Welcome!

St. John's Lutheran Church

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> **Christian Education** Sun. 9:15 am

> > Services

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

Proclaim the Christ.

> Grow the Family.

Love the Neighbor.

Pastors Mike Burdick Trey Dille

Jan. 5, 2025 2nd Sunday of Christmas



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 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 the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!
- Share prayer requests using the <u>yellow</u> cards in the pews.

I nose 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. Erin & Miss. Lydia Wendling	Song Leaders	
Mrs. Linda Marxmann	Bell Choir Director	
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music	
Maddux Wyckoff, Alexa Westjohn, Joel Wolf.	Acolytes	
Mr. Ray Hartman		
Mr. Fred Bray	8:00am Elder on Duty	
Mr. David Wall	10:30am Elder on Duty	
Mr. Ray Hartman (217-240-8178)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Chatelain School & Baja School		
Ms. Janet Martins	(773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader	
Mrs. Julie Scott	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator	
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Those Who Serve Us



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.

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen / We Three Kings"

Preservice #1

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Saviour Was born upon this day; To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father This blessed angel came; And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same; How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name.

O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!

O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to that perfect light. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain; Gold I bring to crown Him again; King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.

O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to that perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Worship Him, God Most High.

O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to that perfect light.

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay

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"Little Drummer Boy"

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum A newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum When we come

Little baby, pa rum pum pum pum I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum That's fit to give our King, pa rum pum pum pum Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum On my drum

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum Rum pum pum, rum pum pum pum Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum Me and my drum, Me and my drum, Me and my drum "Little Drummer Boy" written by Henry Onarati, Harry Simeone, Katherine Kennicott Davis Public Domain Scripture Reference: Luke 21:4, 1 Peter 4:10 CCLI License: 51072

"Away In A 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.

The cattle are lowing, The Baby wakes But little Lord Jesus, No crying he makes I love Thee Lord Jesus, Look down from the sky And stay by my cradle, Till morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, And love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children In Thy tender care And take us to heaven to live with Thee there. "Away In A Manger" written by John Thomas McFarland, Martin Luther, William James Kirkpatrick Public Domain CCLI Song: 322031 CCLI License: 51072

Preservice #3

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Divine Service 4

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #850

"God Loves Me Dearly"

God loves me dearly grants me salvation, God loves me dearly loves even me.

Refrain:

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer He sent forth Jesus, and set me free. Refrain

(10:30) **Opening Song**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer; Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed. Refrain

Now will I praise You, O Love Eternal Now will I praise You all my life long. Refrain

"God Loves Me Dearly" written by August Rische Public Domain Scripture Reference: 1 John 4:9-10, John 3:16, Rom. 5:8, Eph. 2:4-5 CCLI License: 51072

Confession and Absolution

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

- Ρ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- С Amen.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord, Ρ
- who made heaven and earth. С
- Ρ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- С But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Ρ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting С life. Amen.

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.



Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

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

Bell Choir

"We Three Kings"

Psalm

⁹⁷Oh how I love your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,

for it is ever with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰I understand more than the aged,

for I keep your precepts.

¹⁰¹I hold back my feet from every evil way,

in order to keep your word.

¹⁰²I do not turn aside from your just decrees,

for you have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴Through your precepts I get understanding; **therefore I hate every false way.**

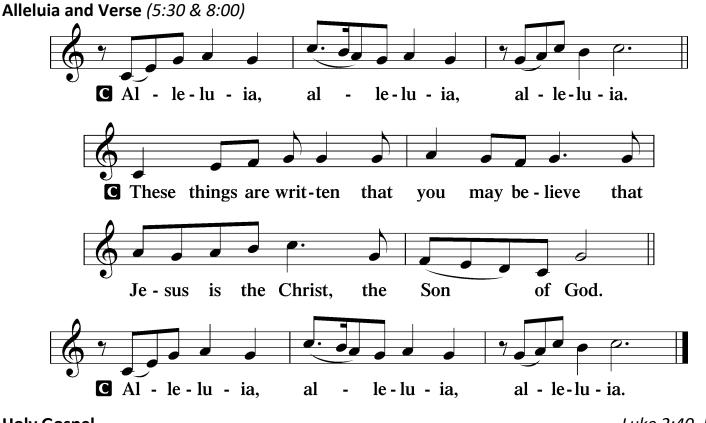
Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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



Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

С

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 #686	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
"How Many Kings"	(10:30) Sermon Song
Follow the star to a place unexpected Would you believe after all we've projected A child in a manger Lowly and small the weakest of all Unlikeliest hero wrapped in His mother's shawl Just a child Is this who we've waited for 'cause	
How many kings stepped down from their thrones How many lords have abandoned their homes How many greats have become the least for me And how many gods have poured out their hearts To romance a world that is torn all apart How many fathers gave up their sons for me	
Bringing out gifts for the newborn Savior All that we have whether costly or meek Because we believe Gold for His honor and frankincense for His pleasure And myrrh for the cross He'll suffer Do you believe Is this who we've waited for	

How many kings stepped down from their thrones How many lords have abandoned their homes How many greats have become the least for me And how many gods have poured out their hearts To romance a world that is torn all apart How many fathers gave up their sons for me

How many kings stepped down from their thrones How many lords have abandoned their homes How many greats have become the least for me How many gods have poured out their hearts To romance a world that is torn all apart How many fathers gave up their sons for me

Only one did that for me

"How Many Kings" written by Jason Germain, Marc Martel © 2006 Centricity Music Publishing Scripture Reference: John 6:42, Luke 2:11-14, Phillippians 2:5-9, Titus 3:5-7 CCLI Song: 5351880 CCLI License: 51072

Sermon

He Who is Wise Trusts the Lord Luke 2:40-52

Prayer of the Church

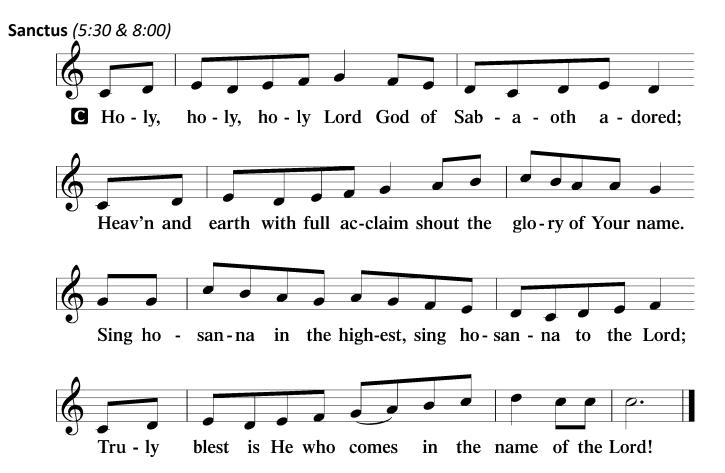
Installation of Officers

Offering Presentation / Collection of Cards

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

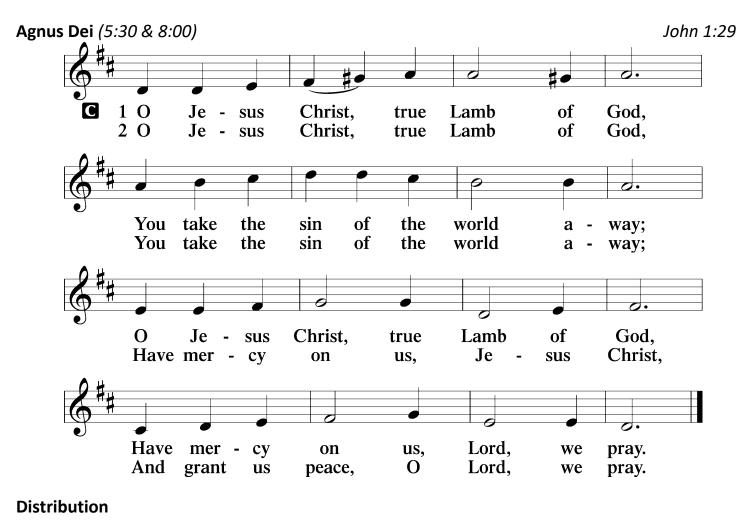
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Hymn #387	Joy to the World
Hymn #388	Go Tell It on the Mountain

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

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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Nunc Dimittis (5:30 & 8:00)

Post-Communion Collect

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

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C Amen.

Hymn #376 Once in Royal David's City

"Go Tell It On The Mountain" (10:30) Closing Song Refrain: The shepherds feared and trembled, When Io! above the earth, Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere Rang out the angels chorus That hailed the Savior's birth. Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born. Refrain While shepherds kept their watching Down in a lowly manger Over silent flocks by night The humble Christ was born Behold throughout the heavens And God sent us salvation There shone a holy light. That blessèd Christmas morn. Refrain Refrain "Go Tell It On The Mountain" written by John W. Work II Public Domain Scripture Reference: Luke 2:7-20; Isaiah 40:9-11 CCLI License: 51072

Postlude

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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