

December 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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



## St. John's EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Spreading the Peace of Christmas throughout Dodge County.*

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

**OUR WORSHIP SERIES:** Our Lord Jesus is coming, bearing real gifts, profoundly important gifts. He came that first Christmas to win forgiveness and give all the gifts that come with it: hope, peace, joy, love. He is coming again at the end of this world to give the gift of resurrection to eternal life. In the season of Advent, we connect Christ's first coming with his second coming. We rejoice in all the unconditional gifts he gives. Each Sunday during the gathering rite Advent candles are lighted. Music occurs throughout this rite to accompany singing and as background music to communicate themes of longing and repentance.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** How do you feel when meeting someone important? Maybe it was a job interview with your potential future boss. Did you feel peaceful walking into that meeting? Or perhaps you were summoned, for a reason unknown to you, to come to the principal's office at school? As you walked the hallway towards his door, were you at peace? When we come face-to-face with someone who can influence the direction of our lives, that tends to be nerve-wracking, not peaceful. How nervous will you be, then, when you stand face-to-face with your God, who will determine where you spend eternity?

God is much more than a boss or a principal. He is your Creator, the one who gave you life. And when he did, he intended you to use that life in a very specific way, one which would bring glory to him and beauty to this broken world. So, are you ready to meet *him*?

Today, we see that God wants you to be at perfect peace when you stand before him. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace..." the angels sang that first Christmas Eve. Through the work of Christ, sinners are at peace with a holy God. Even more, throughout history God's messengers like John the Baptist proclaimed the gospel, so that God's people could live in peace. God raises up a messenger to preach that gospel to you today.

# Advent 2018 - Peace

## OPENING HYMN #11

“Comfort, Comfort All My People”

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND LIGHTING RITE

M: When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation-the human race-in his image (Genesis 1:26). Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.

**C: But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death (Romans 6:23). We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.**

M: However, God-who is Love-did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death.

All:

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-joyce! Re-joyce!  
Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

M: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven (Galatians 4:4,5). In view of God's mercy, today we light the *peace* candle. Jesus tells us, "Peace I leave with you, my *peace* I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid" (John 14:27).

C: **Since we have been justified by faith, we have *peace* with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).**

All:

O, come, our Peace, who auth - ors faith, Per-féct our trust in  
you by grace. As-sure us by your gen - tle Word  
That in true faith we all en-dure. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

**M:** In the *peace* of God we go to the world-to our friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:16-18).

**C:** **God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:19-21).**

**All:**



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### Malachi 3:1-4 (NIV)

*The LORD promised to send a messenger, John the Baptist, to prepare people to meet the Christ at his first coming. Likewise, we need the LORD to prepare us for Christ's second coming so that we have perfect peace, even as Jesus turns the universe into a furnace.*

<sup>1</sup> “See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

### SECOND LESSON

### Philippians 1:3-11 (NIV)

*We know that we are saved through faith in Christ Jesus. Therefore, at times, we might worry about whether our faith is strong enough. To give us peace, St. Paul assures us that the creation and maintenance of faith is not our work, but something that God graciously does for us through the gospel.*

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

### Special Singing

**8:00 am Service**  
**10:30 am Service**

**Adult Choir**  
**Junior Choir**

**“Lift Up Your Heads”**  
**"Born to Set Us Free"**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 3:1-6 (NIV)**

*We all know that the angels on Christmas Eve sang about peace on earth. They were not talking about peace between nations, but peace between sinners and a holy God. Christ grants that peace by producing repentance within us. Let us prepare our hearts to meet him!*

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—<sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the desert,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup> And all mankind will see God’s salvation.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #16**

**“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**

**SERMON**

**Luke 3:1-6**

**“Peace Requires Preparation”**

*Please stand*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

### **Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**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.**



## THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

*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 one of the pastors before approaching the altar for Communion.*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

### *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "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."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

### *Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

### *BE SEATED*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Nursery*

*Just a reminder that Nursery help is available this Sunday for your little ones during communion. If you'd like to use this free service, please come to the back of church during distribution to drop off your child(ren). Of course, all parents are welcome to bring their child(ren) to the front with them while they commune – if they so choose.*

### **HYMNS**

517  
741  
313

**“Almighty Father, Strong to Save”**  
**“Take and Eat” printed on page 16**  
**“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”**

### **THANKSGIVING**

## THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



*Please be seated*

**CLOSING HYMN #745**

**Printed on page 15**

**“May the Peace of God”**

Pastor: Paul Schupmann

Organists: Ruth Affeld and Haley Osantoski

### **This week at St. John's**

Sunday (12/9)	Worship 8 & 10:30am To The Ends of the Earth Bible Class 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation 9:15am Elders 11:30am Advent by Candlelight 6:00pm
Monday (12/10)	Pastors in Circuit Meeting - Horicon St. John's Christmas Concert 1:30pm & 7:00pm
Tuesday (12/11)	Church-Wide Caroling 5:30pm
Wednesday (12/12)	Confirmation 5:00pm Choir 7:00pm
Thursday (12/13)	Worship 6:30pm
Saturday (12/16)	Christmas for Kids 9:00am-noon Worship in Horicon 5:00pm

