

**Welcome!**

**St. John's  
Lutheran  
Church**

(LCMS)

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Sun. 8:00 am

Sun. 10:30 am

***Proclaim the  
Christ.***

***Grow the  
Family.***

***Love the  
Neighbor.***

**Pastor**

Mike Burdick

**Dec. 17, 2023**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

In 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 the acolyte 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. Holly Adams & Lilli Wernsing.....	Song Leaders
St. John's Praise Band .....	10:30am Music
Allie & Graham Wendling, Ethel Stuckemeyer, & Luke Sipe.....	Acolytes
Mr. Jim Schroeder .....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray .....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis 217-821-7819.....	Elder on Duty for Dec. 18 – Dec. 22
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Ms. Janet Martins .....	(773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott.....	(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 10:30 Service in Italics.***

### ***"The Manger"***

***Preservice #1***

*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*

*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*

*(continued)*

*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*

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus, Laid down His sweet head,  
The stars in the sky Looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus Asleep in the hay.*

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### ***"Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel"***

### **Preservice #2**

*Sing we the song of Emmanuel  
This the Christ who was long foretold  
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem  
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold*

*God Most High in a manger laid  
Lift your voices and now proclaim  
Great and glorious Love has come to us  
Join now with the hosts of heaven*

*Come we to welcome Emmanuel  
King who came with no crown or throne  
Helpless He lay the Invincible  
Maker of Mary now Mary's son*

*O what wisdom to save us all  
Shepherds sages before Him fall  
Grace and majesty what humility  
Come on bended knee adore Him*

*Gloria Gloria  
Gloria Gloria*

*Go spread the news of Emmanuel  
Joy and peace for the weary heart  
Lift up your heads for your King has come  
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark*

*Glory shining for all to see  
Hope alive let the gospel ring  
God has made a way He will have the praise  
Tell the world His name is Jesus*

*Glory shining for all to see  
Hope alive let the gospel ring  
God has made a way He will have the praise  
Tell the world His name is Jesus*

*Gloria Gloria Gloria Gloria*  
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**DIVINE SERVICE THREE**



**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Hymn #563**

**Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness *sts. 1-4***

***“O Come All Ye Faithful”***

***(10:30) Opening Song***

*O Come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him  
Born the king of angels:  
O Come, let us adore Him,  
O Come, let us adore Him,  
O Come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
All Glory In the highest:  
O Come, let us adore Him,  
O Come, let us adore Him,  
O Come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

*Every nation will bow down before You  
Every tongue will confess You are God!  
We worship and adore You  
We worship and adore*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born that happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given!  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!  
O Come, let us adore Him,  
O Come, let us adore Him,  
O Come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.  
O Come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

## Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

## Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

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.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit** (5:30 & 8:00)

*Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7*

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

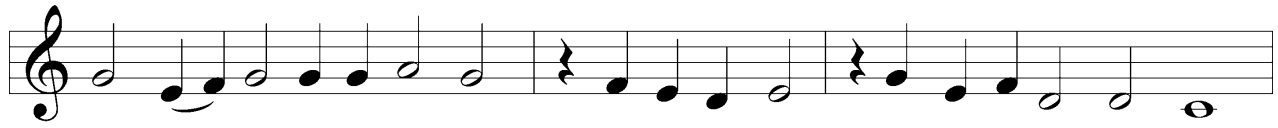
Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

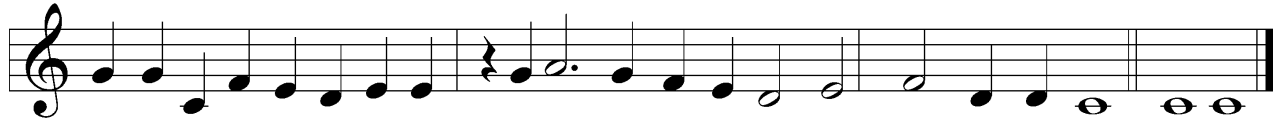
Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.



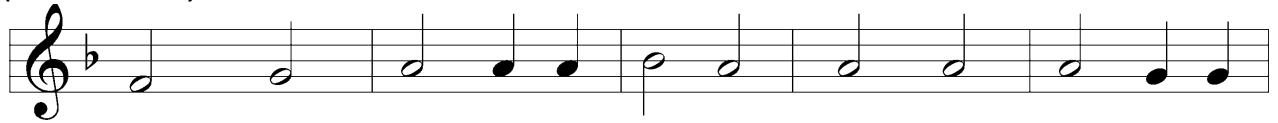
☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Kyrie (5:30 & 8:00)**

*Mark 10:47 LSB 186*



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



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

*(The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent)*

**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. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins;

they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations. . . .

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 126; antiphon: v. 5*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
**we were like those who dream.**

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations,**

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

<sup>3</sup>**The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
**like streams in the Negeb!**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sow in tears  
**shall reap with shouts of joy!**

<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
**shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**



## Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Stand

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

LSB 190



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 1:6–8, 19–28

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

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

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

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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.

**Hymn #636**

**Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness** *sts. 1–4*

***“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”***

*(10:30) Sermon 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, thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go.*

*(chorus)*

*O come, thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
(chorus)*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
(chorus)*

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**Sermon**

***“Better Than Chairs in the Aisles”***

*Isaiah 61:10*

Offertory (5:30 & 8:00)

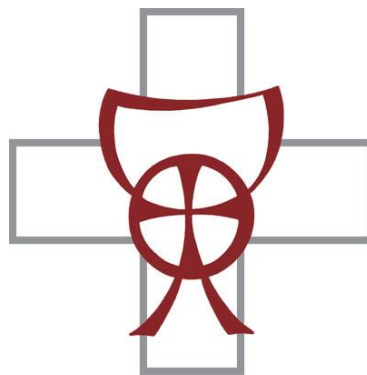
Psalm 51:10–12 LSB 192



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



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

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. 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 (5:30 & 8:00)**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 195*



**C** 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**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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**

*John 20:19 LSB*

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**

Hymn #333	Once He Came in Blessing
Hymn #619	Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

***"Silent Night! Holy Night!"***

*(10:30) Communion Song*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
 All is calm, all is bright,  
 Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.  
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
 Sleep in heavenly peace,  
 Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
 Shepherds quake at the sight;  
 Glories stream from heaven afar,  
 Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia.  
 Christ, the Savior, is born!  
 Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
 Son of God, love's pure light  
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.  
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

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## Communion Blessing

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.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

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!**

<b>Hymn #515</b>	<b>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</b>
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### ***“Joy To The World” (Unspeakable Joy)***

*(10:30) Closing Song*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let Earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and Heaven and nature sing*

*Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy*

*Joy, Unspeakable joy  
overflowing well no tongue can tell  
Joy Unspeakable joy  
Rises in my soul, never lets me go.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love*

*Joy, Unspeakable joy  
overflowing well no tongue can tell  
Joy Unspeakable joy  
Rises in my soul, never lets me go.*

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## **Postlude**

### **Christmas at St. John's**

Sunday School Christmas Program:  
Sun, Dec 24 9:00am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services w/HC: 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Christmas Day Service w/HC: 9:00am

Saturday, Dec. 30 Worship: 5:30pm

Sunday, Dec. 31 Worship: 9:00am  
New Year's Eve Service w/HC: 5:30pm

(NO service on New Years Day)

***Come, Let Us Adore Him!***

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