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The Saints Triumphant

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Prayer: “O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way, In fear and tribulation. Your saints are waiting patiently; Come soon, Redeemer, make us free, From ev'ry evil.” Amen. (Hymn #207, v. 6)

Divine Service II

(Christian Worship - Supplement, page 28.)

The Hymns: 730 – 214 – 614, v. 3 – 376/551 – 219.

Organist: Donna Schmitz.

Service Note: Hymn #730 is in the Christian Worship – Supplement. We begin by singing the refrain. Please be sure to follow the direction after each verse (if you are to go to the refrain or straight to the next verse).

The Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12:1-3 – Life in the last days of this world will not be easy. We find our strength and comfort in God. Trusting His promises in Jesus we look forward to the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Psalm 118, page 108.

The Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – What comfort God has for us with His promise that we are His saints triumphant in Christ! Look at the victory – and the reunion! – He has promised us! “Therefore encourage each other with these words.”

Special Music: Our Sunday School children will sing “Jesus Love Me” between the epistle and gospel readings in the early service and as a call to worship in the late service.

The Gospel Reading/Sermon: Mark 13:24-27-

We Are – And Will Be! – Saints Triumphant!

- I. It doesn't look that way right now in these last days.
- II. It will certainly be that way on the Last Day.

For our prayer after the offering we will use the responsive prayer printed on the insert.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Since the Sacrament is also a public declaration of a unity of faith we practice communion fellowship. We ask that only members of our congregation or the Wisconsin Synod receive the Sacrament. Thank you.

This Week at St. John's

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Education Committee meeting
Wednesday-Friday		NO School
Wednesday		NO Worship
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Service (Ladies' Choir sings)
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m.	Worship S. School/Bible class

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Our greeter is Rodney Binder (late).

Last Week: 142 (88+31+23) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. 42 came to Bible class. There was no Sunday School due to the school children singing at Grace, Waupun. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,941	\$158,820
Received:	\$5,747	\$146,553

This includes \$1,392 in tuition. We also received \$60 for Madison chaplains, \$20 for missions, \$25 for our Kids' Christmas Festival, and \$100 for the new sound system in memory of Brett Heding.

Please be sure to pick up a Christian Worship – Supplement on your way into church. We will be following Divine Service II on page 28 in the Supplement. Note: Psalm 118 is in the hymnal and not the Supplement. We will also be using the “modern” Lord's Prayer.

Hospital Report: John Bubolz came home last Wednesday.

December calendars are in your mailbox. Please take yours home today!

Thanksgiving Day: Please remember that we will gather this Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. to publicly acknowledge and thank our gracious God for His many, many blessings.

“Meditations” are available in the fellowship hall. The new issue starts December 2. The cost is \$4.00. Please remember to return your old ones so they can be used for prison ministries.

Advent: We will enter a new church year and the season of Advent two weeks from today on December 2. Our special Advent Vesper service will be on December 5 at 3:15 & 7:00 p.m. Advent is a special time for us to prepare for Christ's second coming at the end of the world. We do that preparing by preparing for a proper, God-pleasing celebration of Christmas – the birth of our Savior.

Concerts: Luther Preparatory School will have their Fall Band Concert tonight at 7:00 p.m. Winnebago Lutheran Academy will have their Winter Band Concert on Saturday, December 1, at 4:00 p.m.

Advent by Candlelight: Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship hall if you plan to attend this special service.

All ladies of our congregation are invited to the Ladies of St. John's Christmas party on Thursday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. A potluck supper will follow. Ladies of St. John's members: Please remember to bring a guest and bring your secret pal gift (if you had one).

Save the Date: Everyone is encourage to gather together to decorate the church for Christmas on Friday, November 30, at 5:30 p.m. We will be ordering pizza and having other snacks and refreshments. No need to bring anything but yourself and your family to enjoy this time for fun and fellowship.

Help Needed: In order to direct the focus of the children of our congregation to the true meaning of Christmas, we will be hosting a "Breakfast with Jesus – A Kid's Christmas Festival" on Saturday morning, December 8 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. We hope this will also provide an opportunity for outreach in our community. We are looking for volunteers and for some donations for this event. We can use volunteers of all ages, beginning at 7th grade. We'll need some help preparing a pancake breakfast, assisting with crafts, greeting, helping with child-care, etc. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall on the cabinet. If you sign up to help, you will also need to fill out a background check form. These forms and the child registration forms are located on the table across from the mailboxes. We appreciate your help and time. Thank you!

Singers Needed: In order to enhance the Advent by Candlelight program we are hosting on December 2 at 2:00 p.m., all Junior Choir, high school and college-age girls in our congregation are invited to sing with the Ladies Choir. We'll practice on November 25 (Thanksgiving weekend) and on December 2 between services. If you have daughters away at college, please tell them about this opportunity! Both songs will be easy to pick up and may be songs they are already familiar with. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

Joyful Witness presents "Behold, a Savior!" You are invited to a Christmas concert to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Joyful Witness is celebrating 40 years of singing praises and is a choir comprised of members of area WELS congregations. The concerts will be held on Friday, December 7, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Fond du Lac at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oakfield at 2:00 p.m.

Greeters are needed for December and January. A new sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship hall. Please write YOUR name in where YOU can help on the sign-up sheet in the entry-way. Thank you!

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT—RESPONSIVE PRAYER

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore You. Saints and angels sing before You.

C: We too join them to praise Your majesty.

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love You show us!

C: We thank You, Lord, that You have made us Your saints.

M: Encourage us by Your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as You desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as Your faithful people.

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with You.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before Your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when You will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in Your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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