

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(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

Nov 27, 2022

First 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.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th 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.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by ushers after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Ruth Bray.....	Organist
Mr. Ben Burdick.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music
Allie Wendling, Lillie & Ava Wernsing, & Emmerson Hansen	Acolytes
Mr. Jim Schroeder	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Worman	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis 217-821-6728.....	Elder on Duty for Nov 28 – Dec 2
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.

"My Hope Is In You"

Preservice #1

*I meet with You and my soul sings out
As your word throws doubt far away
I sing to You and my heart cries Holy
Hallelujah, Father, You're near!*

*My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long,
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my song And I sing
My hope is in You, Lord*

*I wait for You and my soul finds rest
In my selfishness, You show me grace
I worship You and my heart cries Glory
Hallelujah, Father, You're here!*

*My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long,
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my song And I sing
My hope is in You, Lord*

*I will wait on You You are my refuge
I will wait on You You are my refuge
I will wait on You You are my refuge
I will wait on You You are my refuge*

*My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long
I won't be shaken by drought or storm*



(continued)

*The peace that passes understanding is my song and I sing
My hope is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord*

"My Hope Is In You" written by April Geesbreght 2010 Sony/ATV Cross Keys Publishing Scripture Reference: Psalm 39:7; Psalm 71:5; Hebrews 11:1 CCLI Song Number: 6070957 CCLI License: 51072

"I Can Only Imagine"

Preservice #2

*I can only imagine what it will be like,
when I walk by Your side...
I can only imagine, what my eyes will see, when Your Face is before me!
I can only imagine. I can only imagine.*

*Surrounded by Your Glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you, Jesus? Or in awe of You, be still?
Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing 'Hallelujah!?' Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine! I can only imagine!*

*I can only imagine, when that day comes,
when I find myself standing in the Son!
I can only imagine, when all I will do,
is forever, forever worship You!
I can only imagine! I can only imagine!*

*Surrounded by Your Glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you, Jesus? Or in awe of You, be still?
Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall?
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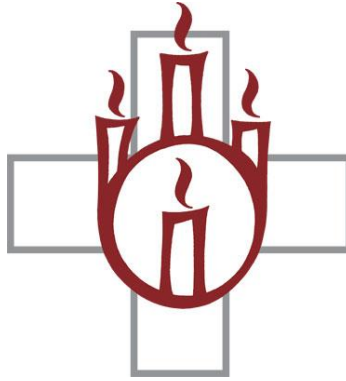
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Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing 'Hallelujah!?' Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine! I can only imagine!*

*I can only imagine! I can only imagine!
I can only imagine! I can only imagine!*

*I can only imagine, when all I do is forever,
forever worship You! I can only imagine*

"I Can Only Imagine" written by Bart Millard © 2001, 2002 Simpleville Music Scripture Reference: Psalm 73:24; Luke 9:28–36 CCLI Song: 2978857 CCLI License: 51072

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Call to Worship

Prelude (5:30 & 8:00)

Welcome

Catechism: Christian Questions, with Their Answers (p. 329-330)

#331

The Advent of Our King

“God is so Good”

(10:30) Opening Song

*God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
He's so good to me*

*He cares for me,
He cares for me,
He cares for me,
He's so good to me*

*I praise His name,
I praise His name,
I praise His name,
He's so good to me*

"God Is So Good"Public DomainScripture Reference: 1 Chronicles 16:34CCLI License 51072

Confession and Absolution

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.**

(In Advent, the Hymn of Praise is omitted)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 122; antiphon: v. 6

¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

²Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

³Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!

⁷Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”

⁸For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

(5:30 & 8:00) LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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.

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Once He Came in Blessing

“Who Am I”

(10:30) Sermon Song

*Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wandering heart*

*Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are*

*I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours, I am Yours*

*Who Am I, that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
and watch me rise again
Who Am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me*

*Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are*

*I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
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Lord, You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours, I am Yours
I am Yours, I am Yours

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling

Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear
'Cause I am Yours
I am Yours

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Sermon

"Here I Come, Ready or Not"

Matthew 24:36-44

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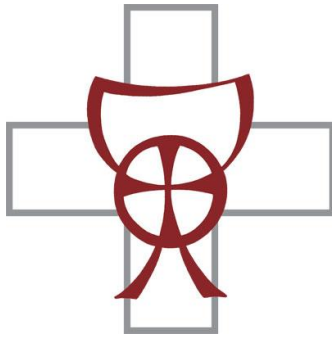
Offertory

(5:30 & 8:00) LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Offering



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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.**

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 saying:

Sanctus

(5:30 & 8:00) LSB 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

(continued)



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

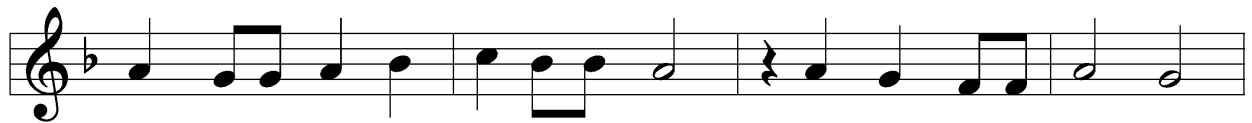
(5:30 & 8:00) LSB 198



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

#620

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior
Jesus Comes Today with Healing

“The Wonderful Cross”

(10:30) Communion Song

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name*

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Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
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"The Wonderful Cross" written by Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, Lowell Mason 2000 worship togetherScripture Reference: 1 Cor 1:18, Romans 5:6-8CCLI Song: 3148435CCLI License: 51072

Post-Communion Collect

P 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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Benediction

#919

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

"Your Grace Is Enough"

(10:30) Closing Song

*Great is Your faithfulness Oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart*

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along*

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise
Oh God*

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I see Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me
For me*

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Special Services

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays, November 30, December 7th and 14th
12:15pm and 6:30pm

Children's Christmas Program

December 18
10:30am

Christmas Eve

with Holy Communion
4:00pm, 6:30pm, and 9:00pm

Christmas Day

with Holy Communion
9:00am
No Sunday School

New Year's Eve

with Holy Communion
5:30pm

New Year's Day

with Holy Communion
9:00am
No Sunday School