

St. John
Lutheran Church



HARK!

Listen, God is Faithful •

Advent 1
Saturday, November 26, 2022

5:30pm

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.

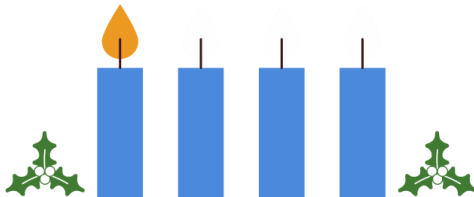
Next
Sunday
12/4

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 – Saturday, November 26, 2022 (5:30 pm)

Deacon	Steve Volkening
Ushers	John Fleming, Jim Yokubonis
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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.

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

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Verse 1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
For angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
Behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
To bring all hearts together,
He opens wide the heav'nly door
And lives now inside us forever

Verse 2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a singing,
His humble song is quiet and near,
Yet fills the earth with its ringing;
Music to heal the broken soul
And hymns of loving kindness,
The thunder of his anthems roll
To shatter all hatred and blindness.

Verse 4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
Though dark the winter and cheerless,
The rising sun shall crown you with light,
Be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
And Love our endless story:
May God fill ev'ry day we share
And bring us at last into glory.

***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.**

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**

Congregation:

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

*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

723, Vs. 1-3

"Canticle of the Turning"

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Verse 1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Verse 2

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

Verse 3

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
Not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
For the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

***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

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“As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

Verse As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst
May we share the presence of your love. **Refrain**

*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

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The parts are labeled as "Presider" and "Congregation".

Presider *Congregation*
The Lord be with you. And also with
Presider *Congregation*
you. Lift up your hearts. We
Presider
lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation
thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you are the way of mer-cy and love:
you break the chains of hat-red and fear:



mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



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



grant us peace, 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

#247, Vs. 1-4

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

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- Verse 1** Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- Verse 2** Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- Verse 3** Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
- Verse 4** Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

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“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

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- Verse 1** We come to the hungry feast
Hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
The love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- Verse 2** We come to the hungry feast
Hungry for a world released
From hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
The poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

Verse 3 We come to the hungry feast
Hungry that the hunger cease,
And knowing, though we eat our fill,
The hunger will stay with us; still
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

***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**



***Sending Song**

513, Vs. 1

“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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The Sanctified Art From Generation to Generation... devotional

This Advent devotional is unique because it offers readers many ways to connect with their faith during the Advent season. In addition to Bible verses and reflections, there is beautiful art, recipes, poetry, and music verses. Get a hard copy in the Narthex, or click the link in your weekly email for a digital version.

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
Dec. 3 & 4 Hark! Listen, God is Calling.

DEC
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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



Next Week:
November 28 - December 4

Monday 11/28

9:30 – 11:30am PDO
6:15 - 7pm Ensemble: SA
6:30 - 8pm Small Group: TR
7 - 8pm Handbells: SA
7 - 8pm A.A. Women: KJ Hall
7 - 8pm Al-Anon: WW 3&4

Tuesday 11/29

Giving Tuesday

9:30 - 11:30am PDO
9:30 - Noon Staff Meeting: TR
7 - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: KJH

Wednesday 11/30

8am - 2pm Food Bank Delivery: KJH
9:30 - 11:30am PDO
6 - 7pm Youth Choir: SA
7 - 8:15pm Confirmation: Building
7 - 9pm Senior Choir: CR/SA
8:15 - 9:15PM HS FIRE: YR

Thursday 12/1

9 - 11:30am Coffee with Friends: TR
9:30 - 11:30am PDO
10am - Noon Altar Guild: Pack Up Harvest
11am - 3pm FP Delivery: KJH
3 - 5pm Daybreak Cooking: KJH
5 - 6pm Daybreak Transport Food
5 - 7pm FP Packing: KJH
6 - 7:30pm Daybreak Serving: at Shelter
7 - 8pm Advent Evening Prayer
7 - 8pm AA Men: Zoom
8 - 9pm Praise Team: SA

Friday 12/2

9 - 11am Quilters: WW5
9 - 10:30am Meals on Wheels
9:30 - 11:30am MOPS Steering: NX

Saturday 12/3

8 – 10am FP Distribution Drive
Thru: NX & KJH
1 - 3pm Christmas Program
Rehearsal: SA
3 - 4:30pm Altar Guild: Setup
5 - 7pm Angel Tree Drop Off: Office
5:30 – 6:30pm Worship: SA

Sunday 12/4

8am - Noon Angel Tree Drop Off: Office
8:30 – 9:30am Worship: SA
9:45 – 10:45am Sunday School
11am – Noon Worship
Noon - 1:30pm Altar Guild: De-Decorate
4 - 4:30pm Christmas Program: SA
4:30 - 5pm Light Up the Night: Cocoa & Carols, Parking Lot
5 - 5:30pm Light Up the Night: Tree Lighting, Parking Lot

CR - Choir Room
KJH - Karin Johnson Hall
NX - Narthex
SA - Sanctuary
TR - Trinity Room
WW - West Wing
YR - Youth Room

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DECEMBER 4TH

NEXT SUNDAY

4PM



Sunday School Christmas Program, Sanctuary

Light
4:30PM *Cocoa & Carols*
up the
Night **5PM** *Tree Lighting*