

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Red Bud, Illinois

Second Sunday in Advent
December 5-6, 2020

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The Prelude: *(Sat.) "The Advent of Our King" Bell Choir*
(Sun.) "Prelude in G Minor" by J.S. Bach

The Ringing Of The Bell calls us to holy worship.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you are not Lutheran, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. If you or your small child needs a space for privacy during the service, Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall has a TV with a video feed of our worship service. We ask everyone to sign our Friendship Register that is at the end of the pew. To help with the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

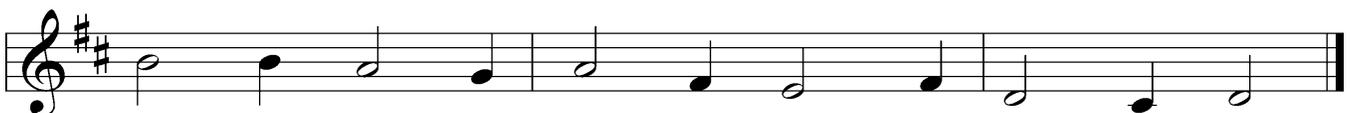
The Opening Hymn: 344 "On Jordan's Bank" (we stand for last stanza, sing "A-men.")



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

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. Amen. (please be seated)

(8 a.m.) **Anthem:** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (arr. by Kile Smith) *Choir*

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1–11

Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Behold, your king is coming to you; **righteous and having salvation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

The Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 3:8–14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Common Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send My messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight,'"

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed**

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 of the world to come. Amen. *(please be seated)*

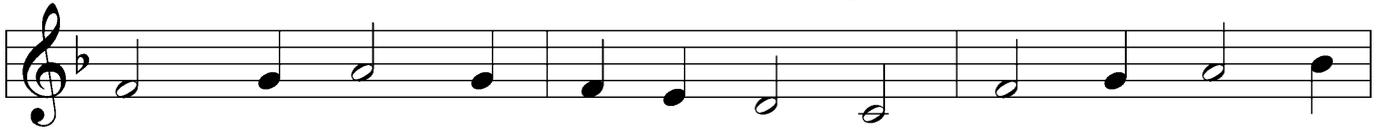
(10:30 a.m.) **Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.**

(10:30 a.m.) **Children's Message Song: "Light One Candle" (AGPS 163)**

**Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!
Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!
Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy,
Ev'ry nation will find salvation in Beth-l'em's baby boy.
Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love,
He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!
He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

Hymn of The Day: 347 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"



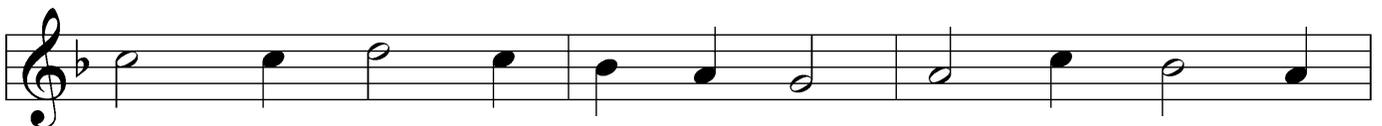
1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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Sermon: "Cry Out the Comfort of God's Good News Word" Isaiah 40:1-11

(Please stand if able) **Prayer of the Church**

HEALING AND COMFORT: Kenneth Koester, Kenny Althoff, Ed Luttmann, Barb Ladwig, Joan Prigge, Ron Seymour, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Dennis Zanders, Ken Williams, Lori Rees, David Burgdorf, Kim Mehring; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Roger Drinnon, Sr., Elda Guebert, Pat Smith, Barb Niermann, Boniface Becker, Merlin Liefer, Velma Koenig, Denise Ebers, Doug Whelan, Brenda Manning, Peggy Koen. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss, Joshua Cox; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Kenny Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser; Police- Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Jason Palm *(Please call our office with names)*

