meeting is this Thursday, November 16th at 7 pm. The Altar Guild is a committee that fosters a better understanding of our Lutheran worship practices and is dedicated to the care of the altar linens and paraments, communion wear, and furnishings of the sanctuary. We clean and maintain the chancel area, including washing the communion wear. All Altar Guild members are encouraged to attend our next meeting. Also, anyone who would like to find out more about the Altar Guild is also very welcome to attend.

NIGERIAN MISSION: Pr. Briel is planning to go to Nigeria this coming February to teach at the Lutheran seminary where Pr. Wokoma is headmaster and professor. He has been asked to teach elementary Hebrew (26 students) and the book of Genesis (8 students). He would appreciate any financial help that members can give which will be used for his travel expense (between \$1200 & \$1500) and for textbooks and other materials (perhaps some \$2000 which may include shipping) to be used in the classes he will be teaching. Any monies donated over and above his expenses will be donated to the seminary and Pr. Wokoma's work at the seminary. St. John's has a long-standing Nigerian Mission Fund in place, but for this purpose, gifts should be designated: "Briel Feb Trip". Thank you!!

CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of November are: Hamburger Helper & Cake Mix/Frosting. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated. **ADDITIONALLY** all during the month of November, we will be collecting for a special **FOOD DRIVE**. To donate, please drop your nonperishable food items in the paper bags provided in the narthex.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We need Head Counters and Money Counters!!!! It is a vital role in making sure the offerings are counted and deposited every Sunday. The rotation will be every 6-8 weeks. Money counting takes about 30 minutes each Sunday, and is done after the 2nd service. If you could, please take just a short time of your Sunday to help out. We are in the process of making the schedule for 2018, so if you are interested, please contact Mike McFerrin at mike.mcferrin@aol.com or Cindy Kiekow at cak_woman79@hotmail.com. Thank you so much!

TRINITY FIRST SCHOOL is offering a tour, meeting the children, a light meal, message from the principal Sarah Wippich, and volunteer training, if desired, on Tuesday, November 14th from 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm. To RSVP, contact Anna VanVleet, Volunteer Coordinator, 612-314-6773; vanvleet.tfl@gmail.com

FALL DRAMA: The Mayer Lutheran High School theatre program is proud to present The Sound of Music. This classic, popular musical featuring the famous songs: "Edelweiss", "Do-Re-Mi," and "My Favorite Things" was originally produced on Broadway in 1959 by Rogers and Hammerstein. This musical is based on the story of the Von Trapp family as told in the memoir of Maria von Trapp. Performances will be held on November 17 and 18 at 7:00 PM and 2:30 PM on November 19. (Note time change for Sunday performance)

THANKSGIVING MEAL: Provided for those who need a meal. Please register with Grace Lutheran Church 6810 Winnetka Ave N, Brooklyn Park. More details to come.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Sunday, November 5th: 8:00 am: CT: 205 CM: 167
10:30 am: CT: 112 CM: 92

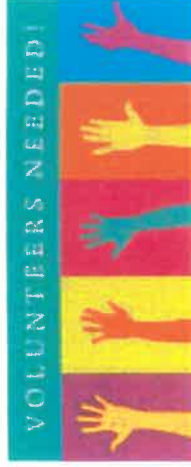
| FINANCIAL UPDATE | <u>Month-to-date</u> | <u>Year-to-date</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | 11/05/17 | since 07/01/17 |
| Offerings Received | \$ 12,519 | \$ 237,409 |
| Amount Needed | \$ 13,635 | \$ 259,065 |
| Amount Ahead (Behind) | \$ (1,116) | \$ (21,656) |
| % Ahead (-Behind) | -8% | -8% |

Please contact the Church Treasurer Chad Brown (763-276-4736) if you have any questions on St. John's financial condition.

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!!



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!



Do you have a little extra time in your life and you'd like to volunteer, but don't know where? Have some talents you would like to share?

Look no further!!

St. John's Church & School has many different boards that can use your time, help and ideas! Consider joining one or helping with some their projects today!!

Come talk with current board members on Volunteer Sunday to join a board or find project you can help with.

Volunteer Sunday:
November 19th – Before and after each service

Turn over for descriptions of Boards

BOARDS & COMMITTEE'S OF ST. JOHN'S

All Board meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 7pm, for 60-90 min



Board of Administration (BOA) - Is responsible for all financial aspects of the congregation. This includes the Compensation Committee (salaries/benefits), budget compilation and adherence, and financial reporting. This board works closely with the church treasurer.



Board of Education (BOE) – Is responsible for the operational aspects of St. John's Lutheran day school. This includes school curriculum, Extended School Program, Hot Lunch Program, busing and all extracurricular events.



Board of Parish Education - Is in charge of Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, youth programs and activities.



Board of Property and Grounds – Is tasked with the maintenance, repair and improvement of St. John's buildings and grounds.



Board of Technology - Is responsible for all computers, computer networking, classroom technology, building sound systems, and the church/school website.



Board of Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship, and Altar Care (SEWAC) - Is in charge of ushers and training, ordering supplies and periodicals, missions, anniversaries, funerals, stewardship, evangelism, worship, and altar care. Oversees the Altar Care Committee, which is in charge of the altar and communion ware, as well as flowers.