

## 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
Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	Organist
Mrs. Erin Wendling.....	Song Leader
Bob Brinkopf & Holly Bray .....	Soloist
St. John's Praise Band .....	10:30AM Music
Leo Wyckoff, Alex Gordon, and Kylie Pryor.....	Acolytes
Mr. Jim Schroeder .....	4:00 PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Weis .....	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Mr. Chris Niebrugge.....	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler 217-821-6135 .....	Elder on Duty for Dec 14 – Dec 18, 2020
Chatelain School & Baja School .....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Mrs. Julie Scott .....	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions .....	through our District and Synod

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### 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*" 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 our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## ***“Happy Birthday Jesus”***

**Preservice #1**

*Happy birthday Jesus,  
I'm so glad it's Christmas!  
All the tinsel and lights,  
And the presents are nice.  
But the real gift is you!*

*Happy birthday Jesus,  
I'm so glad it's Christmas!  
All the tinsel and lights,  
And the presents are nice.  
But the real gift is you!*

*Happy birthday Jesus,  
I'm so glad it's Christmas!  
All the carols and bells,  
Make the holidays swell,  
And it's all about you.*

*Happy birthday Jesus,  
I'm so glad it's Christmas!  
All the carols and bells,  
Make the holidays swell,  
And it's all about you.*

*Happy birthday, Jesus!  
Jesus, I love you!*

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*I love you, Jesus!*

## ***“Little Drummer Boy”***

**Preservice #2**

*Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum  
A newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum  
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum  
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum  
So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum  
When we come*

*Little baby, pa rum pum pum pum  
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum  
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
That's fit to give our King, pa rum pum pum pum  
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum  
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum  
On my drum*

*Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum*  
*The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum*  
*I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum*  
*I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum*  
*Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum*  
*Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum*  
*Me and my drum, Me and my drum, Me and my drum*

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**Bells / Call To Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**331 The Advent of Our King**

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| <p>1 The advent of our King<br/>         Our prayers must now employ,<br/>         And we must hymns of welcome sing<br/>         In strains of holy joy.</p>      | <p>4 As judge, on clouds of light,<br/>         He soon will come again<br/>         And His true members all unite<br/>         With Him in heav'n to reign.</p>  |
| <p>2 The everlasting Son<br/>         Incarnate deigns to be,<br/>         Himself a servant's form puts on<br/>         To set His servants free.</p>             | <p>5 Before the dawning day<br/>         Let sin's dark deeds be gone,<br/>         The sinful self be put away,<br/>         The new self now put on.</p>         |
| <p>3 O Zion's daughter, rise<br/>         To meet your lowly King,<br/>         Nor let your faithless heart despise<br/>         The peace He comes to bring.</p> | <p><i>(Stand)</i> 6 All glory to the Son,<br/>         Who comes to set us free,<br/>         With Father, Spirit, ever one<br/>         Through all eternity.</p> |

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***"Away In A Manger"***

***Opening Song***

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
 The little Lord Jesus, Laid down His sweet head,  
 The stars in the sky Looked down where He lay,  
 The little Lord Jesus Asleep in the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, The Baby wakes  
 But little Lord Jesus, No crying he makes  
 I love Thee Lord Jesus, Look down from the sky  
 And stay by my cradle, Till morning is nigh*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, And love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children In Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.*

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

**C Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.**

### **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)**

**st. 3**

- 3 We light the Advent candle  
And sing with cheerful heart.  
With joy, we spread the message—  
A blessing to impart.  
Our joy is never ending;  
The Son to us is sending.  
We wait with growing light  
Till God makes all things right!

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## **Collect of the Day**

- P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11*

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. . . .

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 1:6–8, 19–28*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

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.

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.

### 349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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## ***"This Little Light Of Mine"***

## **Sermon Song**

*There's a little flame inside us all  
Some shine bright some shine small  
The rains will come And the waters rise  
But don't you ever lose your light*

*In this life you will know  
Love and pain Joy and sorrow  
So when it hurts When times get hard  
Don't forget who's child you are*

*This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine  
Gonna let it shine  
May you live each day With no regret  
Make the most of every chance you get  
Let your eyes get wide when you look at the stars  
With the same sense of wonder as a child's heart*

*With the ones you love treasure the time  
And for those who are gone keep the memories alive  
Hold on to your dreams don't ever let go  
There's a fire inside you burning with hope*

*This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine  
Gonna let it shine*

*There will be days when you wanna give up  
When the clouds settle in  
But after the rain comes the sun  
Don't you ever forget  
Don't forget Child don't forget*

*One day there will be no more pain  
And we will finally see Jesus' face  
So until then I'm gonna try  
To brave the dark  
And let my little light shine*

*This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine  
Gonna let it shine*



*This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine  
Gonna let it shine  
Oh, shine  
Gonna let it shine  
There's a little light inside us all*

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## Sermon

***"Who Are You?"  
John 1:6-8, 19-28***

*(In Advent, we pause to remember the vital role of our regular and joyful thankofferings 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** *(sung at 4:00, 5:30, 8:00; spoken at 10:30)*

*LSB 192*

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

*LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C It is meet and right so to do.**

*(10:30am Service proceeds to The Lord's Prayer)*

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Sanctus**

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

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.

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei (4:00, 5:30, 8:00)**

*LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

### 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*

*ref* Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee. *Refrain*

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*

4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e'er is near. *Refrain*

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessèd, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

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### 346 When All the World Was Cursed

1 When all the world was cursed  
By Moses' condemnation,  
Saint John the Baptist came  
With words of consolation.  
With true forerunner's zeal  
The greater One he named,  
And Him, as yet unknown,  
As Savior he proclaimed.

2 Before he yet was born,  
He leaped in joyful meeting,  
Confessing Him as Lord  
Whose mother he was greeting.  
By Jordan's rolling stream,  
A new Elijah bold,  
He testified of Him  
Of whom the prophets told:

3 Behold the Lamb of God  
That bears the world's transgression,  
Whose sacrifice removes  
The devil's dread oppression.  
Behold the Lamb of God,  
Who takes away our sin,  
Who for our peace and joy  
Will full atonement win.

4 O grant, dear Lord of love,  
That we receive, rejoicing,  
The word proclaimed by John,  
Our true repentance voicing,  
That gladly we may walk  
Upon our Savior's way  
Until we live with Him  
In His eternal day.

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### ***"Silent Night! Holy Night!"***

### ***Communion Song***

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia.  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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### **Communion Blessing**

### **Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** **and His mercy endures forever!**

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- P Bless we the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God!**

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

- 1 Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
- 2 We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.
- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## ***“Go Tell It On The Mountain”***

***Closing Song***

*Refrain:*

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching  
Over silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.*

*Refrain*

*The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angels chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth.*

*Refrain*

*Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessèd Christmas morn.*

*Refrain*

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