

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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

Pastor

Mike Burdick

Dec. 25, 2022

Christmas Day

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. Dana Keller	Organist
Jake Niebrugge	Acolyte
Mr. Keith Knight.....	Elder on Duty
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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.

Merry Christmas!



ORDER: DIVINE SERVICE THREE

Call to Worship

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *(rise and face the Processional Cross)*

#379

O Come, All Ye

Faithful

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.**

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7–10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
 are the feet of him who brings good news,
 who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
 who publishes salvation,
 who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
 together they sing for joy;
 for eye to eye they see
 the return of the LORD to Zion.
⁹Break forth together into singing,
 you waste places of Jerusalem,
 for the LORD has comforted his people;
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
 before the eyes of all the nations,
 and all the ends of the earth shall see
 the salvation of our God.

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

Psalm

Psalm 2; antiphon: v. 7

¹Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,

against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

³“Let us burst their bonds apart

and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs;

the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶“As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear,

and rejoice with trembling. ¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

Epistle

Hebrews 1:1–6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

John 1:1–18

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

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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, 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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Of the Father's Love Begotten

Sermon

“The LORD Has Bared His Holy Arm”

Isaiah 52:10

LSB 192

Offertory

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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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

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,



bless - ed is He, bless - 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

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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

#367

Angels from the Realms of Glory

#388

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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

LSB 202

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A - men, a - men, a - men.

PostludeTHE CHRISTMAS EAGLE NEWSLETTER

We sometimes ask children, “what did you get for Christmas?” Wouldn’t it be wonderful if they answered, “grace and truth!” I really don’t mind if they tell us about the books, clothes, or toys that they receive. I hope, though, that you and I realize that we are children of God only through the Incarnation (coming into flesh) of Jesus, and that our Christmas gifts are grace and peace in Him. That’s what our Christmas Day Gospel reading says, and that’s what we believe. It’s a joy to celebrate the Nativity with you. Merry Christmas!



Thank you to our office staff, custodians, musicians, ushers, altar guild, elders, trustees, acolytes, A-V techs, and all other special volunteers who have labored in Christian love throughout Advent and Christmas here at St. John’s!

The Sunday School Christmas Service was wonderful on December 18. Thank you, children! If you haven’t already, find the video of it on our YouTube channel (St. John’s Lutheran Church, Effingham). To God be the glory for the work the youth and teachers put into the worship!

Are you interested in joining our congregation through adult confirmation? Are you a longtime Lutheran who would like to review Luther’s Small Catechism? Our next series of 10 sessions in the Adult Catechism Class runs from January 31 to April 4, 2023, and classes are held from 4:00-5:00pm here at St. John’s. If interested, sign-up on the main bulletin board in the Atrium Hallway, or email pastor at mike.burdick@stjohnsLCMS.net.

Are you about to make a new year’s resolution? The finest one you can make for your spiritual health is to be here at St. John’s for Service every single week (except when you’re ill)! “O, Come, Let Us Adore Him!”

Our church households will be reading Luther’s Small Catechism daily from January 1 to February 20. If you would like to receive a free copy with the schedule, pick up one at our Welcome Center in the Atrium.

The Church Calendar is always available on our website: www.stjohnsLCMS.net (you can sign up for weekly email updates at the top of that page, too).

Office Closed all day Monday, Dec. 26

New Year’s Eve Service w/Holy Communion

5:30pm

New Year’s Day Service w/Holy Communion

9:00am

Office Closed all day Monday, Jan. 2

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