

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Sun. 9:15 am

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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

Dec 14, 2025

3rd 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.

- 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. Ruth Bray	Organist
Mrs. Melissa Goldstein	Song Leader
St. John's Band	10:30am Music
Cohen Debolt, Gage Wernsing, & Beckett Sams	Acolytes
Mr. David Worman	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Greg Perry	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Ray Hartman (217-240-8178)	Elder on Duty for December 14 - 20
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

Altar Flowers are in celebration of Kaleb's baptism by his parents, Pastor Trey & Katie Dille.



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.

"What Child Is This"

Preservice #1

*What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!*

*Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!*

*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!*

"What Child Is This" written by William Chatterton Dix Public Domain Scripture Reference: Luke 2:1-20 CCLI Song: 30983 CCLI License: 51072

"A Hallelujah Christmas"

Preservice #2

*I've heard about this baby boy
Who's come to earth to bring us joy
And I just want to sing this song to you
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*A couple came to Bethlehem
Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place for You were coming soon
There was no room for them to stay
So in a manger filled with hay
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*The shepherds left their flocks by night
To see this baby wrapped in light
A host of angels led them all to You
It was just as the angels said
You'll find Him in a manger bed
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*A star shown bright up in the east
To Bethlehem, the wisemen three
Came many miles and journeyed long for
You
And to the place at which You were
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*I know You came to rescue me
This baby boy would grow to be
A man and one day die for me and you
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross, too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

"A Hallelujah Christmas" music by Leonard Cohen, lyrics by Cloverton1984 Sony/ATV Songs LLC Scripture Reference: Matt 1:23, Matt 2:11, John 8:24, Gal 1:3-5, Col 1:13-14 CCLI Song: 5516144 CCLI License: 51072

Divine Service Four

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Baptism

Kaleb Richard Dille (8:00)

Son of Rev. Trey and Katie Dille

Will Jameson Kohnert (10:30)

Son of Kyle and Macie Kohnert

And the Confirmation of his mother, Macie

*"See This Wonder In The Making"**(10:30) Opening Song*

*See this wonder in the making
 God Himself this child is taking
 As a lamb safe in His keeping
 His to be, awake or sleeping*

*Far more tender than a mother,
 Far more caring than a father,
 God, into Your arms we place them,
 With Your love and peace embrace them.*

*Miracle each time it happens
 As the door to heaven opens
 And the Father beams, "Beloved,
 Heir of gifts a king would covet"*

*Here we bring a child of nature;
 Home we take a newborn creature,
 Now God's precious son or daughter,
 Born again by Word and water.*

"See This Wonder In The Making" written by Jaroslav J. VajdaPublic DomainScripture Reference: Matt. 3:16-17; Titus 3:3-7; Mark 10:16CCLI 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 hymn
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 204

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

- 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.

- C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1–10

- ¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Epistle

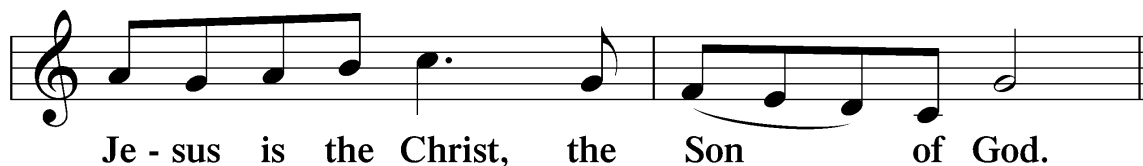
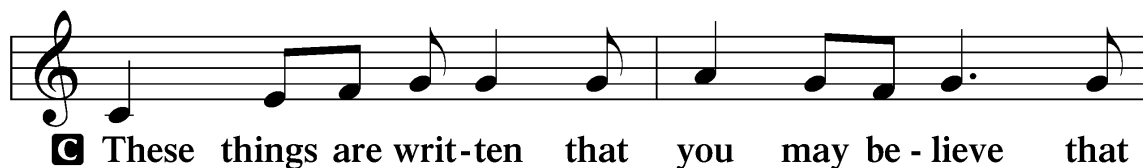
James 5:7–11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed (5:30)

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 #873

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

“Mary Did You Know”

(10:30) Sermon Song

*Mary, did you know
that your baby boy will one day walk on water?*

*Mary, did you know
that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?*

*Did you know,
that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered,
will soon deliver you.*

*Mary, did you know
that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?*

*Mary, did you know
your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?*

*Did you know,
that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby,
you've kissed the face of God.*

*The blind will see
The deaf will hear
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap
The dumb will speak
The praises of The Lamb.*

*Mary, did you know
that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?*

*Mary, did you know
that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?*

*Did you know,
that your baby boy is heaven's perfect lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding, is the great I AM.*

"Mary Did You Know" written by Buddy Greene, Mark Lowry 1991, 1993 Word Music, LLC Scripture Reference: Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:30-33; Matt. 1:21 CCLI Song: 839225 CCLI License: 51072

Sermon

***“Word and Miracles”
Matthew 11:2-15***

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 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:

(10:30 continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Sanctus (5:30 & 8:00)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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 Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

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

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (5:30 & 8:00)

John 1:29 LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

Hymn #347

Hymn #763

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
When Peace, like a River

"O Holy Night"

(10:30) Communion Song

O holy night

The stars are brightly shining

It is the night

Of the dear Savior's birth

Long lay the world

In sin and error pining

Till He appeared

And the soul felt its worth

A thrill of hope

The weary world rejoices

For yonder breaks

A new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees

Oh hear the angel voices

O night divine

O night when Christ was born

O night

O holy night O night divine

Truly He taught us

To love one another

His law is love

And His gospel is peace

Chains shall He break

For the slave is our brother

And in His name

All oppression shall cease

Sweet hymns of joy

In grateful chorus raise we

Let all within us

Praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord

Oh praise His name forever

His power and glory evermore proclaim

His power and glory evermore proclaim

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Blessing

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

Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

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 #849	Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
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“Angels We Have Heard On High”

(10:30) Closing Song

Angels we have heard on high

Sweetly singing o'er the plains

And the mountains in reply,

Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria In excelsis deo

Gloria In excelsis deo

Shepherds, why this Jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria In excelsis deo

Gloria In excelsis deo

Come to Bethlehem and see

Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee

Christ, the Lord,

the newborn King

Gloria In excelsis deo

Gloria In excelsis deo

(continued)

*See Him in a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.
Gloria In excelsis deo
Gloria In excelsis deo*

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Advent Midweek Services

Wednesdays: 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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MARY'S SON OUR SAVIOR



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