

*St. John United Church of Christ
301 S. Market Street
New Athens, Illinois 62264*



Daniel 7:18, ESV

On this last Sunday of the church year,
we remember the hope and promise that are ours
as children of God and followers of Christ.

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2018

Worship and Grow Today

*Traditional Worship
8 am*

*Contemporary Worship
9:15 am*

Sunday School Classes, 9 am

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Please fill out and tear off your Attendance/Prayer Concern slip before worship begins. Pass it to the center aisle while the church calendar is being discussed. Our ushers will collect it there.

Please note that large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available from our ushers.

New members are welcome and received regularly at St. John's. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our worshiping family, speak to Pastor Koch as you leave today, or check the appropriate box on your attendance card.

If this is a Communion Sunday (generally the first Sunday of each month) we invite all Christians welcome at Christ's table in their own family of faith to join us here. The inner circle in each tray of glasses contains grape juice.

Children are always welcome in worship at St. John's. Live closed circuit TV broadcasts of our services are available in the foyer fellowship room, though, for parents who may decide that their child needs a break from worship temporarily.

Pastor Koch is always available to help those seeking answers, comfort, or guidance. He is usually in his office all day Monday, and at various other times throughout the week. If you'd like to see him, feel free to stop by, or call the church office at 475-2947 to make an appointment.

We cordially invite all members and guests to participate in the on-going ministries of St. John church. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our church office, which is open Tuesday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. till Noon and 1 p.m. till 3 p.m. It is staffed through the week by Deb Scherle.

Please join us for coffee, juice, and doughnuts in the foyer after our 8 and 9:15 am services.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and

Bulletins this week are sponsored by

Gathering Together

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Because He Lives" (Vs. 1)

Beginning five minutes prior to worship

Pew Booklet, pp. 4-5

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

(Please pass your Attendance/Prayer Concern slips to the center aisle.)

THE MORNING PRELUDE, CALL OF THE BELL

Seeking God's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

(From Psalm 31)

Blessed are you, LORD, for you showed your wonderful love to me in a city under siege!

In my alarm I cried, "I've been snatched from your sight!"

Yet you heard my cries when I called to you for help.

Rejoice in your love for God, you whom God has touched!

For the LORD protects the faithful, but will repay the arrogant in full.

Be strong, you who hope in the LORD, and let your heart be bold.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The book of Daniel offered hope to a people

struggling under the weight of persecution

that defiled their holy places

and threatened the lives of the faithful.

Yet, holy God, your Word in Daniel is one of hope.

Our nightmares will end, you promise,

and One will emerge whose dominion is everlasting

and whose kingdom will never be destroyed.

Be with us as we worship, and reassure us that your power

is greater than that of even the most frightening monsters

that haunt our dreams or threaten our lives. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"A Mighty Fortress"

Hymnal, No. 281

Asking God's Forgiveness

CALL TO CONFESSION

Time of Silent Confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together

Gracious God, many of us gather
on this last Sunday of the church year struggling with grief and loss.
Some bear wounds that have hardly begun to heal.
Others wear the scars of years past that still cut to the heart,
haunting dreams and shadowing lives.
Sometimes, the shadows win. Sometimes, too many times,
we forget that we're people of faith and resurrection promise. Forgive us.
We pray for the hope and courage to not just endure but,
relying on your strength and presence, to overcome
whatever monsters and nightmares we face. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Gloria Patri
Passing the Peace

Hymnal, No. 493

Hearing God's Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 7:1-18

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

"When Nightmares End"

Responding With Our Prayers

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR WORSHIPING FAMILY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Let us pray....

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

Together, Words on Screen

RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"

Hymnal, No. 501

Responding With Our Gifts

MORNING MISSION MOMENT, OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, No. 551

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The book of Daniel encouraged a people whose lives were under siege and whose future was at best uncertain.

Amid all their troubles, Daniel said, hope remained.

We take courage from that same abiding hope, generous God, and see it take on name and form in your Son, Jesus.

