

The Third Sunday in Advent
December 11-12, 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

PRELUDE: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.) *arr. by R. Moser;* (8 a.m.) *Bell Choir*

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 honor the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

Opening Hymn: 345 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice" (*stand for the last stanza, sing "A-men"*)



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
 4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
 par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
 world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
 with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord, C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Introit: Philippians 4:4; Psalm 146



Rejoice in the Lord | al-ways;

again I will say, | Re-joice.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Ja-cob, whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that | is in them, who keeps faith | for-ev-er;
who executes justice for | the op-pressed, who gives food to | the hun-gry.

The LORD sets the pris- / on-ers free;

the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who / are bowed down; the LORD loves | the righ-teous.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spir-it;

as it was in the be- | gin-ning,

is now, and will be forever. | A-men.

Rejoice in the Lord | always;

again I will say, | Rejoice.

Kyrie (sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el.
That mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here Un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C (sung) And with thy spirit.** P Let us pray.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

ANTHEM: (8 a.m.) “Arise, Your Light Has Come” *Bell Choir*
 (10:30 a.m.) “Emmanuel” *School Students of Grades 3-8*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a Mighty One who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD. P: 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: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if able)

ALLELUIA and VERSE: page 190 (*sung*) **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 7:18-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter.

C: (*sung*) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are You the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And when the men had come to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, ‘Are You the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” In that hour He healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind He bestowed sight. And He answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the

dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by Me.”

When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send My messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (*sung*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed:

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **The Apostles’ Creed, page 192**

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. (*please be seated*)

(10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed, page 191**

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*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: (5 p.m. & 8 a.m.)

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!

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HYMN OF THE DAY: 346 "When All the World Was Cursed"

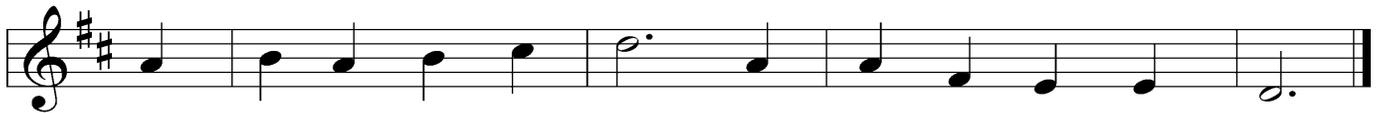
1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,
 2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
 Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
 Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
 By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
 That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
 He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
 Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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SERMON: "Everything That You Came to See Here" Luke 7:18-28

(Please stand if you are able) Offertory (sung) page 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

(Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Orville Liefer, Elroy Stellhorn, Ruth Hecht, Larry Ebers, Kathy Grohmann, Ken Williams, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Joy Prigge; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Nelda Eggemeyer, Betty Deterding, Barb Niermann, Ruby Muench, Stephanie Reinhardt, Clarence Guebert, Rev. Mark Willig. *Please help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; 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, Taylor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Kenny Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Jason Palm, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow *(Please call our office with names)*

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

Heavenly Father, You rescue the daughter of Zion from her enemies and take away the judgments against her. Look with compassion upon Your people wherever they suffer for the name of Jesus. Give them wisdom when they are pressured to compromise, provide when they suffer loss, give courage when they are afraid, and strengthen them in the midst of persecution until You deliver them. Preserve them always in the joyful hope that You will restore all that is lost with what cannot be taken away. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, as You once sent messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, so strengthen and encourage all pastors and church workers as they make known His saving name. Open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent and firmly believe. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Giver of all good gifts, look upon the households of Your people. Provide companionship for those who are alone, strengthen the bonds of marriage and equip parents to raise their children in

