

## 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.

- 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.
- 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 acolytes 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
Joel Wolfe.....	Acolyte
Mr. Ray Hartman .....	12:15 Elder on Duty
Mr. David Wall.....	6:30 Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler 217-821-6135 .....	Elder on Duty for Dec. 10 – Dec. 13
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

**Vespers**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Hymn #933**

**My Soul Rejoices**

**P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

**Old Testament Lesson**

*2 Samuel 7:4–16*

<sup>4</sup>That same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’”  
<sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, <sup>15</sup>but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

<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 Lesson

*2 Corinthians 1:18–22*

<sup>18</sup>As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. <sup>19</sup>For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. <sup>20</sup>For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. <sup>21</sup>And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, <sup>22</sup>and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Lesson

*Luke 1:26–38*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid,

Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

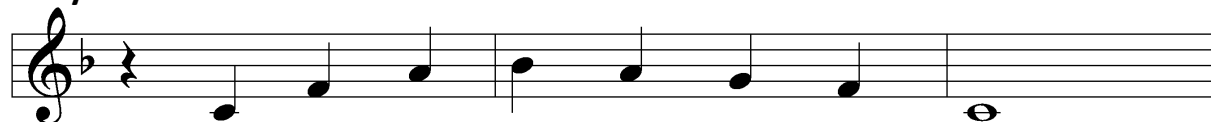
<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

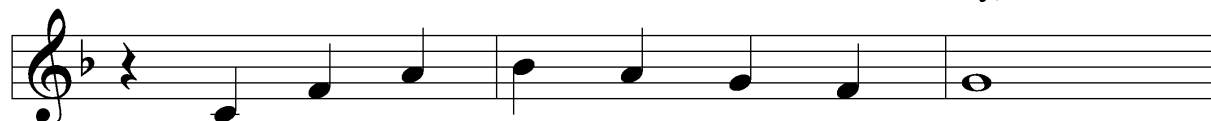
C Thanks be to God.

## Sermon Hymn

## Behold How God Takes Nothingness



1 Be - hold how God takes noth - ing - ness  
2 Oh, we of lit - tle faith be - hold  
3 With her our soul does mag - ni - fy  
4 How blest the womb where - in He lay,



And makes our great ma - te - rial world,  
The faith of her, who, lis - tening, knew  
The Lord who laughs at pu - ny kings,  
The breast she gave Him when He cried.



And sends His Son the world to bless,  
The Word that ho - ly Ga - briel told:  
Who laughs at reb - els— let them try!—  
He cried, "My God!" up - on that day,



Through just an or - di - nar - y girl.  
"The Prom - ised One will come from you."  
Who fills the hun - gry with good things.  
And burst the tomb at Eas - ter - tide.

- 5 A sword would pierce poor Mary's heart,  
With tears she watched Him as He died—  
Tears, water, blood—grace to impart—  
A Roman spear in Jesus' side.
- 6 As Mary made for Him a home,  
With John He made a home for her.  
Risen, ascended, He will come,  
To bring us home as sons and heirs.
- 7 We bow before the mystery  
That Mary pondered in her breast—  
The hidden Word made flesh we see,  
Now God in man made manifest.

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## Sermon

## She Was Betrothed to a Man

## Offering Presentation / Collection of Cards

## Responsory

*Psalm 86:11; Psalm 119:105 LSB 230*

- P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**
- P Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

## Prayers

## Antiphon

*Psalm 141:2 LSB 231*

- P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
C **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47 LSB 233*

- C Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## 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.

## Collects

P O Lord, hear my prayer.  
C **And let my cry come to You.**

## Additional Collects

### Collect of the Day

P 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.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1 LSB 234*

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

## Benediction

*2 Corinthians 13:14 LSB 234*

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn #357

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**  
*sts. 1, ref, 2–3*

### **Advent Midweek Services**

Wednesday Dec. 17  
12:15pm & 6:30pm

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

Sunday School Christmas Program:  
Sun, Dec. 21 10:30am

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

Christmas Day Service: 9:00am

***Born To You... A Savior***

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**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

# **MARY'S SON OUR SAVIOR**



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