

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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**Christian
Education**

Sun. 9:15 am

Services

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

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

Pastor

Mike Burdick

Dec. 18, 2022

4th Sunday
of Advent

5:30pm & 8:00am

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
Ms. Jerry Starner Organist
Ms. Holly Bray..... Choir Director
Eva Wendling and Ethel Stuckemeyer Acolytes
Mr. Jeff Weis 5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Keith Knight..... 8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Gayland Bourland 217-343-4366..... Elder on Duty for Dec 19 – Dec 23
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: SERVICE OF THE WORD

Call to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

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Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Isaiah 45:8a; Psalm 19:1, 4–6; 112:1b, 7b

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

C **let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout.**

P The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

C **Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

P In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

C **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

P Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments!

C **His heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. Praise the LORD!**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us fear, love, and trust the Lord, making confession of our sins to Him in honesty and faith,

C **Eternal God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and that sin is ever-present in our lives. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin. Redirect and renew us, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, guide us in ways of obedience.**

P 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. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

C Amen.

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.
- C Amen.

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O Come, O Come,

Emmanuel

sts. 1–3

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10–17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to 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. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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O Come, O Come,

Emmanuel

sts. 4–5

Reading

Psalms 24

- ¹The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
- ²for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.
- ³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- ⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Choir

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

Luke 2:13-14 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!’

Epistle

Romans 1:1–7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,
⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

sts. 6-7

Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

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

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

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Once in Royal David's City

Sermon

“His Steadfast Love Endures Forever”

Psalm 136

Offering

Welcome of New Members by Transfer, Confirmation, and Affirmation of Faith (8:00)

Susan Larson

Jimmy Hippchen

Ben Burdick

Gordon Davis

Katey Devall

Jonathan Becker

Glenda Bunton

Gary & Gloria Fortkamp

Todd, Lisa, Jacob & Anna Sigg

Creed

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.

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

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A Great and Mighty Wonder

Postlude

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

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