

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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Important Announcements

For those who watch services on Live-Stream
during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home: The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services.

† Populus Zion †

The Second Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021

Guest Preacher: Pr. Kyle Krueger, Glory of Christ

Organist: Dr. Katie Moss

Special Note for the Live Stream: Because the Absolution and Communion are sacramental acts that require the in-person interaction of penitent & pastor and communicant & pastor, we will not Live Stream those portions of the Divine Service. If you desire a more detailed explanation of the status of the controversies in Christianity and the LCMS around these acts that have led us to this decision on this practice, your pastors are more than willing to discuss it with you.

333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
3 Soon will come that hour — When with might - y
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29

Say to the daughter of | Zion,*

“Behold, your sal - vation comes.”

The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*

and you shall have glad - ness of heart.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

Restore us, | O God;*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Turn again, O | God of hosts!*

Look down from | heaven, and see.
 But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*
 the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
 "Behold, your sal- | vation comes."
 The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
 and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

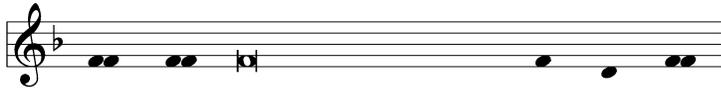
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 50:2-3a, 5

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.*

Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;

“Gather to me my | faithful ones,*

who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁵[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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Sermon: "Nothing Remains the Same"

Stand

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the Live Stream ends and the Service of the Sacrament begins.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Ilene Shepherd, Charice McDowell, Mavis Kalk, Joyce O’Hern, Justin Brynjulfson, Barb Grambart, Diane Haag, Sandy Meyer, Harlan Peterson, Tony Stadler, Bob Abraham, Audrey Hansen, Ryan Fish, Jim Bjorgan, and Shirley Bjorgan. Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Dale Avenson, John Barrett, Joan Dolbec, Sue Erickson, Inez Koehler, Joyce O’Hern, Steve Orbin, Mark Pruhs, Lorena Remer, Amy Schalo, and Ilene Shepherd.

All those serving in our Armed Forces— Agena Christophersen (Arizona), Emily Giefer (Georgia), Kevin Mazurowski (Alaska), Nathan Mazurowski (Arizona), Isak Preus (Florida), Brian Pruhs (Oklahoma), Joseph Radintz (home), and Danny Schilling (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year— Kyle Gaffaney & family (at the loss of his grandfather Bill Reese), Jim Day

& family (at the loss of his sister), Heidi Brackeen & family (at the loss of her father Dennis Anderson), the family of Marlys Johnson, the family of Harold Grambart, the family of Courtney Meine, Marlys Kothrade & family (at the loss of her great-grandson Lukas Bouska), Bob and Char Abraham (at the loss of their daughter-in-law Debra Abraham), Tony Stadler & family (at the loss of his brother Ted), the family of Bruce Hansen, the family of Arleen Barrett, Ty Holthus & family (at the loss of her father Patrick Oberle), and Deb Volberding & family (at the loss of her mother Carol Handberg).

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— Karen Fussy & family (at the loss of her husband Eugene), Rick Foggia & family (at the loss of his father Vincent Foggia), Irene Rehmer & family (at the loss of her sister Marilyn), the family of Dr. Crystal Rossow, Katie Moss & family (at the loss of her grandfather Rev. Henry Behling), Sarah Klein & family (at the loss of her father Wayne Wilson), Jason Brastad & family (at the loss of his grandmother), Tom Parduhn & family (at the loss of his mother Laura), the family of Elwyn Manthei, Diane Schwecke & family (at the loss of her niece Jordyn Meskan), and the family of Susan Schutte.

All expecting families and their unborn children— especially Rachel & Jeremy Costello, Katie & Matthew Moss, Abbie (MacMillan) & Kyle Gaffaney, Lindsay & David Huth, and Kim & Andrew Heinen. If you would like to announce your pregnancy to the Church that we might pray for you, please contact one of our pastors.

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for Rev. Lucas Woodford, our District President, and all of our elected officers and board members in the MN South District.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for Board of Spiritual Life Deacons Dave Kiesow, Phil Koehler, Jerry Rogge, Ted Schmidt, Phil Schutte, Dennis Schwecke, and the staff, volunteers, and committees they oversee, and also for our Third Grade Teacher Ruth Droogsma.

† Announcements †

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: *no special feast days this week.*

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: *The Kingdoms of God's Son* – this Bible study on the books of 1st and 2nd Samuel will cover the next two years of Sunday Bible Study. These Old Testament books tell a fascinating story of the Kingdom of God and kingdoms of men. We will meet Samuel, Saul, and David. We will read of war and betrayal. We will discuss relevant topics to our world today. And we will see how these Old Testament books pre-figure the coming of Christ Jesus and His eternal reign in the Kingdom of Power, the Kingdom of Grace, and the coming Kingdom of Glory when He returns on the Last Day.

December 5 – 1 Samuel 11:1-15- *The Rise of King Saul- Victorious in War*

December 12 – 1 Samuel 12:1-25- *The Prophet Samuel's Farewell Address*

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY is held at 9am in the Auxiliary Room. Our new study “The Word in Song: A Bible Study on the Hymn of the Day” will be enhanced with music as we sing to the accompaniment of Mr. Duane Esterly on piano. This week's selection is: Dec. 7 - LSB 345 "*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*".

