

**Welcome!**

**St. John's  
Lutheran  
Church**

(LCMS)

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

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

**Pastor**

Mike Burdick

**Dec. 11, 2022**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.  
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 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.
- **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
Mrs. Erin Wendling.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band .....	10:30am Music
Kade Pennington, Leo Wyckoff, & Luke Sipe.....	Acolytes
Mr. Todd Zeigler .....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Jim Schroeder .....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Weis .....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler 217-821-6135 .....	Elder on Duty for Dec 12 – Dec 16
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.***

### ***"Little Drummer Boy"***

***Preservice #1***

*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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Scripture Reference: Luke 21:4, 1 Peter 4:10  
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### ***"The Manger"***

***Preservice #2***

*They're putting decorations  
Up in front of my old church  
The shepherds and the wise men and the hay  
There's Joseph and his Mary  
Lookin' down at Heaven's birth  
And the angel's saying don't you be afraid*

*(continued)*

*It makes me stop and think  
About how You showed up down here  
In a humble bed made of nails and wood  
You could have picked a palace  
Something more fit for a King  
But then the story wouldn't be as good*

*From the highest of the high  
To the lowest of the low  
That stable tells a story  
Of the distance You will go  
For the lonely and the lost  
There's no sinner too far gone to find a Savior  
Lying in the manger*

*There's a star up in the sky  
That's calling all the least of these  
Come make your way to where your hope is found  
If I'm honest some days I feel too far out of reach  
But the manger reminds me love reached down*

*From the highest of the high  
To the lowest of the low  
That stable tells a story  
Of the distance You will go  
For the lonely and the lost  
There's no sinner too far gone to find a Savior  
Lying in the manger*

*You were carried by a manger and just 33 years later  
By a rugged cross made from nails and wood  
And the tears fill up my eyes  
You didn't have to give Your life  
But then the story wouldn't be as good*

*From the highest of the high  
To the lowest of the low  
That stable tells a story  
Of the distance You will go  
For the lonely and the lost  
There's no sinner too far gone to find a Savior  
Lying in the manger*

## DIVINE SERVICE THREE

Call to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

#341

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

*(10:30) Opening Song*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lowly exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.*

*chorus:*

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

"O Come O Come Emmanuel" written by John Mason NealPublic DomainScripture Reference: Is. 7:10-14; Matt. 1:23CCLI License: 51072

### Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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.

### 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.

C Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

<sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;

the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;  
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 5*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

**in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

**on that very day his plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

**who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,

**who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

**but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,

**your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

## Epistle

*James 5:7–11*

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

*LSB 190*



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:2–15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, 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>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</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>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, 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.**

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When All the World Was Cursed

### *"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*

*(continued)*

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**

**"Lord, Give Me Patience"**

James 5:7-11

**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**



## 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.

Living in patient trust and hope in Christ, we are bold to pray as He has taught us:

## 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

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."

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

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**

#624	The Infant Priest Was Holy Born
#348	The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

**“What Child Is This”**

(10:30) *Communion Song*

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
 On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
 While shepherds watch are keeping?  
 This, this is Christ the king,  
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
 Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
 The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate  
 Where ox and ass are feeding?  
 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
 The silent word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
 The cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Hail, hail the word made flesh,  
 The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
 Come, peasant, king, to own him.  
 The King of kings salvation brings;  
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
 Raise, raise the song on high,  
 The virgin sings her lullaby;  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
 The babe, the son of Mary!

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## Communion Blessing

### Thanksgiving Prayer

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.

### Benediction

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 Amen!

#918

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

### *"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.*

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

*Refrain*

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

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

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

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### Postlude

## **Special Services**

### **Midweek Advent Services**

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

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

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