



St. John's Lutheran Church

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**“Sharing the good news of forgiveness and eternal life
through Jesus Christ.”**

November 28, 2021

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Thank you.***

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Ad Te Levavi)

Jeremiah 23:5–8

Romans 13:8–14

Luke 1:5–25

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “*Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey*” (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “*The LORD is our Righteousness*” (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*” (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “*our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*” (Rom. 13:11).

Silent Preservice Meditation and Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Music for Reflection

Announcements

Gathering Hymn

343 Prepare the Royal Highway

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev’ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story: Refrain
- ref Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God’s Word!
- 2 God’s people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God’s promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev’ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! Refrain
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav’n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: Refrain

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Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.

**Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:5-8

⁵Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
who will reign wisely as king
and establish justice and righteousness on earth.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will dwell securely.

This is his name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteousness.

⁷So, mark my words, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when it will no longer be said, "As surely as the LORD lives who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt," ⁸but, "as surely as the LORD lives who brought up the descendants of the house of Israel and led them out of a land in the north and from all the countries where I had driven them." Then they will dwell in their own land.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament/Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light. ¹³Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:5-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,

**very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Message Hymn

349 Hark the Glad Sound

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

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Message "The Angel Gabriel Appears to Zechariah"

Stand

Prayers of the Church

- [P].** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

(Pastor will end each petition with "Lord, in Your mercy."
We will invite the congregation to respond "hear our prayer.")

Blessing (Benediction)

LSB 234

P The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

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Sit

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

LSB 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:



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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ∇ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of the Lord (Pax Domini)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) *LSB 210*

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Receiving the Lord's Supper

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ∇ in peace.

C Amen.

Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing (Benedicamus)

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Blessing (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 upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
As nowhere else are seen.

- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit
And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell
And evermore do sing.
- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.
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Music for Reflection

Acknowledgments

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The CD ministry this week is sponsored by Bill and Betty Pearson in celebration of their 68th wedding anniversary.

Following the service, please stay for coffee and fellowship.

Prayers for those in need of physical or spiritual healing:

all those whom we have named on our prayer list, and those we now name in the thoughts of our hearts; The Family & Friends of George Janisch, Sarah Duff, Joe Burke, Shirley Pearson, Berta Eddy, Sheila Combs, Gloria Hereford, Wally Latzke, Beulah Knutson, Bill Cunningham, Ruth Podest, Liam, Trey Griinke, Les Stewart, Keith Ingham, Ione Reetz, Veronica Bauling, Wes Levan, Dan Carter, Paula Devlin, Dick Sears, Pam Matchett Damrow, Al & Jan Jenks, Ruth Peterson, Carol McKechney, Jan Petterson, Marsha Griinke, Bob Brohn, Carol Lowry, Karen Nohr, Brad Carter, Keith Stowers, Jon Turner, Bobbie Reynolds, Tom Wulf, Doris Rindfleisch, Joaquin, Marcie Moore, Laura Jo Pearson, Cayden Krueger, and all of our members who are homebound (Bev Bingham, Beverly Bottoms, Dan Burrows, Dorothy Bushaw, Carol Gusk, Janice Hemerley, John Kannengeiser, Shirley Mathewson, Roger Nelson, Ruth Peterson, Katie Petitt, Ione Reetz, Ed and Linda Spychalski,) those who serve in the military (particularly Kyle Summers), all emergency services personnel and all who work for the common good.

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Communion Practices of this Congregation

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's every Sunday in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. In addition to the members of this congregation, visitors from our sister LCMS congregations and other Lutheran denominations with whom we enjoy altar fellowship are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. For further study, please see Matthew 5:23; 10:32; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

St. John's Lutheran Church Kids' Service



**1000 Bluff Street
Every Sunday at 2 pm
in the St. John's Gym**

(located on the Merrill side of the building.)

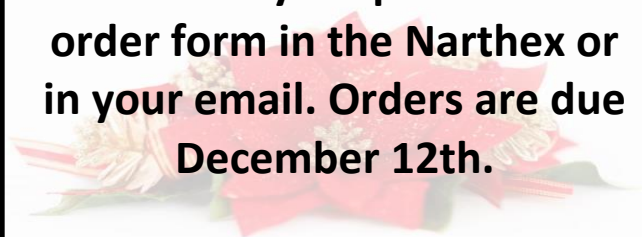
All Kids are invited!

**God's Word - Prayer - Singing
Crafts - Food - Gym Time**

Non-members are welcome!



**Look for your poinsettia
order form in the Narthex or
in your email. Orders are due
December 12th.**





Did you miss your chance to purchase one of the limited edition wood St. John's Lutheran Church 125th Anniversary Christmas Ornaments?

Good News!! We have a few left, and they make wonderful gifts!!

You may purchase them in the church office during regular hours, Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 10 am and 2 pm

Or if you're out of town, we can arrange to mail an ornament.

\$10 each (\$15 if you would like it mailed)

LWML December 6 (Zone 20) Christmas Mtg.

Mark your calendar for Monday, December 6th - 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of a Rally, we are getting together here at Trinity Lutheran in Beloit to hear a speaker from Beloit Cares (Sarah Hawthorne), and a short meeting to hold elections for Zone 20 Vice President and Secretary.

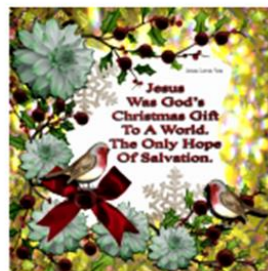
All ladies of Zone 20, which includes the women of our congregation, are invited to come for fellowship and to learn about how we can help serve our community.

This gathering is a combination meeting with our Ladies Aid and LWML.

Please contact Jan in the office at 608-362-3607 to let us know that you will be coming!



"Beloit Cares"



**In the mood for some home-baked pastry without a lot of effort?
From now through December 5th the Youth of Christ Our Savior - Roscoe,
St. John's - Beloit, and Messiah - Beloit are all selling Butter Braids
to raise money for their trip to the Youth Gathering in Houston, TX in July 2022!**

**Each Butter Braid is \$14, with more than \$5
of that cost going back to the church youth!**

**Cash and checks are accepted (made out to Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church)
or you can order online to pay with debit/credit.**

(Note: There is a small processing fee of \$1.99 for on-line orders.)

**Orders will be ready for pickup on December 13th at Messiah Lutheran
in the Fellowship Hall. (Use the downstairs parking lot entrance.) Time TBD**

*****YOUR ORDER MUST BE PICKED UP. NO DELIVERY OR SHIPPING*****

**Available flavors are apple, cream cheese, blueberries and cream cheese, cinnamon,
strawberries and cream cheese, raspberry,
caramel roll, and cinnamon roll.**



*Drizzle with icing
and ENJOY!*



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Facebook pages!**

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Prayer Request

If you have a prayer of concern or a prayer of thanks you would like included in the Worship Service, please fill out this page and place it in the box in the narthex. Or, if you prefer, your information can be kept in confidence and Pastor Roser will contact you privately.

Please print legibly

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Your prayer request: _____

☐ **Please include in Worship service**

☐ **Please have Pastor Roser contact me privately**

“Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? He should call the elders of the church, and they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

(James 5:13-14)

Date _____

Name

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