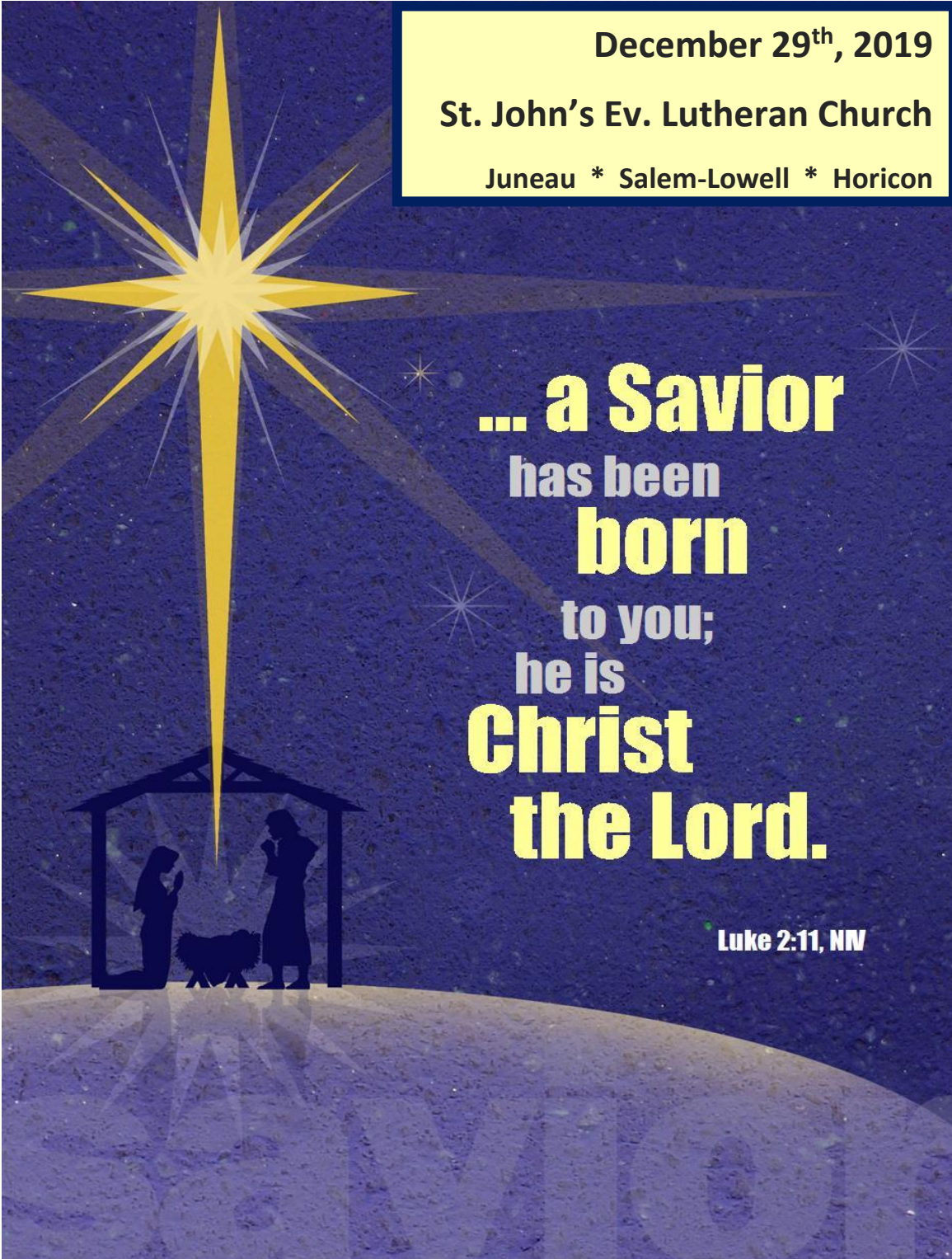


December 29th, 2019

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau * Salem-Lowell * Horicon



... a Savior
has been
born
to you;
he is
Christ
the Lord.

Luke 2:11, NW



St. John's

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Our service is printed for you in this worship folder.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our worship this evening is an adaptation of the *Lessons and Carols* service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England, on December 24th every year. *Lessons and Carols* was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918.

