

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

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Fellowship of Hope, Teaching, Serving and  
Proclaiming!

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*“The King Shall Come To Bring Us Hope”*

**8:00AM — December 2, 2018**

**THOSE WHO SERVE US**

Each Member of St. John's .....	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall .....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp .....	Liturgist
Mrs. Sandy Esker .....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller .....	Organist
Mrs. Amy Kohnert .....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band .....	10:30AM
Mr. Todd Zeigler .....	8AM Elder on Duty
Andrew Lotz .....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Dave Wall .....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Evan Pryor .....	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Jerry Pruemer 690-2265 ...	Elder on Duty for December 3 – December 7, 2018
Missionaries from Pakistan .....	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India .....	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation .....	in Blidene, Latvia
Adopted Chatelain School .....	Haiti
Mrs. 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** While the secular calendar won't switch to 2019 for another month, the Church Year begins anew today. Advent is a season of waiting and preparation. One Advent tradition is to mark the four Sundays in Advent with four words that encompass what Jesus brings as He comes into the world to be our Immanuel—God with us. These four words are hope, peace, joy, and love. Today we focus on hope. There is a lot of suffering in the world, but hope exists in Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection, and return.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ PREPARATION +**

**HYMN** ..... *"The Advent of Our King"* ..... **[LSB 331]**

**INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!

**People:** He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!

**Pastor:** God came to Adam and Eve after they had sinned.

**People:** He clothed them, hiding their shame.

**Pastor:** God came to Israel when they were enslaved in Egypt.

**People:** He delivered them out of the house of slavery.

**Pastor:** Christ was born into our world.

**People:** He cast out demons, healed our diseases, and preached good news to the poor.

**Pastor:** Christ came into Jerusalem on a donkey.

**People:** And He died and rose again for us and for our salvation.

Pastor: Christ promised He will come again.  
People: **We wait for His return and the resurrection of the dead.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!  
People: **He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!**

### ***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH***

Pastor: On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love. Jesus Christ is the hope of the nations.  
People: **We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.**

### ***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION***      *Luke 19:38*

Pastor: In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. We await the celebration of His birth at Christmas. We remember His arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We long for His glorious return. As we wait, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence. Heavenly Father,  
People: **we confess that our faith has been lacking. We have not abounded in love for one another or for You. Our hearts are filled with blame and shame, with corruption and conceit. Forgive us, strengthen our faith, and purify our hearts.**

Pastor: Jesus not only comes as an infant at Christmas and in glory at His return, but He also comes to you in words of forgiveness and life. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

**+ WORD +**

***HYMN..... “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” .....[Sts. 1, 2, 3, LSB 357]***

### ***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, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Jeremiah 33:14–16**

*(A righteous Branch will spring up for David.)*

<sup>14</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN ..... “ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” .....[Sts. 4 & 5 LSB 357]**

**EPISTLE ..... 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13**

*(“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love.”)*

<sup>9</sup> For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... “Holy Night, Holy Child” ....by Jubilate Ringers**

**VERSE Psalm 24:7**

Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

**HYMN** ..... **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”** ..... [Sts. 6 & 7 LSB 357]

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... **Luke 19:28–40**  
(Jesus’ triumphal entry)

<sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

**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”** ..... [LSB 332]

**SERMON**..... **“A Promise Kept”**..... Jer 33:14-16; Luke 19:28-40; 1 Thes 3:9-13

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**HYMN** ..... **“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”** ..... [LSB 782, verse 1]

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** - Luke 19:38

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who do not know You, those who have rejected You, and those who are straying from You. Unite them to Your glorious throne and dwell in their hearts. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”  
**People:** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are lonely and in need of Your presence. Come to the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, the homebound, the mentally ill, those who are in transition, and anyone else who experiences the pain of loneliness. Remind them of Your incarnation and lead them to Your Church, where we bear one another's burdens. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are oppressed and at the mercy of others. Rescue those who are suffering, abused, neglected, and hated. Comfort them with Your tender presence and love. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Strengthen them with Your healing hand and with Your unwavering presence. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. [*Today we remember the families and friends of . . .*] Comfort them with the hope of resurrection life that is ours in Christ Jesus. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who rejoice and direct their praise and thanksgiving to You. [*Today we rejoice with . . .*] Grant that their rejoicing lead us all to praise Your name. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, come to Your broken Church with the gifts of reconciliation and restoration. Unite Your people once again so that we enjoy fellowship rather than fractured division. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

Pastor: Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your ever-present mercy.

**People: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

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** ..... *“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”* ..... [LSB 350]

**SILENT PRAYER**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

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