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Parents with hands full in the pews on Sunday morning sometimes need a little *time with the texts* in the week leading up to a Service. People new to Lutheranism sometimes need more context to the Service. Some members simply look for more in-depth study of the appointed readings. We encourage you to follow Issues, Etc. on your podcasting App or at their website, especially using Pastor David Peterson's “Looking Ahead to Sunday Morning (the 1-Year Lectionary)”. Next Sunday December 12th you will hear: *Isaiah 40:1-8 (9-11), 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, and Matthew 11:2-10 (11).*

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available this month by appointment only. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. “If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK... **Sunday, November 28th:** *not available at the time of this print*

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION HIRED: We give thanks to God that Sam Kuphal will be joining St. John's beginning December 6th in the new Business Manager position approved at the July Congregational Assembly meeting. Sam and his family reside locally in Corcoran. Welcome Sam!

POINSETTIAS: The Altar Guild is providing an opportunity for members of St. John's to purchase a festive poinsettia for the holiday season. The poinsettia will be used to decorate the Church during the Christmas services, and then can be picked-up and enjoyed by you at your home. A Poinsettia order form was placed in members mailboxes in the narthex, and extra forms are also available. Please complete and return the form if you wish to purchase a poinsettia. The deadline is Sunday, December 19.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<u>Last Week</u> 11/28/21	<u>Year-to-date</u> since 07/01/21
Total Operating Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 34,162	\$ 762,661
Amount Needed	\$ 27,913	\$ 786,007
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ 6,249	\$ (23,346)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-3%
Current Building Mortgage Balance: \$ 94,031		

Amount Needed above includes all budgeted revenues, including offerings, school tuition and third-source income, for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2020. There was no cumulative deficit as of July 1. Questions can be directed to Church Treasurer Mike Gaffer.

Fellowship:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS Church Decorating Day is **NEXT** Sunday December 12th 12-2pm - Pizza and Lemonade will be provided; please RSVP by December 1st. Scan the QR code on the insert or visit:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094bacaf2aa7fd0-happy>

Youth Group:

Christmas Party: **TODAY** Sunday December 5, 12:00-2:00 - bring Christmas treats and wear cozy clothes for games and fun!

“GIVE THANKS, GIVE BACK” GALA results are in! We are ecstatic to announce that the net proceeds from this amazing evening raised \$95,000. We are grateful for everyone’s support and generosity. To God, all praise and glory!

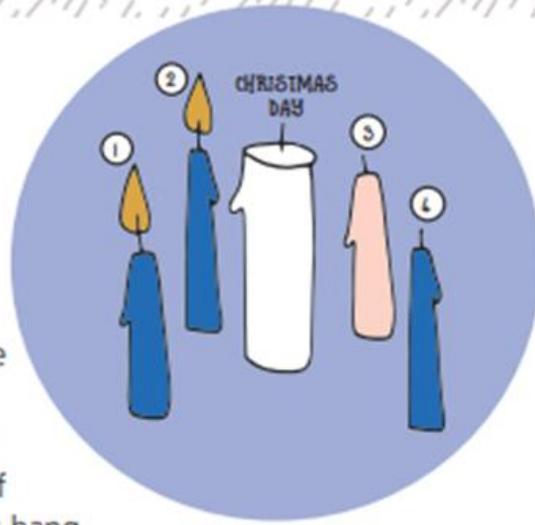
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: (Dec 5–Dec 11) **Sunday-** ..., **Monday-** Adelyn Holovnia/Isaiah Kliche/Joellyn Wicht, **Tuesday-** Sophie Glock/Lois Trebesch, **Wednesday-** ..., **Thursday-** ..., **Friday-** Nathan Eversman/Amanda Pulju/Erika Rossow, **Saturday-** Jordyn Stromback

PLANNING TO STOP IN? Please call the office first as school is now in session and we would appreciate notice of your arrival. This will help us coordinate and better accommodate your visit. Office hours are 7:30am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday 763-420-2426 (secretary@stjlutheran.org)

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is the Advent wreath?

The Advent wreath is the circle of candles (and/or evergreen branches) that you see in the sanctuary during the season of Advent. Some Advent wreaths hang from the ceiling of the sanctuary while others are placed on a floor stand. Either way, the Advent wreath is one of the many beautiful things you'll see around the church during Advent.



How do we use the advent wreath?

It used to be that the Advent wreath was used in the home to help count the four weeks of Advent. Now you can find them in homes as well as in the church sanctuary. Each Sunday in Advent, a new candle on the wreath is lit. For example, during the first week in Advent, only one candle is lit. During the second week in Advent, two candles are lit. We do this to remember and prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World!



Parents: Before or after the Divine Service, allow your children to walk up to get a better look at the Advent wreath. Remind them to be reverent in God's holy places. During this Advent season, try utilizing an Advent wreath at home with family devotions. If you are unsure how to get started, ask your pastor for help.



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TIS THE SEASON TO DECORATE!

Happy Birthday Jesus Church Decorating Day!!

DECEMBER 12TH • 12PM-2PM
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Altar & Sanctuary Decorating
- Kids Cookie/Ornament Decorating
- Christmas Card Making Station

****PIZZA and LEMONADE will be provided****

PLEASE RSVP by December 1st
(Using the QR Code above or Email link)