

St. John
Lutheran Church



HARK!

Listen, God is Faithful •

Advent 1
Sunday, November 27, 2022

11am

Angel Tree Gifts Due back by Next Sunday 12/4

Bring your unwrapped gift and tag to the church office during office hours, Saturday, December 3rd from 5-7pm or Sunday, December 4th, 8am-Noon.

Norman Rockwell Calendars Available in Narthex. Free!

Sign Up at stjohnjoliet.org:

12/4 Cocoa & Carols: Treats & Volunteers Bring cookies, brownies or treats for Cocoa & Carols night a week from Sunday, or volunteer to serve. Sign up today.

12/24 Christmas Poinsettia Plants Remember your loved ones with a poinsettia plant for Christmas. Plants cost \$15. Dedication choices: *In Honor of*, *In Memory of*, and *In Thanksgiving for*. Sign up by 12/19 to have dedications included in Christmas bulletins.

This
Weekend

Church Decorating Event, Sunday, Noon

Many hands make for light work! Show up to help ~ Adults only, please.

Sunday School PJ Movie Day! Meet at classrooms, not Sanctuary.

This
Tuesday
11/29

Giving Tuesday

Kindly recommend St. John Lutheran Church Food Pantry as a Giving Tuesday recipient at your work. See Pastor Robin for more information.

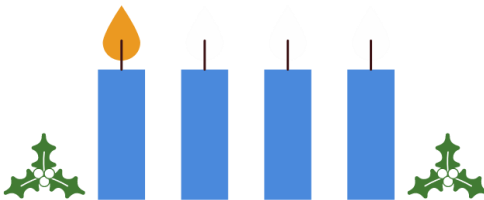
Next
Sunday
12/4

Sunday School Christmas Program* and Light Up the Night*

4pm Sunday School Christmas Program

4:30pm Light Up the Night: Cocoa & Carols in the parking lot

5pm Light Up the Night: Tree Lighting in the parking lot



Advent I: Listen, God is Faithful

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

Today the altar flowers are given by Bruce and Cathy Hawkins in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary; and by

Pam Murray in remembrance of

Ray & Ruby Murray's anniversary on November 23rd.

To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, November 27, 2022 (11:00 am)

Deacon	Jennifer Prosis
Communion Assistant	Sandy Smith
Greeters	Barb Riegler, Carol Wortel
Ushers	Rick Franzen, Roger Wyss
Acolytes	Tyler Henry, Jacob Prosis
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
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Audio Board	Mike Pragit
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St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

P We are gathered today in the name of the Father, Son, and † Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

P Today we light the candle of peace, because we so desperately need to feel God's peace in the midst of all we fear. May this light be a reminder that the Prince of Peace is on the way. God's peace was with us generations before, is with us today, and will be with us tomorrow.
C Amen.

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

257, Vs. 1

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Verse 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

*Confession and Forgiveness

P In God's house, everyone is welcome—
those who seem like they have it all together,
and those who feel like their world is falling apart.
No matter who we are, there's room for us here.
With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer,
speaking the truth of our lives.

Let us pray:

P God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

C But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

P You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

C But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

P You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

C But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

P God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**C Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.
Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

P Help us remember, today and tomorrow, there's room for everyone.

C Amen.

P Family of faith,

We who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, "There's room for you here." From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. Thanks be to God!

C Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Let It Rise”

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Verse 1 Let the glory of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the glory of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the praises of the King
 Rise among us
 Let it rise

Verse 2 Let the songs of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the songs of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the joy of the King
 Rise among us let it rise

Chorus O let it rise, O let it rise **Repeat All**

*Prayer of the Day

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

C **And also with you.**

P Faithful God, you proved your faithfulness to your people when they cried
 out to you in distress. Be present in our distress and show us how to be
 faithful to you in the midst of suffering. We pray these things in the name
 of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Anthem

“People, Get Ready”
St. John Praise Team

Mayfield, arr. Shaw

Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4, 3:3b-4, 5-6, 17-19

D A reading from the book of Habakkuk. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me look upon injustice
Why do you permit tyranny?

Destruction and violence are all around me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The corrupt triumph over the righteous;
And justice is perverted once again.

Look at the nations and see!
Be astonished! Be astounded!

For a work is being done in your days
that you would not believe if you were told.

For I am rousing the Chaldeans,
that fierce and impetuous nation,
who march through the breadth of the earth
to seize dwellings not their own.

Dread and fearsome are they;
they justify their actions with their might.

They make up their own rules.

I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what God will say to me,
what God will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it legible on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it is slow in coming, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not fail.

Look! Those whose hearts are corrupt,
they will faint with exhaustion,
but those who steadfastly uphold justice will live.

Divine glory covers the heavens,
and the earth is filled with God's praise.
A brilliant light with rays flashing forth;
concealing the very power of God.
When God stands, the earth quakes;
when God looks down, the nations panic.
The eternal mountains crumble,
and the ancient hills collapse
along God's age-old pathways.

Though the fig tree does not blossom
and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails
and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold
and there is no herd in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
My sovereign God is my strength;
who makes my feet as agile as a deer's,
and teaches me to walk on high places.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation

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"He Came Down"

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Verse 1 He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.

