

**Welcome!**

**St. John's  
Lutheran  
Church**

(LCMS)

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***Proclaim the  
Christ.***

***Grow the  
Family.***

***Love the  
Neighbor.***

**Pastors**

Mike Burdick  
Trey Dille

**Dec. 1, 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> Sun 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.

- Offerings are placed in the boxes at the North and West doors, before or after worship.
- 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. Trey Dille.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp .....	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller .....	Organist
Mrs. Linda Marxmann.....	Bell Choir Director
Mrs. Meghan Wahl.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band .....	10:30am Music
Kennedy Bailey, Alexa Westjohn, & Joel Wolf.....	Acolytes
Mr. David Wall.....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Gayland Bourland.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray (217-663-3916) .....	Elder on Duty for December 1 - 7
Chatelain School & Baja School .....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
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



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until

He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. Thank you.

***You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.***

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

***Preservice #1***

*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*

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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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***“Living Waters”***

**Preservice #2**

*Are you thirsty  
Are you empty  
Come and drink these living waters  
Tired and broken  
Peace unspoken  
Rest beside these living waters*

*There's a river that flows  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of living waters*

*Christ is calling  
Find refreshing  
At the cross of living waters  
Lay your life down  
All the old gone  
Rise up in these living waters*

*Are you thirsty  
Are you empty  
Come and drink these living waters  
Love forgiveness  
Vast and boundless  
Christ He is our living waters*

*There's a river that flows  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of living waters*

*There's a river that flows  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of living waters*

*Spirit moving  
Mercy washing  
Healing in these living waters  
Lead your children  
To the shoreline  
Life is in these living waters*

*There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of living waters*

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## DIVINE SERVICE THREE



**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Hymn #331**

**The Advent of Our King**

***“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”***

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

*Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come*

*One day every tongue will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly know You now*

*Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come*

*One day every tongue will confess You are God  
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Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come*

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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.**

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent,  
as we wait until Christmas for the fullness of its joy.*



*The Advent Wreath is lighted while we reflect on the prayerful hymn  
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

## Service of the Word

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14–16*

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Bell Choir

**“O come, O come Emmanuel”**

### Psalm

*Psalm 25:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
**I lift up my soul.**

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
**let not my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
**they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
**teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
**for you I wait all the day long.**

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;  
**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,  
**and teaches the humble his way.**

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
**for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

*Luke 19:28–40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

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

<sup>28</sup>When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup>And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the



mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn #350	Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come
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***“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”***

***(10:30) Sermon Song***

*Come, thou long expected Jesus  
born to set thy people free  
from our fears and sins release us  
let us find our rest in thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
hope of all the earth thou art  
dear desire of every nation  
joy of every longing heart*

*You draw the hearts of shepherds  
You draw the hearts of kings  
Even as a baby  
You were changing everything  
You called me to Your Kingdom  
Before Your lips could speak  
And even as a baby  
You were reaching out for me*

*Born thy people to deliver  
born a child and yet a King  
born to reign in us forever  
now thy gracious kingdom bring  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone  
by thine all sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne*

*And now we are awaiting  
The day of Your return  
When every eye will see You  
As heaven comes to earth  
Until the sky is opened  
Until the trumpet sounds  
The bride is getting ready  
The church is singing out*

*(continued)*

*Come, thou long expected Jesus  
 born to set thy people free  
 from our fears and sins release us  
 let us find our rest in thee  
 Come Thou long expected King*

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" written by Charles Wesley, Jacob Sooter, Meredith Andrews, Rowland Hugh Prichard 2017 Jacob Sooter MusicScripture Reference: Is. 9:6, Luke 1:67-75, Is 61:1-2, 2 Peter 1:3-4CCLI Song: 7096082CCLI License: 51072

