



November 19-20, 2022

TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Celebration of Christ the King | November 20, 2022

Service Elements taken from: Divine Service, Setting 1, Pew Hymnal (LSB) p. 151
For your convenience, all hymn lyrics will also be displayed on the screens at the front of the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (9:30/11:00-Choir sings. stz. 3) LSB #525

SERVICE OF THE WORD LSB #151-158

Confession (On Screen)
Hymn of Praise: *Feast of Victory* LSB #155
Prayer of the Day
Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Worship Bible p.744
Anthem: *Holy is the Lord* (9:30/ 11:00) Mixed Choir & Brass
New Testament Reading: Revelation 1:4-8 Worship Bible p.1028
Alleluia LSB #156
Epistle Reading: John 18:33-37 Worship Bible p.904

NICENE CREED (On Screen)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* (9:30/11:00-Choir sings stz. 3) LSB #909

MESSAGE Pastor Steve Grafe

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT LSB #160-166

Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* LSB #549
Thank the Lord LSB #164

POST COMMUNION PRAYER/BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *Christ Victorious; Christ, Now Reigning* Tune: Ebenezer

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER:

The Bible teaches that along with the bread and wine of Holy Communion we also receive the true body and blood of our Savior. Jesus' own words, "this is my body" and "this is my blood for the forgiveness of sins" reveal His Real Presence in the sacrament (Luke 22, 1 Cor. 10:15-16). The Bible also teaches (1 Cor. 11:23-32) the Lord's Supper, properly received brings great blessings, but improperly received without understanding can actually incur God's judgment. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the Biblical teaching of communion, please feel free to commune today. If you have any questions, please first speak to a pastor.

As you come forward, gluten free wafers are available by request, as well as individual cup choice of wine or lighter colored non-alcoholic grape juice (located in the center of the trays). Common cup is also offered during Traditional Praise services at the altar only.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in Traditional Praise on the first, third, and fifth weekends of the month; and in Modern Praise on the second and fourth weekends of the month.

THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY!

Week of November 20, 2022

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



THIS WEEKEND What is your source of security today? Is it your family, your job, or the state of your community or country? If so, there is a high likelihood you spend a lot of your time worrying. But what if we learned to face each new day with a greater realization of who our God is and what He is like? This weekend as we celebrate Christ as our King, we also explore how to redirect our understanding of reality for today and into eternity in the care of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

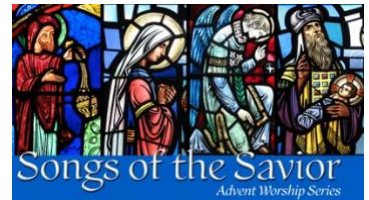
THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP | Thursday, November 23 at 7:00 PM

Bring your family, friends and neighbors and join us as we gather in thankful celebration and worship including the Lord's Supper on Thanksgiving Eve in the sanctuary. This special Traditional Praise worship service is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for all that the Lord has done!



SONGS OF THE SAVIOR | ADVENT SEASON BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND

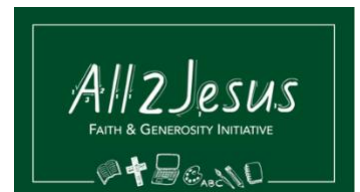
It's that time of year again, a time of year when songs once again define and mark a season unlike any other! Songs fill the air in our homes, vehicles, and shops with the anticipation of Christmas! This, however, is nothing new. Songs have long marked the season of anticipation surrounding the Messiah's birth from the very beginning. We welcome you to join us on the Sundays and Wednesdays (at 4:15 PM and 7:00 PM) of Advent as we meditate on the often-overlooked Biblical songs of anticipation and fulfillment sung by the likes of Zechariah, Mary, Simeon, and the angels, as well as many of the timeless carols that are still celebrated in the Church today.



A *Songs of the Savior* Advent devotional booklet (written by our staff) will be available next weekend. The daily devotions will begin on Monday, November 28, as a way to prepare our hearts and minds in anticipation of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

WHAT AN AMAZING COMMITMENT WEEKEND

As we've been reminded throughout the weeks of the All2Jesus Faith & Generosity Initiative, the Lord has truly given each of us a divine opportunity to fully engage in growing in our faith and respond boldly in generosity to make an eternal difference in His name by expanding our school ministry to reach more and more children and families! AND



this past weekend hundreds of you boldly stepped forward to do just that! Thank you beyond words to those who have responded so far to make an eternal impact!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

As we prepare to announce and celebrate our All2Jesus Faith & Generosity Initiative results on the weekend of December 3/4, commitment cards will continue to be received through Monday, November 28. Extra cards are available at the All2Jesus information display in the Atrium.

