



A NOTE TO GUESTS AND VISITORS

Please sign the blue “Fellowship Pad” in your pew and share it with those seated next to you. Both visitors and members are asked to fill in their information. You can do this before the service, or during the offering.

The service outline is printed on the facing page. This portion of the worship folder extends beyond the page when you place the folder in your hymnal. Numbers in the left margin refer to pages in the pew hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*. You may wish to place ribbon bookmarks at the pages for liturgy and hymns.

The Introit, Gradual, Collect, and Readings for the day are printed on the inside of this folder.

Introduce yourself to our Pastor, if it’s your first time with us; and all are encouraged to greet and get to know their fellow worshippers.



A WORD CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

In Holy Communion, we joyfully receive Christ’s Body & Blood for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. In participating, we publicly confess our unity in Christ’s Body, and a harmony of teaching and practice. Congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion. Guests who desire to commune with us for the first time are asked to speak with the pastor before the service, to answer any questions you may have.

You may also wish to review Luther’s “Christian Questions with Their Answers,” on pp. 329-330 in *Lutheran Service Book*, and refer to the “Before worship” and “Before communing” prayers inside the front cover of LSB.

If you are not in fellowship with our Synod, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate that by folding your arms over your heart while at the communion rail.



WORSHIPPING WITH THE HISTORIC LITURGY

Liturgy derives from the word *leitourgia*, which was a word in the ancient world to describe the service of an individual on behalf of the public. It is not merely an order of service. In the historic Christian liturgy, the individual who provides the service is our Lord, Jesus Christ, and service is provided through His Word and Sacraments. The orders of service we employ from *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) are ways to arrange this twin service of Word and Sacrament, with roots that reach back to the earliest days of the Christian Church.

In our service, both congregation and pastor chant much of the order of the liturgy.

The custom of singing God’s Word is not new, but has its beginnings in the worship of God’s people in the Old Testament. St. Paul, in Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 instructs us to sing “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.” Singing and God’s Word go together.

An Introduction to liturgical worship can be found on LSB p. viii-ix.

The rhythm of the Church’s year of grace can be found on LSB p. x-xi.

A chart of the Lectionary (series of readings) can be found on LSB p. xx-xxiii.

A Glossary of liturgical terms can be found on LSB p. xxiv-xxv. This glossary will help you with the vocabulary of the liturgy.

A commentary on the individual parts of the Divine Service can be found in the pamphlet *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service* available in the pew rack or in our welcome center.



THE CATECHUMENATE

From the earliest days of the Christian Church, the catechumenate has served as the process for initiating the Christian life and reception into the fellowship of the Church by Baptism, Confirmation, and participation in the Eucharist (Lord’s Supper).

The heart of the catechumenate is a course of study and reflection called *Didache* (dih - dah - KAY; Greek for “teaching”), which explores the themes of God and humanity (Ten Commandments); God’s work on our behalf (Apostles’ Creed); prayer (Lord’s Prayer); God’s sacramental encounter with us (Holy Baptism, Confession, Sacrament of the Altar); and living a Christian life.

Inquirers who would like to further their journey in the Christian faith are invited to speak with our pastor about enrolling in the catechumenate.



GENEROSITY

Matt. 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: it is a blessing to us to be of service in the Lord’s kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals.

Please review our Generosity card in the pew rack for opportunities to express your thanksgiving and to be generous with the gifts God has given to you.



GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

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).

SERVING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

Preacher: Rev. Jacob Ehrhard (8am, 11am & 6pm)
Organist: Mark Eggert (8am & 11am)
Fellowship Hour: Adult Choirs
Communion: Debbie Wheeler
The Trustee: Tim Wier (opening); Robert Anhalt (closing)

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

Divine Service, Setting One



PREPARATION

- 341 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*
- 151 Confession & Absolution



SERVICE OF THE WORD

- Insert Introit
- 152 Kyrie
The Hymn of Praise is omitted
Salutation & Collect of the Day
- Insert Jeremiah 23:5–8
Gradual
Romans 13:11–14
- 156 Alleluia & Verse
- Insert Matthew 21:1–9
- 332 *Savior of the Nations, Come*
- Sermon
- 158 Nicene Creed
- Prayer of the Church
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- 159 Offering
Offertory



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- 160 Preface & Proper Preface
Sanctus
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Lord’s Prayer
The Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini
Agnus Dei
- Distribution
- 334 *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*
- 359 *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*
- 515 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*
- 164 Thank the Lord
Post-Communion Collect
Benediction
- 331 *The Advent of Our King*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S..

