

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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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

Nov 30, 2025

First 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 doors, before or after worship.
- Little Children's Worship bags are available by the elevator door.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- 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
Mr. Ben Burdick	Song Leader
St. John's Band	10:30am Music
Mackenzie & Madison Stuemke, Graham Wendling, & Lydia Wendling	Acolytes
Mr. Fred Bray	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. David Wall	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Gayland Bourland	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Worman (217-821-7819)	Elder on Duty for Nov 30 – Dec 6
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

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

“Great Things”

Preservice #1

*Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things*

*Oh Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
Oh Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
Oh God You have done great things*

*You’ve been faithful through every storm
You’ll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things*

*Oh Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
Oh Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
Oh God You have done great things*

*Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things*

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You’ve done great things*

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*You have done great things
Oh God You do great things*

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"Psalm 23"

Preservice #2

*The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures*

*And He leads me beside still waters
And He restores my soul
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His namesake*

*Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
You are with me
Your rod and Your staff
They comfort me
Oh, they comfort me*

*You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies
You anoint my head with oil
My cup overflows*

*Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
You are with me
Your rod and Your staff
They comfort me
Oh, they comfort me*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever
Forever*

*Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
You are with me
Your rod and Your staff
They comfort me
Oh, they comfort me*

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Divine Service Four

Hymn Sing (5:30pm & 8:00am)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

10:30am

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Haddie Claire Kronewitter

Parents: Brandon & Candra Kronewitter

Hymn #332

Savior of the Nations, Come

"All Hail The King Of Heaven"

(10:30) Opening Song

*All hail the king of heaven, Christ the Lord of all
Whom thund'ring angels circle 'round, ablaze with all
Let now the Hallelujah of Earth in glad refrain
Ascend the throne, to Him belongs immortal praise*

Chorus

*All hail the king of heaven
Creation join together
Let endless praises crown His name
All hail the king of heaven*

*All hail the great redeemer, who so humbly came
The Lamb of our salvation, O for sinners slain
Let now the loud hosanna resound from shore to shore
You nations say, "His kingdom reigns forever more!" Chorus*

*Let praise of Nations rise now as a symphony
to sound the endless wonders of his Majesty
Let every heart adore Him, the great and small the same
Through generations ever let His anthem ring Chorus*

"All Hail The King Of Heaven" written by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa© 2021 Getty Music Hymns and SongsScripture Reference: Isaiah 9:6; John 12:15; I timothy 6:15; Matthew 6:9-13CCLI Song: 7186359CCLI License: 51072

Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P 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.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting 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.**

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 tune
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

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.

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

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- ¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- ²Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- ³Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
- ⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- ⁵There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!
- ⁷Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”
- ⁸For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
- ⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

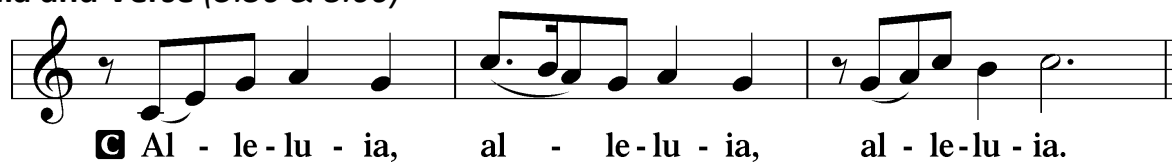
⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (5:30 & 8:00)



Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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 #338	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
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“Who Am I”

(10:30) Sermon Song

*Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wandering heart*

*Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are*

*I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours, I am Yours*

*Who Am I, that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
and watch me rise again
Who Am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me*

*Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are*

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And You've told me who I am
I am Yours, I am Yours
I am Yours, I am Yours*

*Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear
'Cause I am Yours
I am Yours*

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Sermon

"The Night is Gone, The Day is at Hand"
Romans 13:8-14

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Prayer of the Church

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.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

- 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 #923

Almighty Father, Bless the Word

"My Redeemer Lives"

(10:30) Closing Song

*I know He Rescued my soul
His Blood covered my sin
I believe I believe*

*My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe*

*My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe*

*I'll raise the banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives*

*I'll raise the banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives*

*You lift my burdens; And I rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountain top
To see Your Kingdom come*

*I know He Rescued my soul
His Blood covered my sin
I believe I believe*

*My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives*

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