

## 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
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**VESPERS**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Hymn #331**

**The Advent of Our King**

**Advent Versicles**

**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, King who comes to save us.**

**Reading**

*Genesis 3:1–15*

**P** A reading from Genesis, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman

whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup>Preserve me, O God,  
**for in you I take refuge.**

<sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;  
**I have no good apart from you.”**

<sup>3</sup>As for the saints in the land,  
**they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**

<sup>4</sup>The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
**you hold my lot.**

<sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
**indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;  
**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
**my flesh also dwells secure.**

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**or let your holy one see corruption.**

<sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life;

**in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for-evermore.**

**Solo:**

***“Behold How God Takes Nothingness”***

*Composed by Rev. Fred Baue for our Advent Theme, “Mary’s Son, Our Savior”*

*In the remaining midweek Services, the congregation will sing the hymn.*

**Reading**

*Luke 1:26–38*

P A reading from Luke, chapter 1.

<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**

***“Most Highly Favored Lady”***

**Hymn #356**

**The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

**Offering Presentation and Card Collection**

## Prayers

*Psalm 141:2*

- 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*

- 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.**

## Collect for Peace

- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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*

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

## Benediction

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

- 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.**

## Hymn 878 (6:30pm)

**Abide with Me  
sts. 1–2**

## Postlude

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**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

# **MARY'S SON OUR SAVIOR**



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (LCMS) EFFINGHAM**

**Advent Midweek Services**

Wednesdays: Dec 10 & 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***