

November 30th & December 3rd, 2017



**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Juneau, Wisconsin**

Order of Worship for Advent

Opening Hymn

(Melody from CW 592, "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night")

As angels joyed with one accord Upon the advent of our Lord,
So laud we all and bless the name Of him who from the Father came.
He came, not clothed in majesty Nor pow'r that suits his deity.
In lowly state he walked till he In dying set us captives free.

This done, he soared to God's right hand, Yet orphaned not his chosen band,
For he, not bound in grace and pow'r Attends his own each day and hour.
In ev'ry age—let praise abound—He comes, we hear his voice resound.
His glorious gospel does not cease To bring us comfort, joy, and peace.

He comes in water to the child And cleanses it, from birth defiled.
This washing seals his pard'ning grace And shows the Father's kindly face.
He comes to us in bread and wine To give himself—and gifts divine.
Oh, praise him for this sacrament, Redeeming love's great testament!

Lift up your heads! All grief and pain Shall vanish when he comes again.
Where we shall see him face to face, There joy alone shall have a place.
All praise to you, eternal Son Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

Invocation

P: In the name of God the Father, who promised to send a Redeemer to crush the power of the devil and restore us to the joy of his presence:

C: Father, we praise and worship you.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose birth was announced by angels, and whose life and death restored us to the Father:

C: Lord Jesus, we praise and worship you.

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit, who brings us to faith and nourishes us through Word and Sacrament to keep us in that faith:

C: Holy Spirit, we praise and worship you. Amen.

The Confession of Sins

P: Even as John preached a baptism for repentance to the people of Judea, so we are daily called to acknowledge before the Lord our sins and sinfulness. In his love for us, God gives us the power to repent and to become the sons of God.

C: Father, I confess my sinfulness. Not all my crooked places have been made straight, nor all my rough places plain. With my life, my thoughts, my heart, I have many times said "No" to you. I have gone my own way. I have turned my back on you and on those around me. I am not worthy of your love. I am not prepared to receive you. And yet you come to me. You sent your only Son to die for me. In his resurrection you have given me life. In him I trust.

P: For the sake of your great mercy, O Lord, forgive us. Spare us the just punishment our sins deserve according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C: And grant that for his sake, we may live sober, upright and godly lives to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Melody from CW 16, "On Jordan's Bank")

**Far off I stand with tearful eyes
Nor dare to lift them to the skies.
But you can all my anguish see—
O God, be merciful to me!**

The Announcement of Forgiveness

P: How great is the love of our God! What great joy is ours — to know that in Christ, through his cross and empty tomb, we are freely and fully forgiven. We have seen and know the salvation of our God. And so as the Lord's spokesman, I proclaim to you that your sins have been forgiven. Though they are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. The Lord has done great things for us, of which we are glad!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

(Melody from CW 16, "On Jordan's Bank")

**Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
Forever and eternally!**

**And when, redeemed from sin and hell,
With all the ransomed souls I dwell,
My joyous song shall ever be:
God has been merciful to me!**

Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: **Amen.**

Special Singing

6:30pm Service

8:00am Service

K-2nd Grade

Preschool

"Hosanna Now Through Advent"

"Light One Candle"

Children's Devotion

The Celebration Of The Light Of Christ

The Prophecy Candle

- P: Today we celebrate the coming of Christ, the Light of the world. The candles of our Advent wreath bear witness to that light, and brighten this time of celebration. The first candle, the Light of Prophecy, reminds us of the marvelous promises fulfilled in Christ our Savior.
- C: **Arise, shine, for your Light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. (Isaiah 60:1-3)**

(CW 90, "The People that in Darkness Sat")

**The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shone on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.**

**Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us your alone,
For you are with the Father and
The Spirit ever one,
The Spirit ever one.**

New Testament Lesson

Luke 1:5-25 (EHV)

⁵In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah. His wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶They were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and righteous decrees of the Lord. ⁷They did not have a child because Elizabeth was unable to bear children, and they were both well along in years. ⁸On one occasion, while Zechariah was serving as priest before God and his division was on duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰The whole crowd of people were praying outside the temple during the hour of the incense offering.