love and faith. Grant that our homes may be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, You set the prisoners free. Remember those who are incarcerated justly, and grant that they might repent, be freed from the clutches of sin, accept the consequences of their wrongdoing, and learn to live honestly and peacefully. Remember all those who are imprisoned unjustly. Restore their freedom according to Your will and preserve them in Your grace and the confidence that You know what is true and just. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son became flesh and healed the sick of all kinds of diseases and afflictions, demonstrating His power and giving us a foretaste of the resurrection on the Last Day. Have mercy upon all those in need of deliverance *especially* Orville, Elroy, Ruth, Larry, Kathy, Ken, Marcy, JoAnna, Joy, Nelda, Betty, Barb, Ruby, Stephanie, Clarence, Rev. Mark and those we name in our own hearts. Heal them in Your time and according to Your will and preserve them in the confidence that You will deliver Your people from all afflictions at the resurrection of all flesh. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord God, giver and protector of all life, we ask that You would remember those who serve us in the armed forces of our nation, as law enforcement officers and firefighters, as emergency responders and healthcare professionals, praying *especially for our own St. John's members*. Protect them from harm, give them wisdom and courage, and grant that they fulfill their duties honorably. We ask that You would deliver us all from the threats, afflictions and effects of this Covid pandemic and bring it to a quick end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(10:30 a.m.) Lord God, the Son of Man came eating and drinking with sinners, that He might proclaim the kingdom and welcome them in by the forgiveness of sins. As He hosts His Supper this day for His repentant people, grant those who partake of His body and blood to be worthy and well-prepared, firmly believing the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) Non-Communion Service Continues Here:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all to pray:

**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.**

CLOSING COLLECT:

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C: (sung) A-men, a-men, a-men.

CLOSING HYMN: 348 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

THE POSTLUDE: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” arr. by John Hebden Schaffner

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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*.

(10:30 a.m.) Service of the Sacrament, page 194

Preface (*we sing the responses*)

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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*)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

P 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.

(*sung*) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. A-men.**

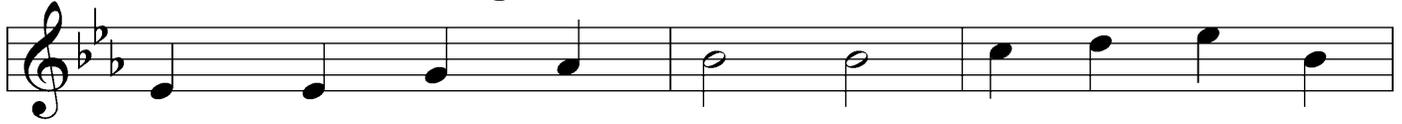
The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini

P ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. C (*sung*) **A-men.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men.** (*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.)

Distribution Hymns**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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637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

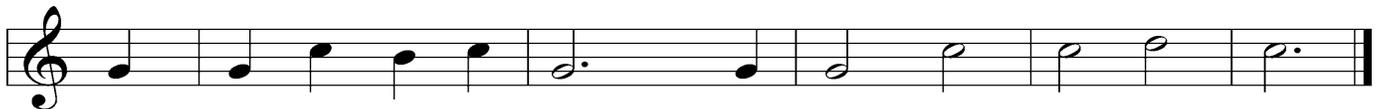
807 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer
 Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 "May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round
 Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur - few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Hath none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

(Please stand if you are able) Nunc Dimittis (sung) page 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C (sung) and His mercy endureth forever.**

A 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 (sung) Amen.

Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction

P The Lord be with you. **C (sung) And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord. **C (sung) Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C (sung) Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 348 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”



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- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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This Week With Our Lord, December 12-19, 2021

SUNDAY, December 12- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at the school

9:30 a.m. Adult (FH/SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, December 13-

3:15 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library
 6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball (AB) at Red Bud Elementary
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, December 14-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (AB) at St. John in Chester

Wednesday, December 15-

8:30 a.m. 5th Grade Christmas Service in the new gym
 9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
 3:30-4:30 p.m. 6-8th Public School Confirmation at school
 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service at church

Thursday, December 16-

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
 5:30 p.m. Girls' Basketball (AB) home vs TSJ/ILS in Nashville
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, December 17-

8:30 a.m. First Grade Christmas Service in the new gym

Saturday, December 18-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Ava Clifford

SUNDAY, December 19-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Mallory Arbeiter
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at school
 9:30 a.m. Adult (FH/SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Collin Korando

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

High School Bible Class in the basement with Mr. Becker: "Revelation"

Adult Bible Class in the school library with Mr. Palm: "Being Lutheran"

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel: "Psalms"

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 319; Communion: 161; Adult/Youth Bible Classes: 41; SS: 45

Midweek Advent II: 36 Afternoon Communion Service: 18 / 15

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

The season of Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come. Listen to "When You're Expecting" (Luke 1:26-80)

with Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio on Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM.

