



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
Saturday, November 26, 2022 5:00 pm



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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Rise and Sing

Rise and sing praises to the Father.
Rise and sing praises to the Son.
Rise and sing praises to the Spirit,
Give thanks in all you do
For what God's done for you.

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ADVENT CONFESSION

C: God of history, we confess we are not ready. We have heard the call to prepare for your coming, but we are not ready. God of today, let this day be our day of preparation. May you see our need for you in our sin and separation. May we truly desire a new course for our life. God of tomorrow, may we see in you the hope for our eternity. Let this Christmas be the new beginning that shapes us for all time.

THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS

P: Jesus is the good news for all people everywhere. Our God loves us and chose to enter our world in the person of Jesus. Because of his words of love, his times of suffering, and his death on the cross, our sin is forgiven. Our baby Jesus of Christmas is also our conquering Savior of Easter. Praise God for the good news of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this Advent wreath.

C: Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**All: I believe God is real
and the world was created with me in mind.
I believe I am loved by a loving God
who knows all about me and is prepared to meet my every need.
I believe in Jesus of Nazareth, the son of a carpenter,
who was born to Mary through a miracle of God.
I believe Jesus is true God and true man at the same time.
I believe Jesus is God's method for saving a lost world.
I believe Jesus lived, died, and was resurrected to show God's
love for the world. I will live together with him for all eternity.
I believe God lives with me through the Holy Spirit.
I believe the Holy Spirit calls me to the true faith,
sustains me in times of great despair
and leads me to the true knowledge of Jesus as the Way,
the Truth, and Life.
I believe the Holy Spirit has given me gifts
to use within the body of Christ,
and these gifts bring completeness as I worship
and serve in Jesus' name. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen

OFFERING MUSIC

Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path

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When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear,
As long as You are near,
Please be near me to the end.

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COMMUNION LITANY

P: We have confessed our sin and God has forgiven our sin.

C: We come to the table as joint heirs to the community of God.

P: We share a common faith and a common desire.

C: We need to be refreshed by the forgiveness of sin, be made new again for today, and receive hope for tomorrow.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord, on the night when he was betrayed took bread, broke it and said: "Take this bread and eat it, do this to remember me." And in a similar manner he took a cup filled with fruit of the vine and after giving thanks he shared it with his disciples saying: "Drink of it, all of you, for this cup is the new covenant of life between us. Do this to remember me!"

Following our Lord's command and responding to our need for forgiveness, we come!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION

Welcome!

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, you may come forward and pick up a cup from the tray located on the front pew. The pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will pour the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or for those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine station. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.

BLESSING

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

SONG

Go In Peace and Serve The Lord

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
God is calling you today.
Go and tell Gospel news everywhere.
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Please stay after worship **next week,**
December 3rd, for our
Fifth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.
We will gather for food, music and fellowship
and then proceed to the
Christmas Tree located to the east of the parsonage.
All are welcome!

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***We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church.
We are... "creating and nurturing life changing relationships
based on the love of God in Jesus Christ,
so that we may grow in faith, serve God,
and serve our neighbor."***

Worship Hours

Worship: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday School: 8:30 AM
Sunday Worship 9:45 AM
Monday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM

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