

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Services: Sat. 5:30pm – Sun. 8:00am & 10:30am



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
Ms. Jerry Starner & Mr. Jamie Lotz Organists
Kylie Pryor Acolyte
Mr. Dave Worman 12:15pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis..... 6:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler 217-821-6135 Elder on Duty for Dec 14 – 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



Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Welcome. Our Advent/Christmas sermon series is

“Behold! Jesus is...”

Today we learn that Jesus is the

Son of Mary -- God With Us!

Call To Worship

Prelude

Welcome

#344 (vv. 1-4)

“On Jordan’s Banks, The Baptist’s Cry”

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus is the Son of David.

C: Our coming King!

P: Jesus is the Son of Abraham.

C: Our sacrifice for sin!

P: Jesus is the Son of Solomon.

C: He finished for us!

P: Jesus is the Son of Mary.

C: Immanuel—God with us!

P: O, Come,

L: Let us adore Him!

Confession And Absolution

P: Adoring and loving the Lord, we speak the truth about ourselves.

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

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

We sing:

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee

Whose advent sets Thy people free!

Whom with the Father we adore

And Holy Spirit evermore! Amen! *(Hymn 343, verse 5)*

Prayer Of The Day

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reading

Isaiah 7:10–14

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to [King] Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.”

¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Reading*Galatians 4:4–6*

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

#332**“Savior of the Nations, Come”****Reading***Matthew 1:18–25*

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Sermon***“Behold! Jesus is The Son of Mary, God With Us”*****Offering****Prayers Of The Church****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.

Benediction**Silent Prayer & Dismissal (12:15pm)**

*Son of Mary, I will follow You all of my days,
For You are Immanuel.*

Recessional



Special Services

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