As people of hope, we give despite our fears, knowing that, in your hands, our gifts can touch the lives of those still desperate for good news and for a strength that can overcome the monsters of this world. Amen.

Giving Thanks for the Lives of the Faithful

RECALLING JESUS' PROMISE

From John 14

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

"In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places.

If it weren't so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

"And if I go to prepare a place for you, I'll come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I don't give to you as the world gives.

Don't let your hearts be troubled, and don't let them be afraid."

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

(Together)

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
and we know that in everything
God works for good with those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We're sure that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

We remember with gratitude God's gift of the faithful, especially those for whom funeral services were conducted through the ministry of St. John Church in the last year:

Dan Nuernberger	Helen Lewis	Carol Kraus	Tammy Casey
Wayne Nadler	Corvin Sinn	Mattie Kratz	Charles Crowder
Pat Kolditz	Janice Swyear	Wilmer Steinheimer	
Orville Vogler	Vance Kosarek	David Grayson	

REMEMBERING THOSE IN GOD'S CARE

- The Reading of Names
- The Lighting of Candles and Tolling of the Bell

Responding With Faithful Service in the World

BENEDICTION

HYMN Hymnal, No. 418
"For All the Saints"

POSTLUDE

New Beginnings Daycare is holding their annual sale of Cardinal calendars.
See daycare director Melinda Milligan to place an order.

New Beginnings' annual vendor fair will be held from 9 am until 1 pm on Sunday, December 2. A light lunch will be available. *We will decorate the sanctuary and building for the Advent and Christmas seasons* immediately after the 9:15 am worship service on December 2 as well.

Caroling will be Wednesday, December 12, beginning with pizza at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet is now in the foyer.

David "Red" Lehr and friends will join us for the 10:30 am worship service Sunday, December 16.

"Blue Christmas" Worship Service December 23: Though open to everyone, this 7 pm service is especially for those who mourn the loss of loved ones during the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Eve worship will be held at 7 and 11 pm December 24. The 7 pm service will be contemporary in format; 11 pm will be traditional. Both services will include the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight auf Deutsch.

Christmas Day worship will take place at 9 am. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.



*Please fill out this slip, noting prayer concerns on the back.
Legible handwriting or printing is much appreciated!
If you're a visitor with us today, we hope you'll come again!*

Date _____

Your Name _____

- ☐ Member ☐ Visitor ☐ Child/Youth ☐ Looking for a Church Home
☐ Desire a Call

Visitors--If you're comfortable doing so, please give us your address and phone.

Street Address City State Zip Phone Email

We want to know
what you think!
Please include
comments, suggestions,
or other feedback below:



Mission Moment Title

Mission Moment starts here



Pastor

Dr. Robert Koch

Organist

Paul Bickel

Ushers

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Prayer Joys and Concerns

Please pray for:

- ☐ Mention this joy/concern during morning prayers.
- ☐ Please pray for this joy/concern silently.

When you pray please remember those who are now or have recently been hospitalized:

Elizbeth Stroh
Anna Stutz
Wilda Utz

St. Elizabeth's
St. Elizabeth's
Memorial

Remember, too, the congregations, pastors, and friends who are part of today's prayer calendars:

From the Illinois South Conference:

Friedens, Irvington
St. Paul, Jamestown

Stacy Tate
Don Propeck

Remember these members and friends of St. John's:

Sandy and Steve Cummins
John DeWitt III, Kristan Kammermeyer,
Dawn Cummins and Kevin Kammermeyer
John, Joyce, Jamie, Christopher Degenhardt
Marsha Diecker
Jordan, Julia, Amy and Tom Drake

Low-cost, Christian counseling is available through Family Care Ministries. Contact Pastor Koch or the church office to schedule an appointment. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Sign me up for the following:

- ☐ Prayer Partners
- ☐ "Doughnut time" helper

I'm interested in these opportunities to serve and grow:

- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Teach Sunday School
- ☐ Youth group volunteer
- ☐ Attend Bible study
- ☐ Serve on a committee
- ☐ Join "Prayer Partners"