

# 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 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 & Mr. Jamie Lotz .....	Organists
Cailin Ohnesorge .....	Acolyte
Mr. Jim Schroeder .....	12:15pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Gayland Bourland.....	6:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Jeff Weis 217-246-3963.....	Elder on Duty for Dec 7 – Dec 9
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 7, 2022

Welcome. Our Advent/Christmas sermon series is

**“Behold! Jesus is...”**

*Today we learn that Jesus is the*

**Son of Abraham -- Our Sacrifice for Sin!**

**Call To Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**#349**

***Hark the Glad Sound***

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.

**All: 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**

## Prayer Of The Day

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

### Reading

*Genesis 22:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went

both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

#540 (vv. 1-3)

*Christ, The Word of God Incarnate*

**Reading**

*Matthew 20:20–28*

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. <sup>21</sup>And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” <sup>24</sup>And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup>It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, <sup>28</sup>even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Choir (6:30pm)**

*“Bethlehem Wind”*

*Isaiah 11: 2-3 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.*

**Sermon**

*“Behold! Jesus is .... The Son of Abraham!”*

*(Matthew 1:1)*

**Offering**

**Prayers Of The Church**

P: "...Lord, when we are tested,"

C: "You provide a way out."

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

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

**#878 (6:30pm)**

***Abide with Me***

*Son of Abraham, I will follow You all of my days,  
for when I am tested, You provide a way out.*

**RECESSIONAL**

**BUT hallow the  
LORD  
CHRIST  
in your hearts.**

## **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