

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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To God Be the Glory!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022

HOLY COMMUNION Our congregation believes and confesses that in Holy Communion not only does Jesus give us forgiveness; He also miraculously gives us His actual body and blood.

We seek to receive our Lord's Supper according to the guidelines God has established in His Word. God's Word states that the Sacrament is to be an expression of like-mindedness in faith (same in doctrine) and that only those should commune who are worthy to receive it (who have been properly instructed and are truly repentant).

In keeping with God's instruction, and out of deep love for the souls of His people, we invite visiting members of other Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations, who are members in good standing, to receive Holy Communion with us after announcing their intent to the pastor. Visitors who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran congregation are asked to please refrain from the Sacrament at this time. Thank you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Liturgy: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Hymns: 349, 823, 614, 332, 731, 832

Organist: Ruth Fiscus

Acolyte: Addie Zoske, Brynn Neubauer

Ushers: Steve Schnormeier, Mick Zoske, Gary Winter

THIS WEEK AS GOD LEADS US TOGETHER

Wednesday: 6:00-7:15p.m. Midweek Classes

6:00-6:45p.m. Handbell Choir

6:45-7:15p.m. Senior Choir

7:30p.m. Advent Vespers

Thursday: 11:30a.m. Mission Circle Christmas Luncheon

Next Sunday: 9:00a.m. Christian Education Classes
10:00a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
2:00p.m. Christmas Program Practice

Acolyte: Karlee Chaplin

Ushers: Steve Schnormeier, Mick Zoske, Gary Winter

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Paul & Renae Zoske.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL will be held today at 2:00p.m. We will try to be done by 2:45.

LWML “EAT DESSERT FIRST”: Christmas Cookie Bake Sale is **today**. Join us after church services in the kitchen to pick out your favorites. We promise not to tell your family that you didn't bake them!!

MISSION CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Ladies – you are invited to a Christmas luncheon. All are invited, please come. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. The luncheon will be held on **December 8th** at 11:30a.m.

CHURCH DECORATING: Thank you to all our great volunteers who came Friday and Saturday to decorate the church for Christmas. The youngest volunteers enjoyed decorating cookies, making crafts, and listening to The Christmas Story. The rest of the volunteers were able to climb ladders, crawl under Christmas trees, and stretch to hang garland on nails in spite of stomachs full of chili, cinnamon rolls, and desserts! If you missed the fun, join us in January when it's time to put the decorations away until next year. Watch for more information later in the church bulletin.

WARMING THE NEEDY: Another heartfelt thank you for donating hats, gloves, and scarves for those in need this winter. The tentative count is 82 mittens/gloves, 61 hats/earmuffs, and 2 scarves. The collection of socks for the Orphan Grain Train totaled 114 pair – far exceeding our goal of 80 pair in recognition of LWML’s 80th anniversary. Thank you so much! -St. John’s Mission Circle

HELP FOR UKRAINE: There are 2 different ways you can help with the needs in Ukraine. If you wish to make a donation to help with funds for Ukrainian refugees, you can designate any gifts to “Ukrainian Fund”. If you wish to direct any funds to Alexander and his family, then please make a note on the offering “For Alexander”. Any Ukraine gifts not designated for Alexander will go into the money sent to Synod for Ukrainian refugee assistance.

BIRTHDAYS: Today-Lisa Platte; Mon.-Dillon Brown, Janeal Penning; Tues.-Dana Zoske; Fri.-Lon Smith.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Today-Jeff & Renee Dubberke (40); Tues.-Terry & Callie Dykman (19).

PSALM 50:1-15

antiphon vs.15



¹⁵ call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and sum- | mons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

**²Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,*
God | shines forth.**

³Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;*
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty | tempest.

**⁴He calls to the heav- | ens above*
and to the earth, that he may judge his | people:**

⁵“Gather to me my | faithful ones,*
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

**⁶The heavens declare his | righteousness,*
for God him- | self is judge!**

⁷“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.*
I am | God, your God.

**⁸Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you,*
your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore me.**

⁹I will not accept a bull | from your house*
or goats | from your folds.

**¹⁰For every beast of the for- | est is mine,*
the cattle on a | thousand hills.**

¹¹I know all the birds | of the hills,*
and all that moves in the | field is mine.

**¹²“If I were hungry, I would not | tell you,*
for the world and its full- | ness are mine.**

¹³Do I eat the | flesh of bulls*
or drink the | blood of goats?

**¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks- | giving,*
and perform your vows to the | Most High,**

¹⁵ call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”

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

¹⁵ call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”

MALACHI 4:1-6

¹"For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the Lord of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch.

²But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

³You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this," Says the Lord of hosts.

⁴"Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments.

⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

⁶And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ROMANS 15:4-13

⁴For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

⁵Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,
⁶that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

⁸Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

⁹and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."

¹⁰And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"

¹¹And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!"

¹²And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LUKE 21:25-36

²⁵"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

²⁶men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

²⁷Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

²⁸Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

²⁹Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

³⁰When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.

³¹So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

³²Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.

³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

³⁴"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

³⁵For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."