¹¹An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and overcome by fear. ¹³But the angel

said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear a son for you, and you are to name him John. ¹⁴ You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ because he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to drink wine or beer. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. ¹⁶ He will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, to turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to prepare a people who are ready for the Lord.”

¹⁸ Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I be sure of this, because I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years?”

¹⁹ The angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God and was sent to speak to you in order to tell you this good news. ²⁰ Now listen, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things happen, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at the proper time.”

²¹ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering what was taking him so long in the temple. ²² When he did come out, he was unable to speak to them. Then they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. He kept making signs to them and remained unable to speak.

²³ When the days of his priestly service were completed, he went back to his home.

²⁴ After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived. She kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying, ²⁵ “The Lord has done this for me in the days when he looked with favor on me and took away my disgrace among the people.”

Hymn 47

“Behold, a Branch Is Growing”

Sermon

Jeremiah 33:14–16 (NIV)

“The Prophecy - God's Promises”

¹⁴ “ ‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. ¹⁵ “ ‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

Confession of Faith

(melody from CW 65 "O Little Town of Bethlehem")

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| 1. In God the Father we believe,
The Lord of hosts his name.
All things from him their form receive;
By his strong Word they came.
By him was all created
In earth and heav'n above.
He made them all, things great and small,
By his great pow'r and love. | 2. In God's Son Jesus we believe,
Who came at God's own hour,
Whom virgin Mary did conceive
All by the Spirit's pow'r.
He suffered, died, was buried,
Was raised at God's own call
To reign on high, and to draw nigh
At last as Judge of all. |
| 3. In God the Spirit we believe
And in Christ's church on earth.
The saints, united, faith receive,
A gift of precious worth.
He sanctifies and keeps us
By his empow'ring love.
Forgiven, from the grave we'll rise
To live with God above. | |

Offering

Offering Hymn

CW 83 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

(please stand and sing as the ushers bring the offering plates forward)

**1 As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore your followers be.**

**3 As they offered gifts most rare
At your cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heav'nly King.**

Prayer for Advent

- P: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.
- C: **We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**
- P: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.
- C: **Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**
- P: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.
- C: **Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**
- P: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.
- C: **Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

- C: **Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

- All: **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.**

Benediction

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

Closing Hymn

(Melody from CW 21, "Hosanna to the Coming Lord")

**Lord, let your servant now depart.
Your joy and peace are in my heart.
Your saving pow'r my eyes have known.
Your love through all the earth is shown.**

**Lord, let us show the world your light.
Let us declare your glory bright.
Proclaim your death until you come
To take your ransomed servants home.**

Pastor: Paul Schupmann

Organist: Ruth Affeld

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St. Johns Weekly Schedule December 3-9

Sunday	Worship 8:00 & 10:30am Bible Class & Sunday School 9:15am Elders 11:30am
Monday	Pastors Circuit Meeting 9:30am Advent by Candlelight 6pm
Tuesday	Jesus Cares 1:30pm Trustees 6:30pm Bible Class 7pm Soup for Souls 7pm
Wednesday	Advent Meal 5pm Joint Advent Service 6:30
Thursday	Worship 6:30pm

Statistics for Thanksgiving

Attendance: 351 (180, 171)

Offerings given to the Lord:

General \$8,159.09

Missions \$800.00

Total: \$8,959.09

Statistics for 11/26

Attendance: 331 (210, 121)

Offerings given to the Lord:

General \$8,196.88

Missions \$670.50

Improvement \$100.00

Debt \$460.00

Lakeside \$137.50

Organ \$385.00

Total \$9,949.88

November Totals:

General \$52,745.91

Missions \$5,463.00

Desserts Needed: Would you be willing to bring desserts for our upcoming Advent Meal? The meal is before our Joint Advent Service with the Beaver Dam churches. If you are able, please bring desserts by 5pm on Wednesday, December 6th. Thank you!

