

**Welcome!**

**St. John's  
Lutheran  
Church**

(LCMS)

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

**Pastor**

Mike Burdick

**Dec. 12, 2021**

The 3<sup>rd</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. Melissa Goldstein.....	Song Leader
St. John’s Praise Band.....	10:30am Music
Leo Wyckoff, Lillie Wernsing, & Kylie Pryor.....	Acolytes
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Weis.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jim Schroeder 217-821-1426.....	Elder on Duty for December 13 – December 17
Chatelain School & Baja School.....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins & Mr. Kris Lipe.....	Stephen Ministry Leaders
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.

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

**“Away In A Manger”**

*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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**“A Hallelujah Christmas”**

*I've heard about this baby boy  
Who's come to earth to bring us joy  
And I just want to sing this song to you  
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth  
The minor fall, the major lift  
With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*A couple came to Bethlehem  
Expecting child, they searched the inn  
To find a place for You were coming soon  
There was no room for them to stay  
So in a manger filled with hay  
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*The shepherds left their flocks by night  
To see this baby wrapped in light  
A host of angels led them all to You  
It was just as the angels said  
You'll find Him in a manger bed  
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*A star shown bright up in the east  
To Bethlehem, the wisemen three  
Came many miles and journeyed long for You  
And to the place at which You were  
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh  
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*I know You came to rescue me  
This baby boy would grow to be  
A man and one day die for me and you  
My sins would drive the nails in You  
That rugged cross was my cross, too  
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

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## Order of Worship: Divine Service 3

Call to Worship

Prelude (5:30& 8:00)

Welcome

Hymn #333

(5:30 & 8:00) **Once He Came in Blessing**

*“O Come Let Us Adore Him”*

*(10:30) Opening Song*

*O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord*

*For You alone are worthy  
For You alone are worthy  
For You alone are worthy  
Christ the Lord*

*We'll give You all the glory  
We'll give You all the glory  
We'll give You all the glory  
Christ the Lord*

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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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**Kyrie** (*sung at 5:30 & 8:00; spoken at 10:30*)

*LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Lighting the Advent Wreath**

#### **Collect of the Day**

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**

*Zephaniah 3:14–20*

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!  
<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.  
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.  
<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
“Fear not, O Zion;  
let not your hands grow weak.  
<sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.  
<sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,  
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.  
<sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal  
with all your oppressors.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise

(continued)

and renown in all the earth.  
<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in,  
at the time when I gather you together;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes," says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 85*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
**you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
**you covered all their sin.**

<sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;  
**you turned from your hot anger.**

<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
**and put away your indignation toward us!**

<sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?  
**Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

<sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again,  
**that your people may rejoice in you?**

<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
**that glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
**righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
**and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
**and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
**and make his footsteps a way.**

## Epistle

*Philippians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia** (*sung at 5:30 & 8:00; spoken at 10:30*)

*LSB 190*

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 7:18–28*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

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

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>24</sup>When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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 #515**

(5:30 & 8:00) **Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

### ***“How Many Kings”***

*(10:30) Sermon Song*

*Follow the star to a place unexpected  
Would you believe after all we've projected  
A child in a manger  
Lowly and small the weakest of all  
Unlikeliest hero wrapped in His mother's shawl  
Just a child  
Is this who we've waited for 'cause*

*How many kings stepped down from their thrones  
How many lords have abandoned their homes  
How many greats have become the least for me  
And how many gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart  
How many fathers gave up their sons for me*

*Bringing out gifts for the newborn Savior  
All that we have whether costly or meek  
Because we believe  
Gold for His honor and frankincense for His pleasure  
And myrrh for the cross He'll suffer  
Do you believe  
Is this who we've waited for*



*How many kings stepped down from their thrones  
How many lords have abandoned their homes  
How many greats have become the least for me  
And how many gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart  
How many fathers gave up their sons for me*

*How many kings stepped down from their thrones  
How many lords have abandoned their homes  
How many greats have become the least for me  
How many gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart  
How many fathers gave up their sons for me*

*Only one did that for me*

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## Sermon

**"Are You The One?"**

*Luke 7:18-28*

## Offertory (5:30 & 8:00)

*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



## Preface (spoken)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with your 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 good and right so to do!**

*(10:30 Service continues with the Lord's Prayer)*

P It is good, 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 saying:

**Sanctus (5:30 & 8:00)**

*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**

P Taught by our Lord, and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen. (sung at 5:30 & 8:00)**

**Agnus Dei (5:30 & 8:00)**

*LSB 198*

**C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.**

### **Distribution**

**Hymn #700**

**(5:30 & 8:00) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**Hymn #627**

**(5:30 & 8:00) Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior**

**“O Holy Night”**

(10:30) **Communion Song**

*O holy night  
The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night  
Of the dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world  
In sin and error pining  
Till He appeared  
And the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope  
The weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks  
A new and glorious morn*

*Truly He taught us  
To love one another  
His law is love  
And His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break  
For the slave is our brother  
And in His name  
All oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy  
In grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us  
Praise His holy name*

*Fall on your knees  
Oh hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night  
O holy night O night divine*

*Christ is the Lord  
Oh praise His name forever  
His power and glory evermore proclaim  
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**Communion Blessing**

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Benediction**

<b>Hymn #366</b>	<b>(5:30 &amp; 8:00) It Came upon the Midnight Clear</b>
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**“Have You Heard”**

(10:30) **Closing Song**

*Have you heard the King is born, have you heard the King is here,  
Heaven's arms are open wide, come all who seek him,  
Have you heard the Christ is born, have you heard the Christ is here,  
Blessed is the One who comes, His name is Jesus, Yeah.*

*Unto us is born this day the Savior of the world,  
Shining through the darkest night; He's the Father's gift to us.  
Glory in the highest place, singing  
Glory in the highest place.*

*Have you heard the King is born, have you heard the King is here,  
Heaven's arms are open wide, come all who seek him,  
Have you heard the Christ is born, have you heard the Christ is here,  
Blessed is the One who comes, His name is Jesus, Yeah.*

*He gives hope to broken hearts and peace to those in pain,  
Turning sorrow into joy, with the angels we will sing:  
Glory in the highest place, singing  
Glory in the highest place.*

*Have you heard the King is born, have you heard the King is here,  
Heaven's arms are open wide, come all who seek him,  
Have you heard the Christ is born, have you heard the Christ is here,  
Blessed is the One who comes, His name is Jesus, Yeah.*

*His name is Jesus!*

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## **Postlude**

### **Midweek Advent Services**

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - 12:15pm and 6:30pm

### **Children's Christmas Program**

December 19 - 10:30am

### **Christmas Eve w/Holy Communion**

4:00pm, 6:30pm, and 11:00pm

### **Christmas Day w/Holy Communion**

9:00am

### **December 26**

We will hold ONE Sunday Service at 9:00am - No Sunday School

### **New Year's Eve w/Holy Communion**

6:30pm

### **New Year's Day w/Holy Communion**

9:00am

### **January 2**

We will hold ONE Sunday Service at 9:00am - No Sunday School

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