We understand that some of you may still be processing and praying about how the Lord is leading you in this Initiative. If the Lord is leading you to give, here are three ways to submit your All2Jesus commitment:

- Mail in your commitment card utilizing the confidential, pre-addressed envelope;
- Drop it off personally at the main office during the week; or
- Bring it with you to worship between now and November 28, and deposit it in one of the All2Jesus commitment card boxes located in both lobbies (look for the vintage school desks).

If you missed Pastor Marc's series-culminating message entitled, EveryONE (including the powerful testimony video from Kim Herman) that led up to our "everybody moment" in worship last weekend, be sure to watch and listen to it online at All2Jesus.org

In the meantime, let's all continue to pray boldly as ONE in thankfulness for all that is ahead as All2Jesus commitments continue to be received throughout the coming days! We can't wait to announce what the Lord has done among us!



INSTALLATION OF TERRY PRIESTLY, DEACONESS INTERN

Today we thank the Lord for the opportunity He has given us to partner with our St. John family member, Terry Priestly who has officially begun study through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to become a Deaconess. The next four years of her study (mostly online) will also include an ongoing internship experience here at St. John, as well as, with our mission partner Family of God in Detroit. As we officially install her as an intern this weekend, please continue to keep Terry in your prayers!

THE LUTHERAN CHORALAIRES | Saturday, December 3 at 4:00 PM

The Choralaires, a men's chorus under the direction of noted Detroit area composer and arranger Terry Herald, will present their annual Christmas Concert entitled "*Sing To The Lord.*" The concert will be held on Saturday December 3 at 4:00 PM, at St. John Lutheran Church; with a repeat performance given on Saturday December 10 at 4:00 PM at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church (1345 Gratiot Ave Detroit, MI 48207). Freewill donations will be taken at the door. For further information visit www.lutheranchoralaires.org.

SHARED LIFE

ADVENT WEDNESDAY SERVICES & DINNER | November 30, December 7, 14, & 21, 2022

You are invited to attend our mid-week Advent worship services at 4:15 and 7:00 PM each Wednesday during the Advent season. Make time to join us between services for fellowship and family dinner in our

gymnasium. Approximate serving time will be 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Your free-will donations help to cover expenses and ministry programs at St. John, such as the “Love For Others Fund,” that assists those in our congregation and community experiencing financial hardships.

The first meal will be provided by The Elders of St. John on November 30; Our High School Youth will provide dinner on December 7; the St. John Vestry will provide dinner on December 14, and LifeGroups & the Mission Board will provide dinner on December 21.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL | Sundays at 9:30 AM

Sunday School is offered weekly at 9:30 AM in the school classrooms. All children ages 3 (toilet trained) through 6th grade are welcome to attend. No registration is required and there are no attendance requirements. We look forward to seeing your children and sharing with them the love of Jesus!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL will be held next Sunday, November 27 as our leaders and volunteers take a little break over Thanksgiving weekend. Classes will resume on Sunday, December 4.

LIGHTHOUSE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH | Sundays at 6:00 PM

Lighthouse and High School Youth will have a joint meeting this week (November 20) in the gym, and will not be meeting on Sunday, November 27.

Lighthouse is for students in grades 6-8, and all are welcome! Lighthouse meetings are on Sundays 6:00 - 8:00 PM. For more information, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at swilson@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8006.

The High School Youth meetings are on Sundays from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, in the Youth Room or offsite. All high school students are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship! For more information, please contact Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at mhammett@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8008.

SCHOOL NEWS

This week’s chapel was led by Mrs. Clark and all of our 2nd graders along with Mr. Frobel and the Chapel Band. Each 2nd grader shared what they are thankful for including their family, their senses, water, and so much more.

School will be closed for Thanksgiving break starting Wednesday, November 23 and resuming Monday, November 28. We pray for a safe, restful break. Happy Thanksgiving!

2023-2024 Enrollment: Following are enrollment dates for the next school year:

- Kindergarten Information Night: January 12, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, for parents only
- Preschool Information Night: January 17, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, for parents only
- School Open House: January 22, 12:00 – 1:30 PM, for the whole family
- Current student re-enrollment/congregation early enrollment: January 17 – 27
- Open Enrollment for the community starts February 1

For more information or to schedule a personal tour, visit stjohnrochester.org/school or feel free to contact Beth Dameron, Director of Admissions, 248-402-8012 or bdameron@stjohnrochester.org.

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

GIFTS FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN | SIGN-UP NOW!

