ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH- MISSOURI SYNOD

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 4, p. 203

HYMNS: 334, 332, 781 v.1, 350, 347, 634, 338

SERVICE OF THE WORD: Psalm 122 (read responsively) LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:36-44 THEME: A Life Ready for the End Confesses Christ

WORSHIP LIFE: 133

WELCOME: We are happy to have you worship with us today. It is our prayer that you will receive spiritual profit from your fellowship with us. If you have no church home, you are welcome here.

HOLY COMMUNION

- **If you are a member of St. John's,** see page 329 for help in preparing to receive Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.
- If you are a guest, welcome! Communion at St. John's is reserved for members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations. Please speak with the Pastor about Communion before participating.
- Didn't have a chance to talk with Pastor about Communion before church? If you're a member of an LCMS congregation, you are welcome to Communion, but please let Pastor know where you go to church when you come to the Communion rail.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:36-44 (replacing reading from back of bulletin)

³⁶[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

APPOINTMENTS WITH GOD - WE SERVE IN LOVE

Sunday, Nov 30	9:00 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 11:45 am	Worship / Communion Sunday School Decorates Tree Coffee & Fellowship Sunday Bible Study SS Christmas Practice Bell Choir
Tuesday, Dec 2	1:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Dec 3	9:00 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Confirmation Choir Practice ACT Serving Supper ADVENT SUPPER ADVENT WORSHIP
Thursday, Dec 4	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Aicota Service Deacons Meeting NO Evening Bible Study
Sunday, Dec 7	9:00 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 11:45 am	Worship / Communion Coffee & Fellowship Sunday Bible Study SS Christmas Practice Bell Choir

WE PRAY FOR...

Those battling cancer – Lisa Baty, Pam Collins, Rev. Robin Collins, Ruth Ferguson, Darlene Horvath, Shirley Klitzke, Fritzie Lamke, Marcus Marsh, Jeff Moe, John Pearson, Carol Stevens, Tim Wegner, Lola Weimer, and Ray Williams.

Those dealing with other health issues – Maggie Borseth, Marilyn Boucher, Betty Bulhmann, Lois Du Chane, Yvonne Erdman, Rowan Grage, Lori Hawkins, Claire Hill, Linda Hollingsead, Ian Hughes, Rodney Larson Jr., Ardis Lillestol, Jordin Mae, Jake Mehr, Michele Messetler-Mondry, Ginger Peterson, Shirley Renstrom, Clark Sadlo, Deborah Sergot, Joseph Schuelke, Pat Scott, Colton Blake Shoemocker, Clyde Swanson, Roy Van Horn, Chuck Virginia, Adah Williams, and Connor Wood.

Our sister congregations in Puerto Rico: Prince of Peace in Mayaguez, Fountain of Life in Ponce and Lamb of God in San Juan and Our Together in Mission Missionaries, Rev. James & Deaconess Christel Neuendorf, and Lutheran Island Camp.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: #334 - "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

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PSALM 122: read responsively

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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 2:1-5 **EPISTLE:** Romans 13:8-14

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GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44 APOSTLES' CREED – page 207

CHILDREN'S LESSON / DECORATE TREE

HYMN OF THE DAY: #332 - "Savior of the Nations, Come"

SERMON: A Life Ready for the End Confesses Christ

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING: #781, v.1 - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #350 – "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Com"

#347 – "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" #634 – "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

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CLOSING HYMN: #338 – "Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus"