*Gospel

Matthew 26:36-39

P The gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

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

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

*Hymn of the Day

“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”

Chris Stevens, Matt Maher, Rachel Popadic; Meaux Mercy (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), Moody Producer Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing), Be Essential Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC), I Am A Pilgrim Songs (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC) CCLI License No. 2793209

Verse 1 One star burns in the darkness,
 Shines with the promise, Emmanuel.
 One child born in the stillness,
 Living within us, Emmanuel.

Chorus We're singing Glory, Glory!
 Let there be peace; let there be peace.
 Singing Glory, Glory!
 Let there be peace; let it start in me.

Verse 2 One voice speaks for the voiceless,
 Hope for the hopeless, Emmanuel.
 One love brings us together
 Now and forever, Emmanuel. **Repeat Chorus**

Bridge Do not be afraid!
 His love is strong enough to save us.
 Nothing stands in the way,
 His love is strong enough to lead us.

Repeat Bridge
Repeat Chorus

Let there be peace; let it start with me.

***Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

P Holy God, we know that you are here, for where two or more are gathered,
you are there. We bow our heads with tender spirits and ask that once
more you would lean in close to hear our prayers.

Congregation sings this response:

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!

The prayers conclude:

P God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather
our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus'
name we pray.

C Amen.

***Sharing the Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You may share the peace of Christ with others.

Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.

Offertory

All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. In response to God's generosity, we offer these gifts to our neighbors and the world through our time, possessions, and money.

The Offertory is an invitation to be a part of the mission, ministry, and outreach of Christ through St. John Lutheran Church. Together, there is enough for everyone.

Please place any financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer concerns in the offering plate when it comes to you and pass it on to the person next to you or behind you. Thank you for your generosity!

***Offertory Response**

"Seek Ye First"

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Verse 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 And its righteousness,
 And all these things
 Shall be added unto you.
 Allelu, Alleluia.

***Offertory Prayer**

D Let us pray. **God who keeps calling, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving** (*spoken*)

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy**

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Pow - er and
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

might. Heav - en and earth are full
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes

of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry and
 in the name, who comes in the name of the

1. light. Ho - Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
 2. high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na in the high - - - est.

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*Words of Institution

*The 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.

*Invitation to Communion

P Christ is near. Christ is here!
C Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world.

5



Lamb of God, have mer - cy, mer - cy.

9



Lamb of God, you take a-way our sins. Grant us peace,

13



grant us peace. Grant _____ us peace.

Distribution

We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

There are two ways to receive communion today:

Receiving Communion in your pew

You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Receiving Communion at the altar

- *You will be invited forward by the usher.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Red wine is on the outer rings of the tray; white grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket that the acolyte brings to you and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

Communion Music

“Prepare the Way”

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Verse

Prepare the way;
Make straight the path for Him;
Let the King of Glory enter in;
Let the King of Glory enter in;
Who is this King of Glory?

Chorus

The Lord, strong and mighty,
The Lord, mighty to save;
The earth is full of His glory;
Creation calls prepare the way;
His love endures forever;
His power is without an end;
His strength is victory's treasure;
Let all who call His name prepare the way. **Repeat All**

Bridge

Let the King of Glory enter in;
Let the King of Glory enter in;
Let the King of Glory enter in;
Let the King of Glory enter in;
Who is this King of Glory?

Repeat Chorus

*Blessing

C Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

D Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Benediction

C Amen. (*spoken*)

*Sending Song

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“Listen, God is Calling”

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Refrain

Listen! Listen, God is faithful,
To the world inviting,
Offering forgiveness,
Comfort and joy **Repeat**

*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Thursdays **Advent Evening Prayer, 7pm***
Now - 12/15 Spend some time in our Sanctuary space as pastors lead prayer time designed to help you recenter, refocus, and relax. December 1st, 8th, 15th.

Next **Advent II: Listen, God is Calling**
Weekend Hark! Listen, God is Calling.
Dec. 3 & 4

DEC **18**
Sun **Christmas Cantata, 8:30am* & 11am**
Enjoy *Little Lamb, Little Lion*, a cantata directed by Tori Hicks. Features St. John Chorale, Praise Team, and Youth Choir.
Longest Night, 7pm*

Pastors offer you healing words of comfort when "the most wonderful time of the year" isn't quite so wonderful.

DEC **24**
Sat **Christmas Eve Worship, 3pm*, 5pm* 11pm***
Celebrate the birth of the Christ child with St. John. Invite your family and friends for this special service. We will have candle lighting to *Silent Night* at all services.

DEC **25**
Sun **Christmas Day Worship, 10am***
One service on Christmas Day. Note that our livestream will not offer real time words or multiple camera angles. It will be one camera focused on the middle of the Sanctuary.

JAN **01**
Sun **New Year's Day Worship, 10am***
One service on New Year's Day. Note that our livestream will not offer real time words or multiple camera angles. It will be one camera focused on the middle of the Sanctuary.

* Livestream on YouTube & Facebook