



**Morning Prayer**  
**November 23– November 29**  
*Matins*

- L: O Lord, open my lips,  
C: and my mouth shall declare Your praise  
C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.
- L: Give glory to God, our light and our life.  
C: Oh come, let us worship Him.  
C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to Him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.  
In His hand are the caverns of the earth,  
the heights of the hills are also His,  
The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hands have molded the dry land.  
Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- L: Give glory to God, our light and our life.  
C: Oh come, let us worship Him.

**Nov 23 Monday: 145**

Loving Father, You are faithful in Your promises and tender in Your compassion. Listen to our hymn of joy, and continue to satisfy the needs of all Your creatures, that all flesh may bless Your name in Your everlasting kingdom, where with Your Son and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, now and forever. Amen.

**Nov 24 Tuesday: 146**

God of glory and power, happy indeed are those who have put their trust in You. Shine the brightness of Your light upon us, that we may love You always with a pure heart and praise You forever; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Nov 25 Wednesday: 147:1-12**

God our Father, great builder of the heavenly Jerusalem, You know the number of the stars and call each of them by name. Heal hearts that are broken, gather those who have been scattered, and enrich us all from the plenitude of Your eternal wisdom, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Nov 26 Thursday: 147:13-21**

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**Nov 27 Friday: 148**

God Most High, by Your Word You created a wondrous universe, and through Your Spirit You breathed into it the breath of life. Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips, and let the praise that is sung in heaven resound in the heart of every creature on earth, to the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**Nov 28 Saturday: 149**

Lord, let Israel rejoice in You and acknowledge You as creator and redeemer. In your loving kindness embrace us now, that we may proclaim the wonderful truths of salvation with Your saints in glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Nov 29 Sunday: 150**

Lord God, unite our voices with the praise of all creation, that we may worthily magnify Your excellent greatness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lessons:

Nov 23 Monday

Zechariah 10:1-12

Galatians 6:1-10

Luke 18:15-30

Nov 24 Tuesday

Zechariah 11:4-17

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Luke 18:31-43

Nov 25 Wednesday

Zechariah 12:1-10

Ephesians 1:3-14

Luke 19:1-10

Nov 26 Thursday **Day of Thanksgiving**

Joel 2:21-27

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

John 6:26-35

Nov 27 Friday

Zechariah 14:1-11

Romans 15:7-13

Luke 19:28-40

Nov 28 Saturday

Zechariah 14:12-21

Philippians 2:1-11

Luke 19:41-48

Nov 29 Sunday **Advent 1**

Isaiah 1:1-9

2 Peter 3:1-10

Matthew 25:1-13

- L: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.
- C: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.
- C: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old that  
he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- L: You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- C: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer of the day:

**Nov 23 Monday**

Father all-powerful, God of love, You have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life, resplendent in glory as King of creation. Open our hearts, free all the world to rejoice in His peace, to glory in His justice, to live in His love. Bring all mankind together in Jesus Christ Your Son, whose kingdom is with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Nov 24 Tuesday**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in Your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Nov 25 Wednesday**

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, that He may lead home His bride, the Church, that we with all the redeemed may enter into Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who loves and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Nov 26 Thursday Day of Thanksgiving**

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of Your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of You Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Nov 27 Friday**

Still this day Thy steady hand is on our souls, Jesus, Son of Mary. Of Thy great might keep us from falling; and of Thy deep compassion, never let us go! For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Nov 28 Saturday**

Almighty God, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; Set free Thy servants from all anxious thought for the morrow; give us contentment with Thy good gifts; and confirm our faith that according as we seek Thy kingdom, Thou wilt not suffer us to lack any good thing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Augustine, Bishop of Hippo)

## Nov 29 Sunday Advent 1

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at His coming and call us to His side in the Kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

L: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with You mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of Your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord almighty bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in his peace.

C: Amen.

Morning Prayer from LBW and *For All the Saints*

*The most powerful force in the  
universe is prayer.*

Joseph Sittler (1904-1987)

*In the history of human reflection there is no more penetrating analysis of the interior dynamics of domination by the tyranny of the self, nor a profounder prolegomenon (introduction) to the specific place of grace in the intellectual life than in the meditations of St. Augustine. He affirms that man's knowledge is determined by man's love. We do not know truly because we do not love properly or amply. Right knowledge is a function of right love. And what is the actual history of man's love? Simply that he loves himself — passionately, toughly, fiercely, relentlessly. This passion is man's pathos, and there is no adequate liberation, no salvation for him so long as its way and power be not broken and changed. Unless and until the love with which I love finds its proper object in the love with which I am loved by God I am a prisoner of love too small for love's heavenly nature and scope. The gospel declares that this human fact has been met by a sufficient godly act, its name is Jesus Christ" . . . who loved us and gave himself for us.*





**Christmas Poinsettias**

If you would like to place a poinsettia(s) in our Church for the Christmas Eve Service, please complete this form and return with your check made payable to: **“St. John’s Lutheran Church”** marked **“Christmas Flowers”** in the memo line. Poinsettias are **\$9.00 each.**

**Orders must be received by December 7, 2020**

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I wish for the acknowledgment in the bulletin to read as follows:

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\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my poinsettia(s) with me  
after the Christmas Eve Service.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please take my poinsettia to a shut-in.