+the birth of a son to Mark and Melissa (Seymour) Gramenz on Monday, November 30

+the wedding of Jacob Moll and Nicole Schleyhahn here on Saturday, December 12

+all those affected by Covid-19 including Red Bud Care Center and Garden Place

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *Brief silence*

Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! As You led Joseph like a flock, so now by Your Son lead us into straight paths. Bring us out of the bondage of our sins and plant us securely in Your eternal promises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, in Your blessed patience, You send Your prophets and apostles, pastors and teachers in all times, that sinners would not perish but rather reach repentance and find comfort in Your Word, which alone will stand forever. Preserve the servants of Your Church. Give to our congregation and all congregations an increase of hope, that we may await the revealing of the new heavens and new earth in lives of holiness and godliness, diligent to be found without spot or blemish and at peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, preserve Your gift of marriage against the ravages of sin, the schemes of the devil and the raging of the world. Bless the couples and families of our congregation *especially* Jacob and Nicole as You soon will join them as two who are one in Your sight through Christ our Lord. Bless their life together with peace and prosperity, health and happiness and a shared faith and forgiveness in Your name. Strengthen them in love and care for one another and establish them on the foundation of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all comfort, Your Word alone endures forever. The nations of the world come and go before You. Preserve us from placing our trust in princes and mortal men. Give us leaders who will rule according to Your good pleasure, keeping order and protecting life, that we may live in godly quietness and honesty. Bless all who serve us for our liberty, safety, health and security, remembering our military, law enforcement, emergency responders and healthcare personnel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, graciously regard all for whom we pray asking for recovering and protection from the Covid pandemic, remembering the staff and residents of Red Bud Care Center and Garden Place, and also praying for the healing and comfort of Kenneth, Kenny, Ed, Barb, Joan, Ron, Paul, Dennis, Ken, Lori, David, Kim, Lori, Roger, Elda, Pat, Barb, Boniface, Merlin, Velma, Denise, Doug, Brenda, Peggy and those we now name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all life, we give You thanks as we join with Mark and Melissa and their families in praising You for the birth of their son, Logan Ronald. We are grateful that You have brought both mother and child safely through this delivery. We pray that You will grant these new parents the gift of Your Holy Spirit as they raise their son to know Your Son, Jesus, as the Lord of his life and his Savior from sin. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Heavenly Father, You once prepared the way of Your only begotten Son through the preaching and baptism of John. Prepare now Your baptized Christians with a true repentance and faith that seeks the forgiveness of sins, that they would worthily eat and drink Christ's true body and blood in the blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The 10:30 a.m. service concludes here:

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

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

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”



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 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Service of the Sacrament

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord’s Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. Place a finger to your lips if you prefer an individual cup. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*sung*)

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth a-dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near. With thankful hearts we pray, "Come Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord and The Pax Domini

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

**1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world a-way;
Have mer-cy on us, Je- sus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution:*(please be seated)*

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace;
so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith,
a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness,
the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

(Sat.) “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

Bell Choir

(8 a.m.) Anthem: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (by Kenneth Kosche)

Choir

Hymn: 711 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
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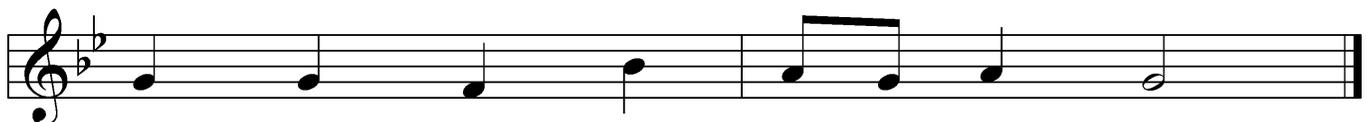
Hymn: 332 “Savior of the Nations, Come” (*please stand for last stanza, sing “A-men.”*)



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

Please stand if you are able

8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity. A-men.

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(Please Stand) **Nunc Dimittis:** page 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 and Benediction

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in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
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 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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This Week With Our Lord, December 6-13, 2020

SUNDAY, December 6-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:25 a.m. Sunday School and Faith/Pandemic Class in the new gym wing
 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible classes in the Fellowship Hall
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
 Noon Senior Youth gathering in their church basement hangout

Monday, December 7-

8:20 a.m. Preschool Early Childhood Online Christmas Service
 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, December 8-

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

Wednesday, December 9-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Advent Service at church
 9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
 2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service at church Acolyte: Sage Pensoneau

Thursday, December 10-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)
 6:00 p.m. Men's Club Gathering and Meal in the Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, December 11- *Remote Learning School Day*

11:00 a.m. Senior Meal service in the Fellowship Hall
 5:30 p.m. Moll-Schleyhahn wedding rehearsal