## May the Peace of God

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -  
 2 May this peace which pass - es un - der - stand -

ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en  
 ing, And this grace which makes us what we

Son, And the fel - low-ship of God the  
 are, And this fel - low-ship of his Com -

Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his  
 mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in

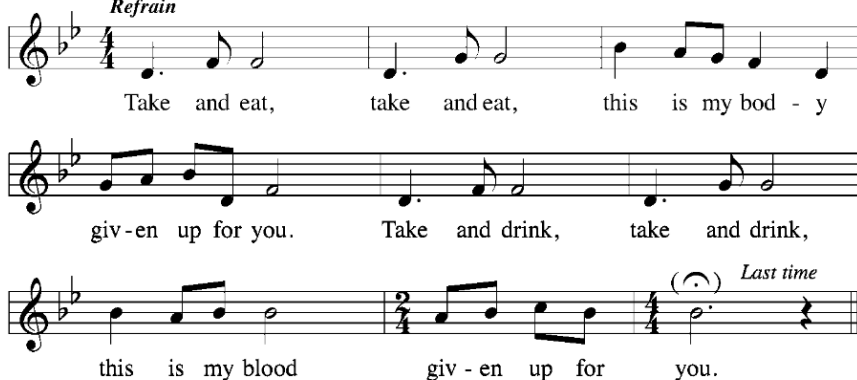
*Refrain*  
 love. heart. And to him be praise for his

glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the

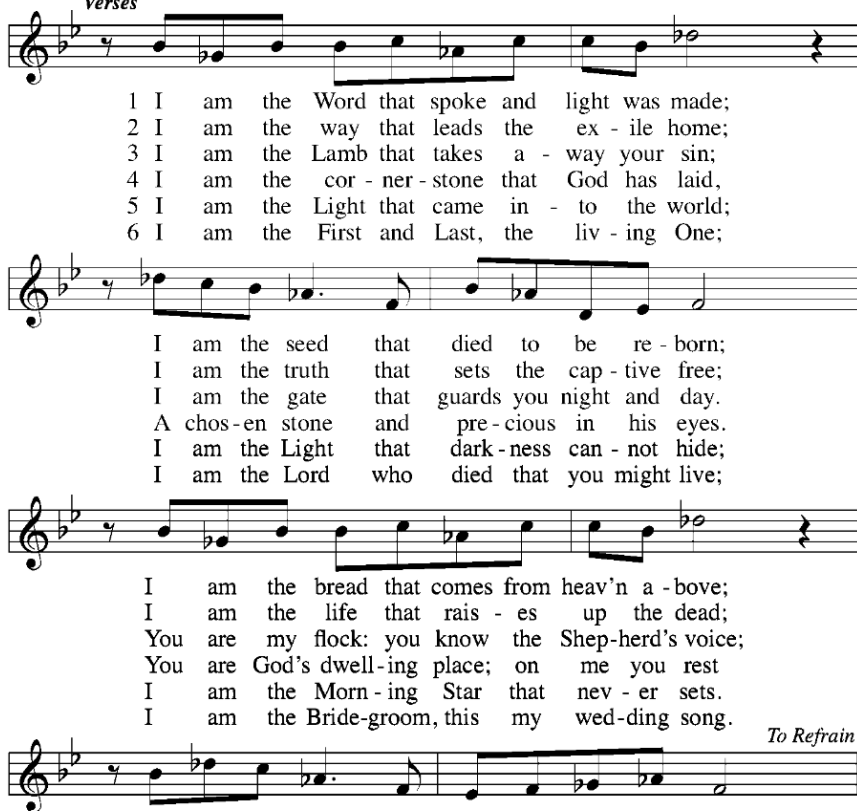
heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the

Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of

kings.

*Refrain*


Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y  
 giv-en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,  
 this is my blood giv - en up for you.

*(.) Last time**Verses*


1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;  
 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;  
 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,  
 5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;  
 6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;

I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
 I am the gate that guards you night and day.  
 A chos-en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.  
 I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;  
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;

I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
 You are my flock: you know the Shep-herd's voice;  
 You are God's dwell-ing place; on me you rest  
 I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.  
 I am the Bride-groom, this my wed-ding song.

*To Refrain*

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.  
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.  
 Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.  
 You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

# Announcements

**Flowers on the Altar and Hymn Request:** The “Almighty Father, Strong to Save” hymn and flowers on the altar are requested/given by the siblings of Dennis Druecke. Dennis went to his heavenly home on December 7, 2017.

**WELS Wind Ensemble Concert:** The area WELS Wind Ensemble will have a special Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at the Fall River School Auditorium (150 Bradley St, Fall River). Please join them for a relaxing music-filled afternoon celebrating our Savior’s birth as well as the fun side of Christmas!

**Poinsettias for Church:** Once again 35 poinsettias have been ordered from Robin’s Countryside Gardens to be purchased by members. The cost for the plant is \$14. If you would like to donate a poinsettia to church for the Christmas season, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Christmas Cards:** Ladies Aid now has their 2018 Christmas Cards for sale! Please place exact change or a check payable to St. John’s Ladies Aid in the box downstairs next to the cards.

