

PRELUDE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

arranged by Thomas Keesecker

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING SONG: "Savior of the Nations, Come" (LSB 332, please stand for the last stanza)



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.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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. 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.**

Silence to reflect on God's Word and self-examination.

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:

Psalm 130:5–8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,

that the mountains might quake at your presence.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, **and in his word I hope;**
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel **from all his iniquities.**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,

that the mountains might quake at your presence.

KYRIE:

(LSB 186)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SONG OF PRAISE:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB 357, vs 1)

I 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.

Refrain

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: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:*Isaiah 7:10–17*

P: Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds

and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: righteous and having salvation.

P: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

EPISTLE:

Romans 1:1–7

P: Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG:

“Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord”

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

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Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

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HOLY GOSPEL:

Matthew 1:18-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive

and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Apostles’ Creed (p 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:

“Light One Candle”

1. *Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!*
2. *Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!*
3. *Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy,
Ev'ry nation will find salvation in Bethlehem's baby boy.*
4. *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!*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY:

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (LSB 361)



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

SERMON

SONG OF RESPONSE:

“What Child Is This?” (LSB 370)



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

OFFERTORY:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357, vs 5)

5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (please stand if you are able)

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Margaret Hanebutt, Roger Hanebutt, Brendan Harms, Ruth Hecht, Beth Kilpatrick, Rev. Russell Koen, Vernon Koester, Mary Liefer, Paul Mollet, Norma Preston, Jay Prigge, Mary Schultz, David Snyder, Eugene Stamm; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Andy Amann, Doug Burford, Mary Gibson, Shirley Hartmann, Tina Heinemann, Gerald Hitzemann, Andrea Kuehner, Izzy McDermott, Tyson Moonier, Ron Pflueger, Oliver Scarbie, Sue Schreier, Lorraine Serio, Mary Jo Shelton, Ted Stellhorn, Milton Theobald III, Matthew Vallett, Amy Winkelman, Roger Womack.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER and CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION:

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: Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING SONG:

“The Names of Christ”

1. He is Jesus, born the Prince of Peace. Wise men and shepherds went to see the King.

The Holy Child of Bethlehem saved us from the fall.

God sent His only Son to earth, And now His children call Him.

Chorus: Master, Teacher, but a servant He can be. Mighty, Captain, He is the King of Kings. He's the Rock, He is Emmanuel, He's the Rock, The King of Israel, Blessed Savior, these are the names of Christ!

2. He is Jesus to ev'ry boy and girl, In a dark place He's the Light of the World.

Son of David, Son of Man, saved us from the fall. God sent His only Son to earth, And now His children call Him. (Chorus, Sung twice)

POSTLUDE: “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” *arranged by Rachel Chapin*

Instrumentalists: Lindsey and Jonathan Hudak, John Kellerhouse, Brandon Nehrt

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This Week with Our Lord, December 21-28, 2025

SUNDAY, December 21-

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Monday, December 22-

No School – Christmas Break

7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

Tuesday, December 23-

No School – Christmas Break

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

3:15 p.m. Office Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 24-

No School & Office Closed – Christmas Eve

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Brody Rahn

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Grayden Schloemann

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Jr. Youth

Thursday, December 25- ***Merry Christmas!***

No School & Office Closed – Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service; Acolyte – Bryce & Bill Becker

Friday, December 26-

No School & Office Closed – Christmas Break

Saturday, December 27-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Alexa Cheek

SUNDAY, December 28-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Aiden Kiefer

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class, *No Sunday School being held*

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Max Voss

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

December 14: Worship: 299; Communion: 60; Adult Bible Classes: 32; Sun. School: 49

Dec. 16-17: Women's Bible Study: 16. Advent Services on Dec. 17: *count not reported*

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

We join together in the grace of giving. 12/14- General: \$21,281.00; School: \$780.00; Debt Elimination: \$37,507.01.

SECOND THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:

We will be having a Holy Communion Service on the second Thursday of the Month. Our next Service will be held on **Jan. 8th** at 3:00 pm. Feel free to come and join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office or Pastor Mark Winkelman.

VOTERS' MEETING & NOMINATION OPENINGS FOR 2026:

St. John's Lutheran Church and School will elect officers and board members at the annual Voter's Meeting which will be held on **Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall**. If you are interested in serving your church and school in this manner, please contact Stuart J. Langrehr at 618-663-4890 for additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026:

Offering envelope boxes for 2026 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find one with your name(s) on it or have one that you do not intend to use, please call Cynthia in our office (282-2394) so she can adjust the list.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CHRISTMAS BREAK & LUNCHEON:

Women's Bible Study will be on break for the holidays from Dec 22 - Jan 5th. It will resume on Jan 6th. The Women's Bible Study Christmas Luncheon will be Dec 30th at 11:30 at 1860 Public House. All women are invited to attend.

