

**Welcome!**

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Lutheran  
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“A Fellowship of  
Hope, Teaching,  
Serving, and  
Proclaiming”

**Pastor**

Mike Burdick

**Nov. 28, 2021**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
Of Advent

# Welcome

We welcome you to God’s Service in worship at St. John’s, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Restrooms are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> floors. Those on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God’s Kingdom. They place offerings in the boxes at the North and West doors, or give through our online portal on our website.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card (located in the pew) and to place them in the boxes at the North and West doors. Thank you!**

## Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John’s.....	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp.....	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Ms. Jerry Starner.....	Organist
Mrs. Holly Adams.....	Song Leader
St. John’s Praise Band.....	10:30am Music
Leo Wyckoff & Jackson Fritch.....	Acolytes
Mr. Todd Zeigler.....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Weis.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Stremming 217-821-3891.....	Elder on Duty for November 29 – December 3
Chatelain School & Baja School.....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins & Mr. Kris Lipe.....	Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott.....	(1-217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions.....	through our District and Synod

## Holy Communion

Welcome! 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. Please register your intent to commune on the pew card after prayerfully reading it. 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.

**Altar Flowers & Centerpiece** are in celebration of Mr. & Mrs. James Gartner’s 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Doris’s birthday, given by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

## As We Gather

Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

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

### ***"Open Up The Heavens"***

**Preservice #1**

*We've waited for this day  
We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You  
Your glory like a fire awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth  
  
You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing  
  
Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise  
  
Your presence in this place Your glory on our  
face  
We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud You're standing with  
us now  
Lord unveil our eyes*

*Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise  
  
Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise  
  
Show us show us Your glory  
Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord  
  
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Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord  
  
Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise*

*You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing  
  
Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river*

*Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise*

## **"Chain Breaker"**

**Preservice #2**

*If you've been walking the same old road  
For miles and miles  
If you've been hearing the same old voice  
Tell the same old lies  
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside  
There's a better life  
There's a better life*

*If you've got pain He's a pain taker  
If you feel lost He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison shaking Savior  
If you got chains He's a chain breaker*

*We've all searched for the light of day  
In the dead of night  
We've all found ourselves worn out  
From the same old fight  
We've all run to things we know just ain't right  
When there's a better life  
There's a better life*

*If you've got pain He's a pain taker  
If you feel lost He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison shaking Savior  
If you got chains He's a chain breaker*

*If you believe it  
If you receive it  
If you can feel it  
Somebody testify*

*If you believe it  
If you receive it  
If you can feel it  
Somebody testify testify*

*If you believe it  
If you receive it  
If you can feel it  
Somebody testify*

*If you've got pain He's a pain taker  
If you feel lost He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison shaking Savior  
If you got chains He's a chain breaker*

*Oh if you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison shaking Savior  
If you got chains well He's a chain breaker*

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## **Order of Service: Communion for Advent 1**

**Call to Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**



**Hymn #331**

**(5:30 & 8:00) The Advent of Our King**

## ***“Song of Blessing”***

*(10:30) Opening Song*

*Come dear Lord, be our guest, as we gather together.*

*May our hearts glow with love, keep us close to you ever.*

*Friendship and joy, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever,*

*Bless our homes, bless our friends, Bless our common endeavors.*

*May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and Keep You Forever.*

*Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.*

*Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.*

*May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you forever!*

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## **Invocation**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## **Opening Sentences**

*Jeremiah 33:14–15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.*

**P** The LORD says, “I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah.”

**C** **We thank You, O Lord!**

**P** The LORD says, “My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up.”

**C** **We adore You, O Lord!**

**P** The LORD says, “You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

**C** **We praise You, O Lord!**

**P** The LORD says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”

**C** **We worship You, O Lord!**

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*One Advent candle is lit.*

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Psalm 25:6–7*

**P** We confess our sins to God and one another.

*A time of silence is observed.*

**P** We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**C** **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
C **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C **Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.  
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection

C **we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins**

P and saved us by Your mighty deliverance;

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

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

<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.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 6*

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

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

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

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

P Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

C **Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.**

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

C **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

P Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

**C He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.**

P All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

**C Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. 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.**

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

<sup>9</sup>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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

*Psalm 24:7*

P Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C And be lifted up, O ancient doors,**

P that the King of glory may come in.

**C Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 21:25–36*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene 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.

**Hymn #738**

(5:30 & 8:00) Lord of All Hopefulness

**“Because He Lives” (Amen)**

(10:30) Sermon Song

*I believe in the Son  
I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome  
By the power of His blood*

*I was dead in the grave  
I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name  
He rolled the stone away*

*Amen Amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives*

*Amen Amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends*



*Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life  
My future in His hand*

*Amen Amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends*

*Amen Amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
Because He lives  
Because He lives*

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## Sermon

**"The Days Are Coming"**  
*Jer. 33:14-16*

## Prayer of the Church



## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** You, O God, bring hope into this broken and desperate world. When Adam and Eve were ashamed, You clothed them and promised a Savior. As Abraham and Sarah waited on Your promise to them, You gave them Isaac and blessed the world through him. When the Israelites faced sure death at the banks of the Red Sea, You delivered them and sustained their hope for the Promised Land. When many kings of Israel and Judah rejected Your ways, You sent the prophets to warn them and to keep alive the hope for restoration. At just the right time, You sent Your Son, Jesus, whose miracles were a sign of the world to come, a glimpse of the restoration of all creation. We thank You, praise You, and adore You for the hope You alone bring into our lives.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## Distribution Hymns

Hymn #357

(5:30 & 8:00) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn #348

(5:30 & 8:00) The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

## **"Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone)**

(10:30) **Communion Song**

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.*

*'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And Grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, Amazing Grace.*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free,  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
Unending love, Amazing Grace.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine,  
You are forever mine.*

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## **Communion Blessing**

### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray. Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Grant that His presence with us in the Meal fill our hearts with Your peace, that our hope for that great coming day of restoration may abound; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Benediction**

*1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . 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.

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.

**C Amen.**

***“My Savior Lives”******(10:30) Closing Song***

*Our God will reign forever  
And all the world will know His name  
Ev'ryone together  
Sing the song of the redeemed*

*I know that my Redeemer lives  
And now I stand on what He did  
My Savior my Savior lives  
Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say  
Jesus You are the only way  
My Savior my Savior lives*

*The King has come from Heaven  
And darkness trembles at His name  
Victory forever  
Is the song of the redeemed*

*I know that my Redeemer lives  
And now I stand on what He did  
My Savior my Savior lives  
Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say*

*Jesus You are the only way  
My Savior my Savior lives*

*My Savior lives my Savior lives my Savior lives  
My Savior lives my Savior lives my Savior lives  
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My Savior lives my Savior lives my Savior lives*

*I know that my Redeemer lives  
And now I stand on what He did  
My Savior my Savior lives  
Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say  
Jesus You are the only way  
My Savior my Savior lives*

*I know that my Redeemer lives  
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