WORSHIP THEME

Welcome to worship this Christmas Season. We trust that God will bless you in this service of lessons and carols/hymns. Our focus, “God so loved the world,” is found in every lesson and song. Christmas is not about a sentimental, warm, and fuzzy kind of love—although these ways that we show love to each other, especially in families, are certainly important. But the heart of Christmas is about God’s redeeming love—God’s rescue plan for a humanity alienated from him despite all claims of reform, goodness, or morality. The human condition of sin separates us from God, and only his action could have solved that problem. The life, death, and resurrection of his Son *has* solved the problem. By trusting what Jesus has done for us, heaven awaits us and we live life this side of heaven in loyal thanks for rescue. Our closing hymn puts it this way in stanza 3:

*But our eyes at last shall see him **Through his own redeeming love,**
For that child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav’n above,*

- ☞ **Restrooms:** We have numerous facilities. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- ☞ **Infants Room** If you have a young child or nursing infant and are in need of a cry-room, you will find it off of the narthex.
- ☞ **Prayer before worship** Father, open my heart to hear and believe your word, so that through faith your Son may take his rightful place not just in the manger, but also within my heart. In his name I pray. Amen.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Special 9:30 AM Pre-Service Music

“One Small Child”

HYMN 50 vv. 1-2

Once in Royal David's City

Please Stand

EXHORTATION AND PRAYER

M: Beloved in Christ: In this Christmas season it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us, the Christ-child, lying in a manger.

Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall, and into the birth and glorious redemption brought to us by this Holy Child. Let us hear how peace was lost, and how peace is restored.

But first, let us pray, for this is good and right.

Heavenly Father, we pray for ourselves and all people who worship you and your Son this holy night. By your holy Word, lead us to say with the angels,

C: Glory to God in the highest!

M: We pray for your blessing upon the people of our city, our state, our nation, and our world.

C: Glory to God in the highest!

M: We pray for the poor and helpless, the cold and hungry, the sick and sad, that you would give them the joy of your salvation and the comfort of your presence.

C: Glory to God in the highest!

M: We pray for unbelievers and enemies of the Church, that through your Law and Gospel you would lead them to recognize your Son as their only hope for eternal life.

C: Glory to God in the highest!

M: Finally, we remember before you all those who rejoice with us in heaven, who live in greater light and beauty than we, that multitude which no one can number, who died in faith, and now praise you in your heavenly temple. We confess that we are united with them and with one another.

C: Glory to God in the highest!

M: We humbly offer up these prayers and praises in the words that Christ himself taught us.

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.

Please be seated

BAPTISM Affirmation for Kenzley Evelyn Beal

9:30 Service

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	THE TRAGIC NEED FOR GOD’S LOVE	
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FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15 (NIV)

Humanity’s separation from God dates to the beginning of time, to the fall into sin by the first humans, Adam and Eve. As tragic as this was, the account ends with God’s promise of rescue—that the woman’s offspring, Christ, would ultimately defeat Satan and the rebellion of sin.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

HYMN 747

There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his



Son,
names,
face;
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah,
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah,
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er



Ho - ly One.
Hope for sin - ners slain. Thank you, O my
In that ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

LOVE PROMISES A RESCUE

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2,6,7 (NIV)

In love God promised a rescue already to Adam and Eve. Through the prophets he repeated that promise many times over centuries before the birth of Jesus.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and
forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

HYMN 90

The People that in Darkness Sat

Both Isaiah's prophecy and this hymn speak of Christ's eternal power and rule.

Please Stand

LOVE'S BIRTH

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)

We now hear the familiar and beloved Christmas account.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Please be seated

HYMN 61

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

This hymn is well known in our culture. But it affirms many things that are central to Christianity—and offensive or at least misunderstood by many.

LOVE'S DAILY IMPACT

FOURTH LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

God's promises in Christ empower his people to live in ways that honor him for his gifts. The peace that Christ gives is ours through faithful connection to his Word and worship.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

HYMN

Peace Came to Earth (CWS 707)



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And
 The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The
 In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In
 How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but
 wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but
 bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but
 else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
 sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
 see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
 pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

OFFERING

Special 9:30 AM Service Offertory

“Still, Still, Still”

Please Stand

PRAYER

- M: Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your Son in the manger who would be our Savior on the cross. As we celebrate His supper and receive His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, may it be for our good and to the glory of your holy name; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

CONSECRATION

sing to the melody of "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We"

- C: **The night Lord Jesus was betrayed
He took the bread, and when He'd prayed.
He broke and gave them of the bread
And unto His disciples said:**
- M: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
- C: **Then, when the sacred meal was o'er,
Our blessed Savior spoke once more:
He offered thanks, and lifted up,
To give to all, the blessed cup:**
- M: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
- C: **O Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of all; now hear us pray,
And grant us from our sin release:
Have mercy on us! Grant us peace!**