SUNDAY, 12/01.. 8am **Divine Worship**; 9am Coffee Hour-Adult Choirs; 9:30am Bible Study/Sunday School; 11am **Divine Worship**; 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 4pm Fellowship Room Rental; 6pm **Divine Worship**

MONDAY, 12/02.. 6:30pm Cub Scouts/Girl Scouts; 7pm Gym Rental/LCC Rehearsal

TUESDAY, 12/03.. 5:30pm Fellowship Room Rental-Dorcas Christmas Party; 7pm Gym Rental; 7:15pm Board of Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 12/04.. 8:40am Children's Chapel; 4:30pm Advent Worship; 5pm Food Pantry/XCare in gym; 7pm Advent Worship-3rd - 8th Grade Christmas Program

THURSDAY, 12/05.. 6:30pm Chancel Bells/Gym Rental/Conference Room Rental; 7pm Ellinger Hall Rental; 7:45pm Church Choir

FRIDAY, 12/06.. 4pm Gym Set Up; 7:30pm Ellinger Hall & Bowling Alley Rental

SATURDAY, 12/07.. 8am Breakfast with Santa; 10:30am Bowling Alley Rental; 2:30pm Bowling Alley & Ellinger Hall Rental; 6:30pm Bowling Alley Rental

SUNDAY, 12/08.. 8am **Divine Worship**; 9am Coffee Hour-8th Grade; 9:30am Bible Study/Sunday School; 11am **Divine Worship**; 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 6pm **Divine Worship**; 6:30pm Fellowship Room & Bowling Alley Rental

DO-IT-YOURSELF MESSIAH.. is a Chicago tradition which brings together a world class conductor and soloists, an all-volunteer orchestra of local professionals and amateur musicians along with thousands of chorus/audience in a thrilling performance of Handel's masterpiece, the Messiah. Don Erber would like to get a group together to participate in this wonderful show on Monday, December 16th at 7pm. Please contact Don at 773.860.0852 if you are interested.

WE WILL DECORATE THE ALTAR WITH POINSETTIAS.. for the holiday season. Please fill out a form and turn it in at the Altar Guild window or drop it in the offering plate.

ST. JOHN'S PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE.. would like to invite everyone to the Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7th from 8 to 11am. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. You will enjoy all you can eat pancakes, three sausage links and a picture with Santa.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK.. Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are.

THANK YOU.. to everyone that made the Thanksgiving Dinner a huge success. Many volunteers worked hard to make this a wonderful experience for many people that might not have a place to go otherwise.

SERVICES OF LESSONS AND CAROLS.. will take place at Concordia University on Saturday, December 7th at 4 and 7pm and Sunday, December 8th at 4pm. Please join them in the Chapel of Our Lord located at 7400 Augusta Street in River Forest.

WE ARE TRYING SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR.. With the holiday season upon us we are going to rework the Cookie Walk. This year it will take place on Wednesday, December 11th after the 7pm Early Childhood Christmas Program. They are looking for donations of homemade cookies to make this event a success. Please drop off your cookies on Wednesday, December 11th by 1pm.

Special Christmas Celebrations at St. John's

3rd - 8th Children's Christmas Program

December 4th 8:40am & 7pm

Pre School—2nd Grade Christmas Program

December 11th at 8:40am & 7pm

Cookie Walk

December 11th 3:30 till 6:30pm & after 7pm service

Birthday Party for Jesus

December 15th between 8am & 11am services

Choral Vespers

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 18th at 7pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24th at 4:30 & 11pm

Christmas Day Worship

December 25th at 9:30am

OUR "GIFTS OF LOVE" IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL..

Our "Gifts of Love"	Week of: 11/24/19	Goal:
Contributions	\$3,985.00	\$5,136.00
Mortgage	\$488.00	\$1,223.00
Missions	\$0.00	
Memorial	\$20.00	

OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Sunday, November 24th

8am = 75, 11am = 51, 6pm = 8



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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 1, 2019