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE:

Starting in 2026, St. John's will offer a mid-week worship service year-round. On Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm we will have a spoken word service. We know our lives have become busier, travel is easier, and the world increasingly does not care about Church as it schedules more and more activities even on Sunday mornings. However, it is our desire to help our members prioritize worship while also living in this world (though we are not of the world). When Lent and Advent seasons arrive, we will transition the worship service appropriately to mid-week services. We will also offer Bible studies and Gatherings throughout the year on Wednesdays (schedule to come). As your pastor, I hope to see more and more attend weekly worship, receiving our Lord's precious gifts and encouraging one another as we travel through this world together with our Lord.

Rev. Mark Winkelman

THE BIBLE RECAP CLASS:

The Bible Recap is about to begin! If you have signed up and have had contact with Lori, please meet with her this weekend. She will be available after each service this weekend for questions and to give out some additional information. She will also be available next Sunday, 12/28, after the 8 am and 10:30 am services. If you have not been in contact with Lori, please email her at lorikay61@gmail.com so she can get you ready to start!

NEW DEVOTIONAL FOR MEN:

Men, are you interested in pursuing a path of Christian masculinity and discipline? Check out Memento at www.memento70.com. Memento is a new men's devotional and discipline system backed by LCMS pastors and theologians. Its foundation is built on discipline, devotion, and brotherhood, drawing from the historic rhythm of the Church Year to provide a path that is both ancient and deeply relevant today. Please let us know if you are interested in joining a group of us on this journey by contacting Pastor Mark (mwinkelman@stjohnsredbud.org) or Mike DeRousse (derousse@gmail.com). The program officially begins on **January 1st** so don't wait!

MATCHING GIFTS OPPORTUNITIES:

As you have seen in our bulletin, in order to pay our staff and bills this year, our church has borrowed the maximum amount of money allowed from the Estate Funds (\$200,000). There is an opportunity for us to pay this back as we come to the end of the calendar year (and therefore afford us the opportunity to borrow more in the future should need arise). Every dollar you give towards this repayment will be matched, up to \$100,000. On top of that, another \$50,000 matching gift has been put forward to help pay down our expansion loan. Please mark on your envelope or check memo with which one (Estate Fund or Expansion Loan) you would like to give towards.

We have raised \$46,707.01 to repay Estate Fund & \$3,360.00 to repay Expansion Loan!!

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11. God abundantly blesses us so that we will bless others and thereby be enriched with God's rewards increasing our praise and thanksgiving to God.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHING POSITION:

St. John's Lutheran School in Red Bud is looking for a Kindergarten homeroom teacher. We invite interested applicants to use this link <https://forms.gle/a6nEts8pyapaiDcR7>, to learn more about the position and send in a resume for review. You may also email (office@stjohnsredbud.org) or call the office (618-282-3873) Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 for more information. We have competitive pay and a great benefits package which includes insurance for the employee and a pension. We look forward to the responses that come in and await the plans and people God has in store for St. John's Lutheran School in Red Bud. Deadline for submission of applications is **January 9, 2025**.

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

+ To have flowers in worship please call the office at 618-282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

12/21- Madison Falkenhain, Maggie Brown, Ava Clifford, Layla Kilpatrick, Langston Wiegard;
12/22- Addalyn Schloemann; 12/23- Nikolas Stechmesser, Olivia Schluter; 12/24- Camden Moll;
12/25- Wayne Mesnarich, Laura Dufrenne; 12/26- Michael VanDorn, Christina Gidley, Nikki Sicka;
12/27- Richard Liefer, Lynn Langrehr, Louis Stellhorn, Angela Cartee, Andrea Liefer, Kelly Horner, Bailey Montroy, Archer Mehring.

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:4

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 dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Addington Place-Sparta: Kathryn Chunn; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Mary Gross, Jean Menke, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence; Cedarhurst Memory Care-Waterloo: Martha Rohlfing; Cedarhurst of Tesson Heights: Ruth Hecht, Paul Schrieber; Freeburg Care Center: Dorothy Byers, Wil Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Geraldine Koester.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Columbia: Pat Byer; Red Bud: Elaine Guebert, Alice Hick, Mary Liefer, Omer & Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Esther Williams, Helen Winkelman.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Don & Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Vernon Koester, Barb Korves, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Trudy Woolbright.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2025-2026: (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Bruce Schneider (618/521-0028)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Louis Stellhorn (618/623-8495)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman-Elder Ron Liefer (618/282-3950)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 5: W/M Krick thru J. Maes- Elder Gary Buatte (618/719-5034)

Zone 6 : P. Malik thru L. Pensoneau- Elder Stuart Langrehr (618/304-5082)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru D. Schrader- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/282-8228)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Michael Schnepel (618/363-9575)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann – A. Zeller- Elder Joshua Voss (618/719-1840)