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 12/5- General: \$24,096.44; School: \$340; Elder Baskets: \$10; Thanksgiving Door Offering: \$576. *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

Philippians 4:5-6 – “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Wouldn’t you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn’t it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

ENVELOPES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2022 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up yours and those for your immediate family members. If you do not have a box but would like one, please call Leslie in our church office.

BIBLE CLASSES ON BREAK:

Our midweek Bible classes, Wednesday Morning Women, Wednesday evening (1st Kings) and Thursday morning (Ezekiel) are on a break until January.

PORTALS OF PRAYER DEVOTIONS:

The new issue of our quarterly devotional booklets, *Portals of Prayer*, for January through March is available in the racks by the front doors of church.

EPISTLES:

The December issue of our congregation’s newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy on the tables in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been sent by email to those for whom Pastor has an address.

COVID PRECAUTIONS IN WORSHIP:

We are sitting every other pew, using a continuous line to distribute Holy Communion with Pastor/Elders wearing masks for distribution. Please give thought for your health and that of your fellow believers as you consider whether or not to wear a mask into or during worship. We are responsible Christian citizens and caring neighbors to those around us. The Fellowship Hall is available for remote worship in a more socially distanced way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Through the Big City Mission project, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod can show the love of Christ to all different kinds of people living in the inner city. Gifts and offerings to the Big City Mission project help kids and adults learn about how much Jesus loves them. By

providing something simple like a lunch or backpack, those involved in urban ministry can build relationships that allow them to tell people about their Savior, Jesus!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER:

1st: Elsie Liefer, Maggie Kuehn, Liam Langrehr and Brewer Krick; 3rd: Maverick Cowell, Sydney Krick and Lucy Kuehn; 4th: Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer and Jozlynn Palm; 5th: Ella Cowell; 6th: Molly Kuehn. Thank you for your participation in and your faithfulness to our Sunday School ministry!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICE:

Nursery through 1st Grade Sunday School will meet in the church sanctuary from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. this Sunday, Dec. 12 in preparation for Wednesday's December 15th Sunday School Christmas Service at church (7 p.m.).

OTHER CHILDREN'S SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Fifth Grade will conclude our series, "Symbols of Salvation" this Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The First Grade will hold its Christmas service this Friday at 8:30 a.m. Both services are in the new gym. Close family members of students in those classes are invited to attend (please wear a mask). Both services will be recorded for later viewing on Facebook.

SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISER:

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. We are using an honor system for payment. A money box is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS:

Thank you to all who helped with decorating of the church inside and outside for Christmas. Mrs. Valleroy and members of our Junior Youth took part.

SCRIPT GIFT CARDS:

If you would like to order gift cards through our script program, we will be placing an order on 13th. Cards for local merchants are available!

POINSETTIA FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:

We thank the Altar Guild for taking on this project each year as it is such a beautiful addition to our chancel as well as a heartfelt way to remember our loved ones or just give thanks to the glory of God for His many blessings to us. You may find the Poinsettia Garden forms in the back of church in the Epistle basket. The cost is \$7 and you may return it to the office or by way of the offering basket by Monday, December 20. Thank you!

MUSKETEER MARKET COLLECTION:

Our Evening Guild is sponsoring a food and personal care drive for the Musketeer Market at Red Bud High School. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall. We will deliver the items to high school weekly.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER:

The latest edition of our school's Alumni Newsletter has been mailed. Copies of this excellent issue are on the tables in the entryway.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CDs AVAILABLE:

+Joan Voges offers us music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection for a donation to our school's ministry. Copies are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

+Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue also has CD music available on the table in the Fellowship Hall for a \$10 donation to St. John's debt reduction.

VISITORS AT SCHOOL:

Other than regular volunteers, we are limiting visitors into the school. Parents and guests are to stay in the entryway of the Main Entrance to drop off/pick up items or to meet their children to take them to appointments. Thank you!

A GERMAN CHRISTMAS VESPER:

Peace Lutheran Church in Lemay, MO will hold a German Christmas Vesper Service this Sunday December 12, at 2:15 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. For more information call 314-892-5610.

