

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.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Ms. Jerry Starner	Organist
Mrs. Holly Adams.....	Song Leader
Bob Brinkopf & Makenna Duckwitz	Soloist
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM Music
Charlie Jansen & Kylie Pryor	Acolytes
Mr. Todd Zeigler	4:00 PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Chris Niebrugge.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis 217-821-6728.....	Elder on Duty for Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, 2020
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Mrs. Julie Scott	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
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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
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Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

Offerings and Attendance Cards can be placed in the boxes at the doors.

A NEW CHURCH YEAR

As We Gather

The Church Year begins by taking us to the scene of our Lord's final entry into Jerusalem that great and holy week. Yes, Christmas is at hand. Surely the preparations for the celebration of His incarnation, His earthly birth of the Virgin Mary, are already well under way. But wait a moment. We enter this new year already knowing why He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit for us and for our salvation, which is only by way of His passion, death, and resurrection. We begin by continuing to "wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" on the Last Day (1 Corinthians 1:7), sustained by Him now in the forgiveness of our sins, guiltless and ready. In readiness, we boldly pray that our Lord comes to rescue and save us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

You will find the songs for our 10:30am Service in italics.

"How Can It Be"

Preservice #1

*I am guilty
Ashamed of what I've done what I've become
These hands are dirty
I dare not lift them up
To the Holy One*

*You plead my cause
You right my wrongs
You break my chains You overcome
You gave Your life
To give me mine
You say that I am free
How can it be
How can it be*

*I've been hiding
Afraid I've let You down
Inside I doubt
That You could love me
But in Your eyes
There's only grace now*

*You plead my cause
You right my wrongs
You break my chains You overcome
You gave Your life
To give me mine
You say that I am free
How can it be
How can it be*

*Though I fall You can make me new
From this death I will rise with You
Oh the grace reaching out for me
How can it be
How can it be*

*You plead my cause
You right my wrongs
You break my chains You overcome
You gave Your life
To give me mine
You say that I am free*

*You plead my cause
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You break my chains You overcome
You gave Your life
To give me mine
You say that I am free
How can it be
How can it be*

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"He Is With Us"

Preservice #2

*Remember when
Your hope is lost and faith is shaken
Remember when
You wonder if you're gonna make it
There's a hand stretched out
Through your deepest doubt*

*We can't pretend
To see the ending or what's coming up ahead
Don't know the story of tomorrow
But we can stay close
To the One who knows*

*We can trust our God
He knows what He's doing
Though it might hurt now
We won't be ruined
It might seem there's an ocean in between
But He's holding onto you and me
And He's never gonna leave, no
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always*

*We believe
There is purpose, there is meaning
In everything
We surrender to His leading
He wants nothing more
Than to have us close*

*We can trust our God
He knows what He's doing
Though it might hurt now
We won't be ruined
It might seem there's an ocean in between
But He's holding onto you and me
And He's never gonna leave, no
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always*

*Our faith is sealed
Our hope is real
Come what may
We're not afraid*

*Our faith is sealed
Our hope is real
Come what may
We're not afraid, We're not afraid*

*We can trust our God, always, always
We can trust our God, always, always*

*We can trust our God
He knows what He's doing
Though it might hurt now
We won't be ruined
It might seem there's an ocean in between
But He's holding onto you and me
And He's never gonna leave, no
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always
Our God is with us*

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341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.
- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!
- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

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"You Are My All in All"

Opening Song

*You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You like a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all*

*Jesus lamb of God
Holy is Your name
Jesus lamb of God
Holy is Your name*

*Taking my cross my sin my shame
Raising again I praise your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
when I run dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all*

*Jesus lamb of God
Holy is Your name
Jesus lamb of God
Holy is Your name*

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8; John 3:16; Matthew 5:16

P As we begin a new Church Year, let us put behind us everything in the past that would disqualify us from life in Christ. Remembering our Baptism, let us boldly petition our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking His plan and future for us, saying, "stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,
C **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance."**

P What are those threatening perils? I now ask you before God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?
C **I do confess.**

P So you should confess as Holy Scripture says, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” Do you also repent of all your sins in thought, word, and deed?

C I do repent.

P So you should repent as did King David, who prayed for a contrite heart, Peter, who wept bitterly, the sinful woman, the prodigal son, and others. Do you believe that God, by grace, for Jesus’ sake, forgives you all your sins?

C I do believe.

P So you should believe for Holy Scripture declares, “God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?

C I do promise.

P So you should promise, for Christ the Lord says, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

C I do believe.

P As you believe, even so may it be to you. 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.

C Amen.

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance. Amen.

In Advent we omit the Hymn of Praise, and watch as the Advent Wreath reminds us of our coming Savior.

Lighting the Advent Candle

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C **the light no darkness can overcome.**

P Let Your light scatter the darkness
C **and illumine Your Church.**

We Light the Advent Candle *(solo)*

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1 We light the Advent candle
And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise
That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior
Who wins for us God's favor.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!



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Prayer of the Day

P 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. **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Sung at 8:00 & 10:30:

Commissioned by Zion Lutheran Church and School of Harvester, Missouri, in celebration of Reformation 500 and in thanksgiving to our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, His dear Son

Luther's Morning Prayer

Martin Luther, 1483–1546, alt.

HARVESTER
John A. Behnke (ASCAP)

1st time: Choir
2nd and 3rd time: Congregation

I thank You, my heav'n-ly Fa - ther, through
Je - sus Christ, Your dear_ Son, that You have kept me from all
dan - ger. Keep me from sin and e - vil, that
all I do in life may please_ You. For in - to Your hands I com -
mend my - self, my bod - y and soul, and all things. Let Your
ho - ly an - gel be with me, that the e - vil foe may have no pow - er
o - ver me. I please_ You.
A - men, a - men.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—² 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! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From 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. ⁵You 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? ⁶We 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. ⁷There 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. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

stir up your might and come to save us!

³Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁴O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

and our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse for Advent 1

P Alleluia! Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C **that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.

4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father’s Son
Who in flesh the vict’ry won.
By Your mighty pow’r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

(stand) 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity

“What A Beautiful Name”

Sermon Song

*You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ*

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now*

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again*

*You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names*

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is*

*The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

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Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Our Offerings and Offertory

(In Advent, we’ll pause to remember the vital role of our regular and joyful thank offerings to the Lord. Though we continue to place our offerings in the Lord’s hands through the boxes at the doors and the electronic portal on our website, we remember during Services that stewardship is the act of faith in God and love for our neighbors.)

Offertory: 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

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1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Benediction

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

1 The King shall come when
morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern
hills
And life to joy awakes.
2 Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the
sun
That lights the morning sky.

3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of
death
Despite the rage of foes.
4 Oh, brighter than that glorious
morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor
comes
And we shall see His face.

5The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!

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"I Saw The Light"

Closing Song

*I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let, my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came, like a stranger in the night
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

*Just like a blind man, I wandered alone
Worries and fears, I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man, that God gave back his sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

*I was a fool, to wander and stray
For straight is the gate, and narrow is the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise The Lord, I saw the light*

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