Soup Making Night: Soup for Souls is having a soup making night on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00pm in the church kitchen. We are looking for volunteers to help with cutting up vegetables, packing up soup for the freezer and clean up. If interested, show up at 6:00pm or call Karen Greenwald 920-386-2419 with any questions. Also, for anyone going to visit shut-ins this Christmas season, please feel free to take a container or two of soup to give and spread some cheer! You can find the soup in the freezer located in the room left of the kitchen (look for the sign on the door).

Christmas Poinsettias are coming! Would you like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia to display in the front of church on Christmas Day? If so, please sign-up in the narthex. Poinsettias are \$14 each and we have 35 of them are pre-ordered from Robin's Countryside Gardens. Please make checks payable to St. John's. Thank you!

Christmas Cards & Cookbooks: Our Ladies Aid is selling our St. John's Cookbooks and Christmas cards in the church basement. Why go to the store when you can get your Christ-centered Christmas cards here? There is a table with the cookbooks and cards in the church basement. Please place money (checks payable to St. John's Ladies Aid) in the card lock box. Thank you!

Cookies Cookies Cookies: Calling all Bakers!!

On Monday, December 4th, the Ladies Aid will be delivering cookies to our shut-ins beginning at 8am in the church basement. We are looking for volunteers to package, decorate, and deliver the cookies for over 35 shut-ins. How can I help? We are accepting cookies, bars, homemade or store bought candy (with no nuts please) donations. If you have any questions, please contact Geraldine Bischoff at 386-3356. *Also, if you know of someone who is not a shut-in who would benefit from receiving a cookie plate, please contact Geraldine.*

Volunteers needed for the Photo Directory: We are looking for volunteers to help with check-in for our upcoming Photo Directory. If you would be willing to check-in church members as they arrive for their pictures, please sign-up in the narthex. Thank you!

The NEW 2018 St. John's Photo Directory: Please sign up in the narthex to have a family picture taken for our new 2018 Church Directory. When you come for your family picture, you will receive a free digital picture of your family! Times: Sundays 10:30am-1:00pm and Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm (some day times are available-please see the signup board). Please arrive in the church basement 10 minutes before appointment time. There is no cost for these pictures, but free-will donations are accepted for the organ and debt funds. Directories will be available for purchase at a later date.

Let Us Magnify the Lord Together

A Joint Advent Service with


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Beaver Dam, St. Stephen's Lutheran
Church of Beaver Dam and St. John's Lutheran Church of Juneau

Where? St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 400 S. Main St., Juneau

When? Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm
A light meal precedes the service at 5pm

For Whom? All who want to prepare their hearts for the coming Messiah

What to expect? Messages from our pastors, special music from our
church choirs and children, fellowship together with fellow believers in
Dodge County



Undesignated offerings from this
service will go to a new mission
church in Burlington.

St. John's Ladies - Mark your calendar!

Plan to join us for a special evening of
fellowship

“Advent by Candlelight”

**Monday, December 4th in the back of Church
6 p.m. Fellowship / 6:30 Program**

If you are able, please bring either a *SWEET* or
SAVORY finger food to share.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

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 our congregation. Please join us again soon!

INFORMATION

- Our ushers are here to point you in the right direction and assist you in any way. Please ask.
- Restrooms: our first restroom is located inside the comfort station/children's room by turning right outside the sanctuary doors. A second restroom is located left in the narthex, across from the elevator. Additional restrooms are located in the basement.
- We have two comfort stations/children's rooms if your little ones need a moment. Proceed left out of the sanctuary doors and turn either right or left.
- Children's activity bags are available and are located in the comfort station/children's room. Proceed out of the sanctuary doors and turn right. We also have Children's Bulletins. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.



Pastors:

David Brandt

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Services:

Thursday 6:30pm

Sunday 8 & 10:30am

Bible Class:

Sunday 9:15am

Sunday School:

9:15am

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