LCMS FOUNDATION:

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. As we wrap up this year long consideration, we must ponder whether we see our estate plan as an expression of our Christian faith or just giving up on life. To provide continuity in the estate planning process, it is essential to speak with family about your plans, so they can see the blessing prepared. It is equally essential to express to ministry leaders the desires you have for the gifts that will flow to ministry, as you express your faith purpose behind the gift. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in these conversations. Contact Scott Radden phone# 618-977-4049 or email scott.radden@lfnd.org.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCHEON:

Date: Friday, Feb. 13, 2026 **Registration:** 11:30 a.m. in Koburg Hall

Luncheon: Noon

Program: Serving Those Who Serve: LCMS Military Ministry Since the Civil War
Chaplain Craig G. Muehler, Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces, LCMS

Menu: Grilled chicken with artichoke cream sauce or lemon pepper cod fish, rosemary roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, triple layer chocolate cake

Cost: \$20 per person **RSVP Deadline: Jan. 30, 2026**

Mail reservation with your check(s) made payable to Concordia Seminary Guild to:
Ellyn Petrovic, 3375 Dana Dr, Arnold, MO 63010 **Questions?** 314-952-8202

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

The birth of the King of Glory (Psalm 24:7) is surrounded by the messiness of human sin and intrigue (Matthew 1:18-25). As we rejoice that our Lord has taken on our human likeness with all its sin and pain, being “descended from David according to the flesh” (Romans 1:3), we can also rejoice that Jesus has sanctified every human life, even those born in circumstances which are surrounded by sin and pain.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 1:21 – “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God’s Law could not do — truly motivate us to truly good works — Jesus’ love has done!

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Merry Christmas! On Thursday, December 25th at 10 a.m., Village Lutheran in Ladue, MO will broadcast their Christmas Day service live on KFUO. But the celebration doesn't stop there! Join us as we rejoice in the coming of our Savior during the 12 Days of Christmas! Tune in December 24th-January 6th for special programming and beautiful sacred music in honor of the season!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Everybody Is Somebody”

God sends His people—the Church—to be His letters to the world, delivering His Word of promise. (Romans 1:7). Listen on KFUO AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

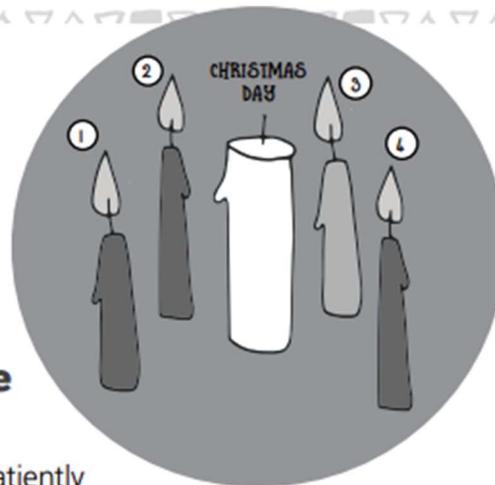
ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS:

We are in Community Coffee's program, "Cash for Schools." By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school!

CASEY'S REWARDS:

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to St. John's school through the Casey's app.

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What does it mean when four candles have been lit on the Advent wreath?

You've been preparing and patiently waiting for that wonderful day of celebration. When four of the candles on the Advent wreath have been lit, it means that Christmas is almost here! That's right! The day on which we remember the birth of our Savior is right around the corner!

What does this mean to me?

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Today is the last Sunday of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Next week the Church will celebrate Christmas Day, one of the most important days of the whole year. As you can see, Advent has prepared us for the coming of Jesus, our wonderful Savior from sin!



Parents:

Remind your children of the important part that Advent plays in the lives of all Christians. This is the time in the Church Year that prepares us for the coming of our Savior. Be sure to bring your children to both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.



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Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy Fourth Grade – Monica Snyder

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Lara Vause

Sixth Grade Homeroom – Doreen Schnepel Seventh Grade Homeroom – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Jr High Science – Sara Shepherd

Athletic Director – Scott Voss Cooks – Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle

Before/After School Care – Courtney Schoenbeck

School Custodians – Wil Krick, Bob Schramm, and Christian Stechmesser

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Melissa Schilling, Kaitlin Schmitz, Madison Falkenhain, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Trost, Madison Trask, Mycah Clements, Zandra Harless, Tori Muench, Molly Huether, Cailee Strong, Reagan Birkner, and Olivia Noethen.

Church Council

Chairman: Michael DeRousse Vice-Chairman: Kevin Guebert

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (8 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Grant Florreich; (8 a.m.) Aubrey Kiefer; (10:30 a.m.) Lucy Kuehn

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley & Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Clyde & Kathy Rowold

(10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Breanne Muench

Flower Servers: Pam Miller & Diane Kunkelmann Paraments: Irma Birkner