

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
ST. JOHN'S EAGLE'S NEST PRESCHOOL**

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and  
Proclaiming!

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*"He Still Comes"*

**5:30PM — December 2, 2017**

**8:00AM — December 3, 2017**



**THOSE WHO SERVE US**

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall .....	Senior Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller .....	Organist
Ms. Holly Hulskotter .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Wes Radloff .....	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Tyler Budde & Camille Zeigler .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall 347-0893 .....	Elder on Duty for December 4-December 8, 2017
Missionaries from Pakistan .....	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India .....	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation .....	in Blidene, Latvia
Julie Scott 343-3047 .....	Prayer Chain Coordinator

**WELCOME** To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

**CHRIST** is important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

**YOU** are important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

**HOLY COMMUNION** – When the members of St. John’s Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we confess the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (*1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26*) We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood are present “in, with and under” the elements of the Holy Supper. (*Luther’s Small Catechism*) Members should register their intent to commune on the pew card. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to one of the Pastors or the elder on duty before the service.

**HIS VISION FOR US:**

St. John’s will be known for being involved in our changing community, for providing leadership in our changing world, and for serving others in Christian love.

We will welcome our diverse guests with open arms. Our friendly, loving and accepting people will engage our guests, mentor them in the faith, and inspire many to become members.

Our members will be motivated by the cross to be actively engaged in ministry, showing love and care to others. We will encourage one another, nurture one another, and enthusiastically serve our God together!

**HIS GOAL FOR US:**

We will pray and work with singleness of purpose to expand the impact of our ministry to God’s children of all ages, with special emphasis on young families, by developing new ways to strengthen the relationship between St. John’s, our members and our community, providing the facilities and resources to involve more people in ministry and outreach.

**WELCOME CENTER** Greeters are present at the Welcome Center in the atrium adjacent to our sanctuary before and after the service to answer any questions you may have, provide directions to restrooms, classrooms, etc. If you are a first time guest, we also have a gift for you. If you live in our community or surrounding area and you do not have a church home, we welcome your consideration. We offer true fellowship with a living Savior and membership in His Church.

**ATTENDANCE REGISTER** Kindly fill out a registration card (welcome side) located in the pew rack. Our guests are also asked to complete the address and phone number portion. Please pass your card to the center aisle to be gathered during the offering.

**CELL PHONES** Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

**AS WE GATHER** Sadly, there have been assassinations throughout history. Perhaps the death of Presidents Abraham Lincoln or John F. Kennedy comes to mind. If these leaders had known that death was on the horizon, would they have changed their itineraries? Would Lincoln still have gone to Ford's Theatre? Would Kennedy still have traveled to Dallas? Jesus is different. Jesus knows His death is looming. Yet He still willingly travels the road to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Jesus knows that cries of "Hosanna" will soon be drowned out by cries of "Crucify." Jesus knows the pain He will endure and the sin He will carry. But Jesus still comes. There's no change in travel plans. Jesus has come to earth for this very reason, to suffer and die so that, in faith, you have forgiveness and life.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**  
**PRELUDE**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING HYMN..... "Prepare The Royal Highway"..... [LSB 343]**

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES Mark 11:9-10**

**Pastor:** Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People:** Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

**All:** Hosanna in the highest!

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** *John 8:12; John 1:5; 1 Corinthians 4:5;  
2 Corinthians 4:6*

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness  
People: **and illumine Your Church.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Isaiah 64:6, 9*

Pastor: “We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.” Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: “Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all Your people.” Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**ADVENT VERSE** ..... **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** ..... [Sts. 1–2: LSB 357]

**INTROIT** *Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Glory be 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.

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

### **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

**People:** **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance;**

**Pastor:** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Isaiah 64:1-9**

*(“Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down.”)*

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup> From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup> You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

<sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup> But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup> Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE ..... 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

*(He will sustain you to the end.)*

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**5:30PM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... “Advent Meditation”.....by Jubilate Ringers**

**HOLY GOSPEL..... Mark 11:1-10**

*(“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”)*

**11** Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup> And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup> And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup> And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup> And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ..... “Savior Of The Nations, Come” .....[stz 1-4 LSB 332]**

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**..... **“Give Thanks”**..... *by Jubilate Ringers*

**OFFERTORY** ..... **“Hark The Glad Sound”** ..... *[St. 1: LSB 349]*

**Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne And ev’ry voice a song.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us come before our Lord in prayer, asking Him to hear our prayer and grant us hope. Lord of hope, during this season of Advent, prepare our hearts that we would be made ready to receive Your Son as He comes in His incarnation and birth, but also in His body and blood. Make us ever ready for His final coming on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer and grant us hope.**

**Pastor:** Lord of hope, You have called Your Church to bear witness to Christ’s redeeming work. Grant that we boldly proclaim the Good News of the One who brings joy to the world through His life, death, and resurrection, that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer and grant us hope.**

**Pastor:** Lord of hope, You have instructed us to pray for workers in Your harvest field. Raise up faithful and loving teachers of Your Word so that Christ may be proclaimed near and far. Make us Your instruments to encourage and equip individuals for work in Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer and grant us hope.**

**Pastor:** Lord of hope, we ask that You stretch forth Your almighty arm to protect the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of our land. Support them, granting them courage and loyalty. Strengthen them to serve with integrity and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer and grant us hope.**

**Pastor:** Lord of hope, You are the creator and sustainer of all things. According to Your will, grant healing to those who suffer in body and mind. Look with favor upon Your servants, [*especially* . . .], and if it is Your will, restore them to health, or give them grace to accept tribulation, knowing that Your grace is sufficient for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer and grant us hope.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and Your promise to hear us for the sake of the One in whose name we come, Your Son, Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**BENEDICTION** *Mark 11:9–10*

Pastor: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!**

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

**HYMN..... “The Advent Of Our King”..... [stz 1, 2, 5, 6 LSB 331]**

**SILENT PRAYER**  
**GREETING OF PEACE**  
**POSTLUDE**

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