



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MONDAY, 12/09.. 6:30pm LWML Wrapping Party in Ellinger Hall; 7pm Gym Rental; 7:30pm Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, 12/10.. 5:30pm BoCE Meeting; 7pm Gym Rental

WEDNESDAY, 12/11.. 8:40am Children's Chapel; 1pm Gym Set Up; 3:30pm Cookie Walk; **4:30pm Advent Worship**; 5pm Food Pantry/XCare in gym; **7pm Advent Worship-PreSchool—2nd Grade Christmas Program**

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

FRIDAY, 12/13.. 9:30am Dorcas Bazaar; 5pm Gym Rental; 7pm Fellowship Room Rental

SATURDAY, 12/14.. 2:30pm Fellowship Room & Bowling Alley Rental; 5pm Gym Rental

SUNDAY, 12/15.. 8am **Divine Worship**; 9am Birthday Party for Jesus; 11am **Divine Worship**; 1:30pm Church & Conference Room Rental; 2:30pm Ellinger Hall & Bowling Alley Rental; 3pm Youth Caroling Event; 6pm **Divine Worship**

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.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK.. What you do today can improve all your tomorrows.

COOKIE WALK.. Will take place next Wednesday, December 11th. Cookie donations can be dropped off in the gym kitchen on December 11th by 1pm. This year the Cookie Walk will be open from 3:30pm to 6:30pm and then again after the service at 7pm. Willing to help? please call Mary Zanders at 773.725.8722.

PLEASE JOIN US.. as we celebrate Jesus' birth during coffee hour on Sunday, December 15th in Ellinger Hall. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus with song, fellowship, food and scripture reading. Want to help? Contact Kathi Deahl or Pat Eggert.

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.

HOW AMAZING ARE ST. JOHN'S FAMILIES?.. For the month of November they had a Food Drive and without any incentive they brought in over 900 items. It took many hours to bring all the food down to the Food Pantry and they were very thankful and amazed of how our kids gave so freely. Great job St. John's.

ANGEL TREE.. gifts are due today. If you have forgotten them please drop them off in the office tomorrow.

LADIES BOOK CLUB.. Is reading *Chicago: A Novel* by David Mamet. This book is about a reporter in the 1920s who falls in love with an Irish girl and after she is killed he investigates the mob to find her killer. They will not be meeting in December as it will be Christmas Eve.

YOUTH GROUP.. Will be hosting Caroling on Sunday, December 15th starting at 3:00pm and invite everyone to join them. Meet in the Fellowship Room before heading out to bring joy to our neighbors. When caroling is done, return to St. John's for some treats and hot chocolate. If you have any questions please contact Kathi Deahl at kathi.reardon.deahl@gmail.com.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU.. to Barb Banks for drawing a beautiful Winter theme on the chalkboard in the gym. God gave her a talent for us all to enjoy. Please stop by and take a look.

ALTAR FLOWERS.. Are placed on the altar in memory of Mabel and Alexander Kleim by Linda Kleim.

LWML WRAPPING PARTY.. will take place and everyone is invited on Monday, December 9th at 7pm. Please join them for an evening of Christmas cheer in Ellinger Hall.

Special Christmas Celebrations at St. John's

Pre School—2nd Grade Christmas Program

December 11th at 8:40am & 7pm

Cookie Walk

December 11th 3:30pm 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

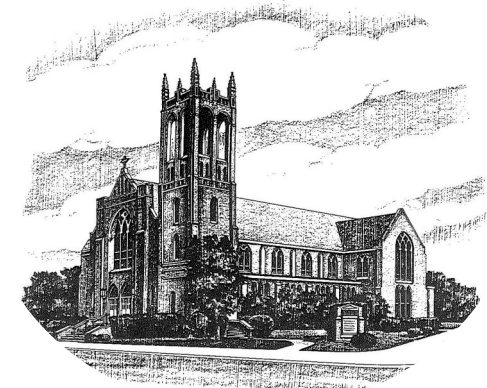
December 25th at 9:30am

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

Our "Gifts of Love"	Week of: 12/01/19	Goal:
Contributions	3,985.00	\$5,136.00
Mortgage	\$488.00	\$1,223.00
Missions	\$15.00	
Memorial	\$20.00	

OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN THE LORD'S HOUSE

Sunday, December 1st
8am = 50, 11am = 32, 6pm = 9
Wednesday, December 4th
4:30pm = 8, 7pm = 246



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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 2019



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

Rom. 15:5 – “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.” All of our good works are indeed granted to us from our heavenly Father. We live in complete dependence upon His grace and mercy. What do we have that we have not received as a gift from His hand? And, knowing that, how can we not be thankful?

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 Comes on the Last Day

The day on which our Lord returns will be a “great and awesome day” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “set them ablaze” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “. . . straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

SERVING IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

Preacher: Rev. Jacob Ehrhard (8am, 11am & 6pm)
Organist: Mark Eggert (8am & 11am)
Musical Enhancement: Chancel Bells (11am)
Fellowship Hour: 8th Grade
Communion: Denise Sanders
The Trustee: Terry Wilczak (opening); Don Erber (closing)

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

Divine Service, Setting One



PREPARATION

355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

151 Confession & Absolution



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Insert Introit

152 Kyrie
The Hymn of Praise is omitted
Salutation & Collect of the Day

Insert Malachi 4:1-6
Gradual

Romans 15:4-13

156 Alleluia & Verse

Insert Luke 21:25-36

336 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

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

509 *Christ Is Surely Coming*

873 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

637 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

164 Thank the Lord
Post-Communion Collect
Benediction

508 *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*