

**Welcome!**

**St. John's  
Lutheran  
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(LCMS)

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Sat. 5:30 pm  
Sun. 8:00 am  
Sun. 10:30 am

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

**Pastor**

Mike Burdick

**December 19, 2021**  
The Fourth 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. They will be collected by ushers after the sermon. 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
Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	Organist
Cailin Ohnesorge and Hank Sipe .....	Acolytes
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Worman 217-821-7819 .....	Elder on Duty for Dec 20 – Dec 24
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

Order of Worship: Morning Service without Holy Communion

Call to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn #357

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *verses 1–5*

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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.

Kyrie

*LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#### Hymn #357

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** *sts. ref, 6–7*

**6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain**

*ref* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain**

*Text: Public domain*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Micah 5:2–5a*

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7*

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

<sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might  
**and come to save us!**

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts,  
**how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears  
**and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

<sup>6</sup> You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
**and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 10:5–10*

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;  
<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.  
<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),  
<sup>9</sup>then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #352**

**Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:39–45*

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

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

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah,  
<sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #361	O Little Town of Bethlehem
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Sermon

*"Peace For Our Souls"*

*Micah 5:2-5a*

*(Pastor Fortkamp)*

Collection of Pew Cards

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

Hymn #350	Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come
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Postlude

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*A Blessed Christmas*

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
10:30AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

**Christmas Eve**

with Holy Communion  
4:00pm, 6:30pm, and 11:00pm

**Christmas Day**

with Holy Communion  
9:00am

**December 26**

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

**New Year's Eve**

with Holy Communion  
6:30pm

**New Year's Day**

with Holy Communion  
9:00am

**January 2**

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