CHURCH WEEK AT RURAL KING IN WATERLOO:

Rural King in Waterloo is holding its Church Week from December 9-24. The receipts from what you purchase there during those days must be submitted online at www.ruralking.com/churchweek for St. John's by January 7, 2022. We then will receive 10% of what you spent.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:

Our church/school office will be closed on the Fridays of December 24 and 31. Office hours for Monday-Thursday, Dec. 27-30 will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP WARTBURG:

Brian and Jeff Becker (cousins to Jennifer Becker-Roscow) will lead a Tender Lions Men's Retreat at Camp Wartburg (south of Waterloo) this coming January 14-15. Come join us as we explore the vital relationship between fathers and sons. This link takes you to the camp's site... <https://campwartburg.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Mens-Retreat-2022.pdf>

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Alice Smith, Jody Winkelmann; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Cedarhurst in Waterloo- Elda Seders; Columbia Convalescent- David Burgdorf

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer/Neva Liefer, Orville Liefer, Vernon/Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin/Helen Winkelman

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Robert Burgdorf, Kathryn Chunn, Larry Ebers, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth/Geri Koester, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Harold Thies

LCMS FOUNDATION:

Who will be best blest by gifts from my estate someday? For most, attention turns first toward family. That can be a godly response, as God has given us great responsibility to teach and nurture and care within our families so that we know Jesus. Yet family inheritance is not an

obligation or entitlement; it is a gift of God's gifts to family. Spend time thinking about how those family gifts will bless family members. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

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

Our Savior embodies a God who does not just tolerate us in our physical weaknesses. He favors those who need Him the most (Luke 7:22), and that makes the Gospel the opposite of abortion and physician-assisted suicide. Is there any reality in which we may rejoice more than this (Philippians 4:4)? Why would we find this message offensive (Luke 7:23)? And why should we deny anyone else the delight by staying silent about it?

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM850 & kfu.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM850 & kfu.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfu.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**. This week on KFUO and kfu.org: hear "Advent with the Apostles" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear Advent midweek worship from Village Lutheran Ladue at 12:00 p.m. on 12/15, and continue studying the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Hear sacred music for Advent and Christmas through January 6 and find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or on the KFUO Radio app.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. 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 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).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

12/12- Allen Stoll, Sutton Jones, Elaina Uffelmann, Jettson Grohmann; 12/13- Jennifer Fritsche, Stephanie Valleroy, Kayce Schaefer, Grayson Herriman; David L. Stellhorn, Christy Palm, Kollin Liefer, Allister Gunter; 12/15- Mary Schultz, Valerie Crafton, Tessa Miller, MaKenzie Liefer; 12/16- Susie Harms, Stephen Stellhorn, Adam Mehring; 12/17- Vernon Muench, Lori Langrehr; 12/18- Joan Wiegand, Kyle Winkelman. *Please call the office with any corrections!*

ISSUES, ETC.:

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... "Savior of the Nations Come," "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." You can listen to your favorite Advent hymns 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: (from LCMS *Better Health*)

Food Facts vs. Myths: Researchers have found that cooking carrots actually increases the nutritional value. Boiling carrots improves antioxidants by 14%.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL- 618-853-7300

Holiday Office Hours: Office Hours will be 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. December 20-22, 26-30, and January 3. The office will be closed December 23, 24, and 31. Classes and regular hours will resume on Jan. 4.

Registration for 2022-2023 is now open! If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2022-2023 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org. Early registration ends March 31.

School Visitors: To comply with continuing ISBE and state COVID regulations, visitors are asked to contact the school to make an appointment for a visit or for deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school. We are asking for your patience, prayers and understanding as we strive to do our very best to protect our students, faculty, staff, and you. The office is open Monday – 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 Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz; Aide – Patty Schnepel

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade and Junior Youth – Stephanie Valleroy

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

Fifth Grade – Darlene Letcher Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

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

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

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

Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

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; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowald;

(10:30 a.m.) Jim and Judy Guebert (10:30 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Karleigh Liefer; (8 a.m.) Evan Kiefer; (10:30 a.m.) Lilly Meyer

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Lynn Langrehr Paraments: Irma Birkner