

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

December 30, 2018

HYMN 72

“O Lord, Our Father, Thanks and Praise”

*STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
 they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**2 Samuel 7:8-16 (NIV)**

“Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“‘The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’”

### PSALM 148

*Printed on page 121 in the front of the hymnal. Please sing in unison.*

### SECOND LESSON

**Colossians 1:13-20 (EHV)**

The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and all things hold together in him.

He is also the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things he might have the highest rank. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile all things to himself (whether things on earth or in heaven) by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.  
(Psalm 98:3b)



**C:** Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*STAND*

## GOSPEL

**Luke 1:68-75 (EHV)**

Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has visited us and prepared redemption for his people.  
He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,  
just as he said long ago through the mouth of his holy prophets.  
He raised up salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us,  
in order to show mercy to our fathers by remembering his holy covenant,  
the oath which he swore to Abraham our father,  
to grant deliverance to us from the hand of our enemies,  
so that we are able to serve him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**M:** The gospel of our Lord.



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## HYMN OF THE DAY 76

**“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”**

## SERMON

**Matthew 1:1-16 (EHV)**

A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac was the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez was the father of Hezron. Hezron was the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab. Amminadab was the father of Nahshon. Nahshon was the father of Salmon. Salmon was the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz was the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed was the father of Jesse. Jesse was the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon was the father of Rehoboam. Rehoboam was the father of Abijah. Abijah was the father of Asa. Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram. Joram was the father of Uzziah. Uzziah was the father of Jotham. Jotham was the father of Ahaz. Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh. Manasseh was the father of Amon. Amon was the father of Josiah. Josiah was the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel. Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud. Abiud was the father of Eliakim. Eliakim was the father of Azor. Azor was the father of Zadok. Zadok was the father of Achim. Achim was the father of Eliud. Eliud was the father of Eleazar. Eleazar was the father of Matthan. Matthan was the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom Jesus was born (who is called Christ).

*STAND*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*melody – O Little Town of Bethlehem*

- 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.**

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## **THANKSGIVING**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING HYMN 83 v. 1 & 3**

*Please stand and sing as the ushers bring the plates forward.*

**"As with Gladness Men of Old"**

**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 OF THE CHURCH

**M:** O Holy Trinity, we thank you for your many blessings during the year now drawing to its close. Behind us lies the path our lives have traveled. It is scarred by sin and failure; troubles, frustrations, and suffering have made it wearisome.

**C:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**M:** But with your help we endured, by your grace our sins found forgiveness, through your love we received countless good things to cheer us.

**C:** **Christ, hear our prayer.**

**M:** As another year is upon us, make our faith and love for you grow stronger; equip us to turn away every temptation and to do your will. Make us diligent students of your Word and grant us guidance and comfort all the days of our life.

**C:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C:** **In this New Year, we give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN 275**

**“Blest Be the God of Israel”**

**Pastor: David Brandt**

**Organist: Joan Hohenstein**

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**This Week at St. John’s**

Sunday (12/30)	Worship 8 & 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour 9:15-10:15 AM
Tuesday (1/1)	<i>Happy New Year!</i>
Wednesday (1/2)	Confirmation 5:00 PM No Choir
Thursday (1/3)	Worship 6:30 PM
Saturday (1/5)	Leadership Conference in Dells Arino Baptism Worship in Horicon 5:00 PM



## **Announcements**

**Offering Envelopes:** The 2019 St. John's Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the church basement.

**Ladies Aid Christmas Party:** Reminder that the Ladies Aid Christmas Party will be held in the church basement on Sunday, January 6 at 3:00pm. Please bring a dessert to pass.

**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!

**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.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I do not know what still awaits,  
Or what the morrow brings;  
But with the glad salute of faith,  
I hail its open wings!

For this I know — that in my  
Lord  
Shall all my needs be met;  
And I can trust the heart of Him  
Who has not failed me yet.

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# 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.

## 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 in Juneau:

Thursday 6:30pm  
Sunday 8 & 10:30am

## Service in Horicon:

Saturday 5:00pm

## Bible Class:

Sunday 9:15am  
Select Tuesdays 7:00pm

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Sunday 9:15am

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