We are once again partnering with GFAGC, one of our St. John Mission Partners, to supply **Christmas gifts for at-risk children** in local urban areas. Here are the ways you can support this mission:



- **Sponsor a child** – Purchase 6 gifts from a child’s list of needed items and bringing the wrapped gifts to St. John the weekend of December 4/5.
- **Donate any number of gifts (less than 6) for a child** – Purchase an item(s) from a child’s list of needed items and bring the wrapped gifts to St. John the weekend of December 4/5.
- **Monetary Donation** - Make a financial donation to the GFAGC organization.

An email message was sent out this past week with all the details on how to participate in this giving program. Sign up at this website: giftsforallgodschildren.org/stjohnrochester. If you need any additional information, contact the office at church@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8020.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FOOD DRIVE | Until November 22

St. John’s annual “Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive” is underway. This food drive benefits our local community and mission partner pantries. This is the time of year the pantries are depleted, and St. John families are the resource that restocks these pantries. We have already heard from Mission Partner pantries in need. Grocery bags with an attached shopping list are available in the South Church Lobby and the Main Atrium entrances. Feel free to pick and choose which items on the list you’ll buy, and in what quantity. All is a blessing! Drop-off at the South Church entrance or in the Atrium during worship and school hours, now through November 22. These items will be delivered after Thanksgiving.



FINANCIAL UPDATES

“We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing!” 2 Thessalonians 1:3



GENERAL MISSION & MINISTRY OFFERINGS (as of 11/13/2022)

Offerings for week ending November 13.....	\$ 83,901
Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 930,207
Y.T.D. Actual Offerings:	<u>\$ 939,226</u>
Y.T.D. Variance to Budget:	\$ 9,019
<i>(St. John’s fiscal year is 7/1/22 through 6/30/23.)</i>	
Budget to Actual for the week of November 13	132%
Year-to-Date Offering Budget to Actual	101%

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

THREE IMMEDIATE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

If you have a heart for sharing the love of Jesus through serving, here are our current serve opportunities:

1. Altar Guild Team – Join the team who helps set the sanctuary altar each week by cleaning, freshening linens, and more. If you can serve in this capacity, please contact Linda Glisman at l.glisman@att.net.
2. Greeter-Hospitality Team – Join the team who is the welcoming face of St. John as they greet everyone who enters our doors for worship services. If you can share a smile, this is the team for you. If interested, please contact Linda Winter at linray12@yahoo.com.
3. Advent Dinners- A LifeGroup, bible study group, or other group is needed to help host our final advent dinner on December 21. For more information contact, Director of Mission Mobilization, Jennie Eller, Jeller@stjohnrochester.org.

We are so thankful for the serving hearts the Lord has given our St. John family. For any of the above serve opportunities or questions regarding serving please contact Jennie Eller, Director of Mission Mobilization at Jeller@stjohnrochester.org.

CONSTANT PRAYER

WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR WHATEVER IS ON YOUR HEART

You can submit a pray request at any time via our website or by sending an email to prayer@stjohnrochester.org Your prayer requests are received by our pastors and are passed along (unless otherwise requested) to be included in the weekly prayer list that is sent out to our prayer warriors and included in weekend worship.

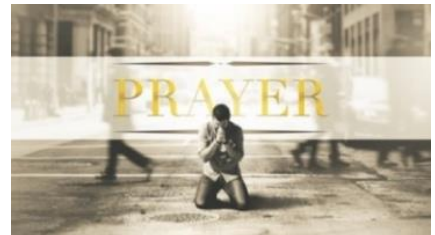
Healing & Peace: Michelle Dawson – surgery / David Wendell (uncle of Kaitlyn Meyer) – cancer / Katie Viohl – hospitalized for an infection / Ron Guyett – recovering from successful surgery / Jo (friend of Patricia Gonser) - Myasthenia Gravis / Connor (grandchild of Brian Tyler) – home from hospital & recovering from RSV

Bereavement: *For the family & friends of:* Marian Grush (mother of Susan Pfund) / Kim and her family at the loss of her daughter Emily in a car crash

All2Jesus: Continuing to give thanks to our Lord for allowing us to grow in our faith and reach out in generous support of current and future students, families, and our community. May we go forward in the same faithfulness of the past which allows us to be here today to proclaim Jesus to the world.

Gospel Impact: Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive – as we gather and give

Thanksgiving: 80th birthday of Dave Parker





Worship Celebration Schedule

Traditional Praise: Sundays @ 8:00 AM (also online), 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM

Modern Praise: Saturdays @ 5:00 PM | Sundays @ 10:45 AM (also online)