**2018 St. John’s Pictorial Directories:** Our 2018 Pictorial Directories have arrived! Please pick yours up in the narthex today. There is a \$10 suggested donation per book to help cover the cost of printing. Thank you!

**Christmas for Kids:** St. John’s will host a special **Christmas for Kids** on Saturday, December 15th from 9am-noon. This special one-time event is open to all children in our community ages 3 years-old through 6th grade. Please register for this free event at [www.stjohnsjuneau.org](http://www.stjohnsjuneau.org). If you have any questions, please contact Erin Krebs at 920.319.2002. Thank you!

**Snow Removal:** Would you be willing to help with snow removal this upcoming winter? If so, this year our Trustees are looking to recreate a rotation of volunteers to be “on-call” for a few weeks during the winter season (similar to the lawn mowing schedule). If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up in the narthex.



**Advent by Candlelight:** The Ladies of St. John's and their friends and family are invited to join us for a special Advent by Candlelight. The event will take place on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. As the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season is upon us, let us take a few moments to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and praise God for His special gift.

**Adopt a Seminary Family this Christmas:** If you or your family is interested in buying a gift for our "adopted" seminary family, the deadline is fast approaching – Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Our family is Mark and Sarah Zondag and they are expecting their first child shortly after Christmas! Here is a partial list of items requested by the family: Diapers -Size newborn to size 3, Baby Wipes, Warm Beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, apple cider), Dark chocolate/brownies, Devotional Books (Especially anything related to being a new mom/dad), Forehead thermometer, Woodworking *non-electric* hand tools, Banjo, Fun socks (especially winter), Hot sauce, Essential oils (for a full list see the December Welcome). To participate, purchase any item(s) off the list, wrap it, include a card with Christmas wishes if you would like or it can be anonymous, and bring it to church no later than Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a drop box in the narthex on the table back by the library. Gift cards to restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, etc. are also a good idea! Thanks to all who are participating!

**Young Adult Service:** We are inviting all our high school and college aged young adults to assist with a special Advent Service on Sunday, December 23rd in the 8 & 10:30 services. Our young adults will participate in a special choir for the service. The rehearsals are Sunday, December 16th from 9:15-10:15am and Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00-10:30am. Please contact the church office for more information at church@stjohnsjuneau.org or 386-3313. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who mowed the lawn and beautified the grounds this past summer. Your work is greatly appreciated. ~ Mark Ockerlander, Board of Trustees

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## *Church-Wide Caroling*

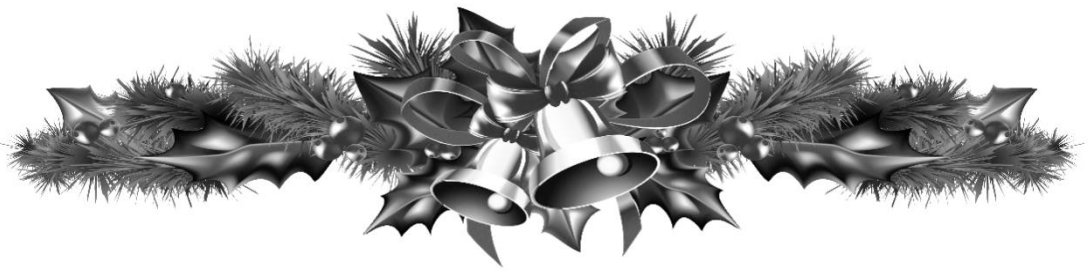
You are invited to join our **Adult and Junior Choirs** as they sing Christmas carols at various nursing homes in the area. Please meet in the church basement at 5:30pm on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and we will travel by bus to our destinations. We will return by 7pm for a pizza party. The cost for the pizza is \$3 per person. Please join us!

### **Statistics for the weekend of December 2nd**

Attendance: 420 (61, 26, 216, 117)

### **Offerings given to our Lord:**

General	\$15,391.25
Debt	\$383.00
Improvement	\$35.00
Lakeside	\$110.00
Missions	\$897.00
Total	\$16,816.25



## UPCOMING ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS

### Advent by Candlelight

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

### WLS Christmas Concert

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 & 7:00pm

### St. John's Christmas Concert

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 & 7:00pm

### Church-Wide Caroling

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

### Christmas for Kids

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am

### LLHS Concert

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

### LPS Concert

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am

### Children's Christmas Eve Services

December 21st 1:30 PM

December 24th 6:30 PM

### Christmas Day Worship

December 22nd 5:00 PM (Horicon)

December 25th 9:00 AM (Juneau)

# 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 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.



### Pastors:

David Brandt

Paul Schupmann

### Principal:

Richard Cody

### Services in Juneau:

Thursday 6:30pm

Sunday 8 & 10:30am

### Service in Horicon:

Saturday 5:00pm

### Bible Class:

Sunday 9:15am

Select Tuesdays 7:00pm

### Sunday School:

Sunday 9:15am

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