Saturday, December 12-

1:30 p.m. Jacob Moll and Nicole Schleyhahn wedding
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Shamus Korves

SUNDAY, December 13-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Emily Bowles
 9:25 a.m. Sunday School and Faith/Pandemic class in the new gym wing
 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Milla Neff

CHALICE/Common Cup Returns:

The chalice/common cup is available for receiving the Lord's Supper should you desire it. While the risk of transmitting a disease in this way is very slight normally, we take the extra precaution of soaking the cloth purificators in high percentage alcohol, which kills the virus.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word. Listen to "Seek My Face" (Daniel 9) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFUD AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next edition of our quarterly devotion, *Portals of Prayer*, for January-March of 2021 is available in the racks by the front and back doors of church.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Thanksgiving Worship: 154 Communion: 127 Midweek Advent I- AM- 19; PM- 29
Worship: 212; Holy Communion: 123; Adults & Youth: 39; Sunday School students: 42

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 11/29-General Fund: NR; Automatic Giving: \$2840. "*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.*" (Malachi 3:10)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

2 Peter 3:11 – "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness ..." All the things of earth have an expiration date: "Good Until the Last Day." On that Day all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge. Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?

ADDITION TO WORSHIP PRAYERS:

If you are or have in your family an emergency responder or healthcare worker whose position has become especially difficult during this time of pandemic, please call or email our office so that we can list the name of that person in our group prayers much like we remember our nation's military personnel.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES: (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.)

Sunday Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall continues the topic of "The Separation of Church and State" this Sunday. DCE Bill Becker continues his class called "Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic." This is in the Junior High wing of the new part of the school.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS:

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet and our high school students have begun a study on “The Gospel of Matthew.” This is in Room Two of the Fellowship Hall on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Brenlee Susanne Stenzel into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 a.m. service. She is the daughter of Christopher and Jessica Stenzel. Her baptismal sponsors are Cole Stenzel and Amber Stenzel. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Mark and Melissa (Seymour) Gramenz with the birth of a son, Logan Ronald Gramenz on Monday, November 30 at Missouri Baptist Hospital. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICE:

Students in Sunday School Nursery through Grade One will practice at church on Dec. 6, and Dec. 13 during the Sunday morning Christian Education hour for their Christmas Service at church on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

FOOD DRIVE FOR COMWELL:

Our Evening Guild is sponsoring a food drive for ComWell (Human Service Center) Food Pantry! We have a box in the church entryway for your donations.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES:

Since there are no day school Christmas services in public this year we will hold Midweek Advent Services in church this Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The theme is “The Three-fold Coming of Christ.” This week we will focus on “Christ Comes.”

CHRISTMAS DECORATING ASSISTANCE:

Thank you to all those who assisted in decorating the church building for the Christmas season last Sunday afternoon! It looks great!

“AT-RISK/VULNERABLE” HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:

Our monthly “at-risk” or “vulnerable” Holy Communion Service is Thursday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. in the church. Please wear your mask throughout the service and sit with plenty of distance between you and others. Holy Communion will be distributed to you in the pews.

MEN’S CLUB GATHERING:

Our Men’s Club will gather this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for its Christmas meal of pork sausage and sauerkraut, etc.

SENIOR MEAL OPPORTUNITY:

A drive-by/thru luncheon for retired members of the congregation or anyone who needs a good meal will be held on Friday, December 11 at the Fellowship Hall starting at 11 a.m. Soup, salad, and dessert will be served for a meal to go. Please *call or text DCE Bill Becker at 618-282-2958* by December 9 to order. The menu will include chicken noodle soup or beef vegetable soup, Caesar salad, and a variety of desserts (made by the faculty/staff). An accurate number is needed so we have enough supplies.

CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:

In order to enable your attendance at Christmas worship services in a socially-distant and comfortable way, we are asking for you to make a reservation as we want to limit each service to around 120 people (33% capacity of the sanctuary). Please call our church office at 282-2394. We have added two Christmas Eve Holy Communion services, so the times will be 3 p.m. (full), 5 p.m. (full), 7 p.m. (2/3rd full) and 9 p.m. (3/4th full) to go along with the Christmas Day 9 a.m. Holy Communion service (half-full). That will be five opportunities for worship here at St. John's at Christmas. On Christmas Eve please do not arrive more than ½ hour before the 5 p.m., 7 p.m. or 9 p.m. services begin in order to provide the worshippers from the previous service time to depart and for the sanitizing of the sanctuary to take place.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+St. John's member Joan Voges offers music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. You can pick up copies from the table in the entryway.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue has a new CD of music available called, "Freely Given Freely Received." This, plus a few of his earlier CDs also are available on the table in the entryway for a \$10 donation to our congregation's debt reduction.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you would like to serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at 618/521-7417 or dvheller@htc.net. Call our office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Wilma Wagner, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Waterloo- Cecelia Lautenschlaeger

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Doris Mueller, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Elda Seders, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin and Helen Winkelman

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don and Betty Fausz, Lou Gerlach, Willie Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth and Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Omer and Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

12/6- Todd Wagner, Scot Heller, Riley Candler, Jack Valentine; 12/7- Brandy Crafton, Andrea Voss, Kayla Kelley, Elizabeth Unnerstall, Erica Unnerstall, Sage Pensoneau, Claire Doeding; 12/8- Jennifer Moeller, Trevor Stellhorn, Joshua Voss; 12/9- Kenneth Koester, Larry Ehlers, Christian Stechmesser, Emma Kiefer, Evan Kiefer, Whitley Henry; 12/10- Ron Liefer, Delonda Kelley, Leo DuFrenne; 12/11- Michael Moll, Aubrey Kiefer, Connor Rainey, Kolton Florreich;

12/12- Allen Stoll, Sutton Jones, Elaina Uffelmann; Jettson Grohmann. *Please call the office for corrections!*

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS *Better Health*

Boost Your Immune System: Broccoli is one of the healthiest vegetables you can put on your plate as it contains vitamins A, C, and E, as well as fiber and other antioxidants. Steaming is the best way to keep more nutrients in the broccoli. (*Pastor's comment:* And it is so good with melted cheese covering it, but there goes the healthy part!)

ISSUES, ETC.:

TALK RADIO & PODCASTS FOR THE ADVENT SEASON: Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Hymn "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," John the Baptist, 4th Century Christian Martyr Lucia, The Book of 1 John and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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LIFE THOUGHTS: (*from Lutherans for Life*) www.lutheransforlife.org

No greater comfort speaks to hearts broken by abortion than the Gospel of God's forgiveness (Isaiah 40:1-2). He holds the lives of those who permit, promote, or participate in abortion just as precious as the little lives lost to it (1 Peter 3:9). And whatever relief abortion proposes for surprise pregnancy cannot compare with the Savior who will "gently lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40:11).

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Thank you to everyone who has supported the work and ministry of *Christ Our Savior*. It is not too late to make a donation for the 2020 tax year. You can make a donation by mailing or dropping off a check or by visiting our website: www.coslhs.org.

Thrivent Action Grants: Members of Thrivent can request two \$250 action grants each year. If you or a family member has a Thrivent Action team they have not used yet, please consider using it for a project for COS. We would like to update landscaping, do some deep cleaning, painting, and maintenance work. Please contact Lisa via email at enroll@coslhs.org or call the school if you would like to use an Action Team Grant toward one or more of these projects.

School Hours: The school office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.



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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Cindy Steele

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First Grade – Rachel Miller

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – Justin Palm

Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

Custodians – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Ashley Brittingham,
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Church Council

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller

Lectors: (8 a.m.) Seminarian Wade Waterstreet; (10:30 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Colby Voss; (8 a.m.) Amelia Guebert; (10:30 a.m.) Olivia Valleroy

Video: Eric Fritsche Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Diane Kunkelmann Paraments: Virginia Moeller

VIRTUAL “BREW IN THE LOU”:

The Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA, we are a member), is selling “Brew in the Lou” passports. They are in our office or you can go to www.LESAstl.org. The cost is \$30 for a 12-month ticket with more than \$300 worth of beverages, distilleries, wineries, restaurants and retailers in the St. Louis area. Money raised supports students in area Lutheran schools.

BOOK NOOK CHURCH LIBRARY FEATURED BOOK:

The latest addition to our church library in the Fellowship Hall is “Hearts of Fire: Eight Women in the Underground Church and Their Stories of Costly Faith.” This is published by Voice of the Martyrs. “These role models of faith and passion will inspire you to pursue Christ with heart aflame, no matter what the cost.”