**Sermon**

**"Holy Love"**  
*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

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

*Psalm 51:10–12 LSB 192*



**C** 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 Presentation / Collection of Cards**

**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*



**☐** 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**

**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

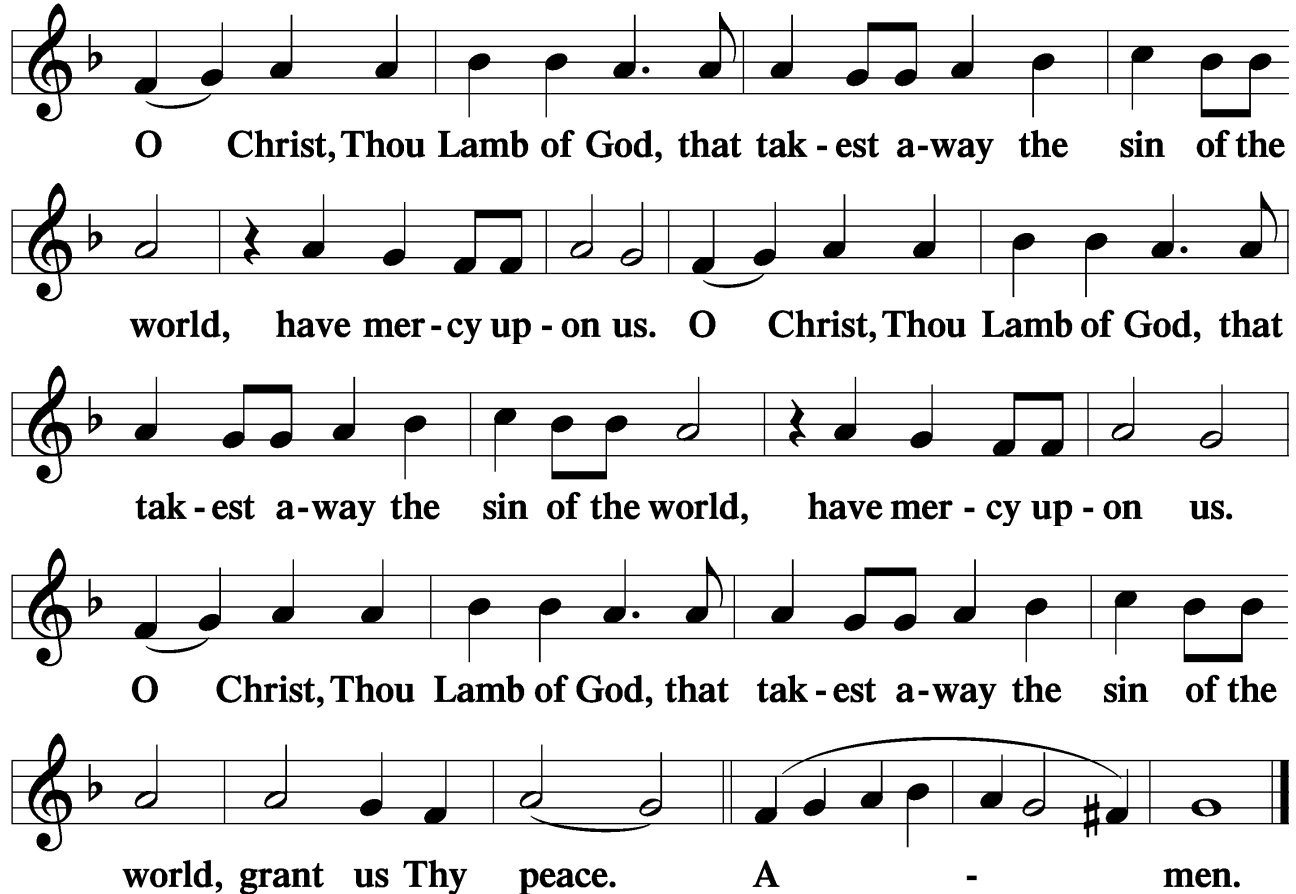
John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### Agnus Dei (5:30 & 8:00)

John 1:29 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

Hymn #547

Hymn #332

The Lamb  
Savior of the Nations, Come

### *“What a Friend we have in Jesus”*

*(10:30) Communion Song*

*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer:  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus Knows our every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

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## Blessing

**Nunc Dimittis (5:30 & 8:00)**

*Luke 2:29–32 LSB 199*

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.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever!

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. **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

### **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!**

### **Hymn #924**

### **Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

#### ***“Cry Of My Heart”***

*(10:30) Closing Song*

*It is the cry of my heart to follow You  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You  
It is the cry of my heart to follow  
All of the days of my life*

*It is the cry of my heart to follow You  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You  
It is the cry of my heart to follow  
All of the days of my life*

*Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord  
So I can walk in Your truth  
Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord  
And make me wholly devoted to You, oh oh whoa*

*It is the cry of my heart to follow You  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You  
It is the cry of my heart to follow*

*All of the days of my life  
Open my eyes so I can see  
The wonderful things that You do  
Open my heart up more and more  
And make it wholly devoted to You, oh oh whoa*

*It is the cry of my heart to follow You  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You  
It is the cry of my heart to follow  
All of the days of my life*

*It is the cry of my heart to follow You  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You  
It is the cry of my heart to follow*

*All of the days of my life  
All of the days of my life  
All of the days of my life*

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### **Postlude**

## **Advent Midweek Services**

Wednesdays: Dec 4, 11, 18  
12:15pm & 6:30pm

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

Sunday School Christmas Program:  
Sun, Dec 22 10:30am

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

Christmas Day Service: 9:00am

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

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