*At St. John's we practice
closed Communion, to
which only congregational
members are invited, in
obedience to Scripture's
teaching that the Lord's
Supper is an expression of
our complete unity in faith.
This has been the historic
practice of the Christian
church for nearly 2,000
years. If you are our guest
today, we respectfully ask
that you speak with the
pastor before approaching
the altar for Communion.*

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

38 "FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME"

41 "LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD"

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 317 v.1

"O LORD, WE PRAISE YOU"

O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
In thanksgiving bow before you.
Here with your body and your blood you nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And your blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

BLESSING

M: May he who by his incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one,
fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge
of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life.
And the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—
be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN 50 vv. 3-4

Once in Royal David's City

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Pastor: Paul Schupmann

Liturgist (Juneau): David Brandt

Organist: Becky Schultz / Ruth Affeld

Soloist (Salem-Lowell): Gail Schoeffel

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Happy Birthday to:

Charlotte Schmidt Turns 100!!!!

Saturday, January 4th

Please wish Charlotte a happy birthday!

Cards may be sent to:

Hillside Manor

c/o Charlotte Schmidt #145

803 S University Ave, Beaver Dam, WI 53916

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (12/29)

8:00 AM Worship w/ Communion @ Juneau
9:30 AM Worship w/ Communion @ Lowell
10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion @ Juneau

Thursday (1/2)

6:30 PM Ladies Aid @ Juneau
6:30 PM Worship @ Juneau

Saturday (1/4)

5:00 PM Worship w/ Communion @ Horicon

Sunday (1/5)

8:00 AM Worship @ Juneau
8:30 AM Gospel Motivation Bible Class & Sunday School @ Lowell
9:15 AM Gospel Motivation Bible Class, Sunday School & Confirmation @ Juneau
9:30 AM Worship @ Lowell
10:30 AM Worship @ Juneau
11:30 AM Elders @ Juneau

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF A PRIVATE BAPTISM

Kenzley Evelyn Beal

Daughter of Jarrett and Taylor Beal

REMAIN SEATED

- M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people. Christ’s almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The apostle Peter declares, “Baptism now saves you.” Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle testified, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.
- M:** In bringing this child to Baptism, you are doing what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them.
- M:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

PRAYER

- M:** Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.

Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Kenzley Evelyn Beal. Through this water of Baptism, drown in her all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil she may do. Set her apart from the unbelieving world and hold her safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep her always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that she may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The minister says to the parents...

M: Before the Lord and his Church, I ask you, was Kenzley Evelyn Beal baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

R: Yes.

M: The Almighty God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you have been born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptism grace all the days of your life.

M: Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you sincerely intend to bring up Kenzley in the way of the Lord and to instruct her in the truths of God's saving Word so that she may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in her baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

R: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that Kenzley may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

C: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on Kenzley that she may be kept safe by the gift of

your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized, so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings.
Go in peace.

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Kick off the New Year with some healthier eating habits and relationship building! Join Blue Zones Project Dodge County and St. John's for a **Potluck Moai Launch**. Come together for a common purpose to connect and enjoy a free, delicious, plant-slant meal. Soup and sides will be provided. Saturday, January 11 @ 11 a.m. at the Salem-Lowell Campus.

Just a reminder that whether you attend the Horicon, Juneau or Salem-Lowell Campus, please write your offering checks to "St. John's Lutheran Church".

Gospel Motivation

This series has eight lessons.

Starts Sunday, January 5th

Why do we do what we do? In this upcoming 8-week series, we will explore both Old and New Testament accounts that will remind us of a need for a Savior and show us his example of love and humility that moves us to forgive and reflect his love to others.

Our new Staff Minister, Ryan Kummerow, will be leading the Bible Study.

Join us for a NEW Bible Study

The Bible on Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt

**This 4 Week Class Begins Monday,
January 6th at 6:30 PM**

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
Salem-Lowell Campus**

The world's most widely circulated book is also one of its most highly debated. Check out how the Bible has withstood intense scrutiny from critics and cynics alike. You'll come away with a fresh appreciation of the Bible as a historical document and the Word of God.

Welcome to St. John's

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Worship Services

(same service at all locations)

Thursday

6:30pm Juneau

Saturday

5:00pm Horicon

Sunday

8:00am Juneau

9:30am Lowell

10:30am Juneau

WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership in either of our congregations.
Please join us again soon!

PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

Bible Class & Sunday School

Sunday Bible Class and Sunday School
Juneau Campus 9:15-10:15
Salem-Lowell Campus 8:30-9:15 AM



St. John's Locations

Juneau Campus

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