

# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 1, 2019

8:00am & 10:45am



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**  
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
Reverend Jeff Caithamer  
School Principal: Tim Gabbert

## Divine Service I with Holy Communion

*\*stand as you are able*

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(8:00) Prelude – “ <i>Nun komm der heiden Heiland</i> ”	Instrumental
(10:45) Prelude – “ <i>O Come, Little Children</i> ” 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Day School Choir	
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**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN!** We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine.

**ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER:** Our congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.

**SERVING TODAY - Preaching:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Dave, Dan, Jeremy & Bob; 10:45 – Joe, Bob, Mark & John. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Anna; 10:45 – Elijah. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Bill & Jack; 10:45 – Bryce & Jordan. **Greeter:** 10:45 – Lynn. **Day School Choir Director:** Sal Percoco. Trombone - Alex, Clarinet - Randy, Oboe - Lou Ann.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given today by The Martin Family in loving memory of Chuck and Darlene. We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* John & Beth at the death of John’s mother Lois; *upcoming surgery:* Chuck -son of Ellie; *for healing and recovery:* Kim and Jim, John, Stan -father of Lynn, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, Aaron, Aaron, Maria, Brett -cousin of the Kindts’, Merv, Jessica -granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan -mother of Bill, Judy -mother of Rochelle, Rebecca -daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy -father of Anne, Ellie, Dan -brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for successful treatments:* Joe, Earl, Roger -father of Stephanie, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Philip -son of Starley, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy, Shawn -sister of Maxine; *for our college students:* Connor, Ben, Matthew; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Mavis, Mary, Alice, Walt.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

Budget Voter’s Meeting will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

Adult Bible Class – Fellowship Hall – Pastor Caithamer

Sunday School Opening will be in the Sanctuary for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade at 9:30. Preschool (3/4yrs) will have their opening in Room 4C. Come and join us!

3/4yrs	Room 4C	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Room 1C
Kindergarten	Room 4A	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Room 4B
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 2C	High School	Youth Room

**Security** – For the safety and security of the congregation, the Elders will begin to lock the front and back main entrances to the church after the sermon during the 10:45am service.

**Service of Hope and Comfort** – The holiday season has come again. Carols of joy are filling the air around us. Decorations are everywhere to be seen. But, what if the excitement of the season brings you sadness instead of joy? You know what Christmas is all about: the birth of Jesus into this world to be our savior from sin. Yet, the death of a dear loved one, the loss of a steady job, or the dissolution of your marriage have dampened your holiday spirit. If that is so, or other struggles have burdened you, then join us for a service of hope and comfort on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. We will hear again the good news that Jesus Christ is with us, even and especially in the midst of the struggles we face.

**Advent Dinners** – The St. John Youth will be hosting the Advent Dinners. Signup sheets will be posted for donations for each dinner. Please support us by donating an item and bringing to the church kitchen by 2pm the day of the dinner. Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship. Dinner on December 4 will be a soup supper, with a variety of soups and chili. Next week is tacos.

**St. John Youth** – If you are in 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade, sign up to help serve and clean up for the Advent Dinner. Parents are needed to help as well. There is a Volunteer Sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board by the church office. Please consider taking a shift or two, one week or every week. The work is easy, fun and rewarding.

**Hat and Mitten Tree** – Bring in new or gently used hats, mittens, scarves, etc... in any size and hang on the tree by the school office or in the Fellowship Hall. All items will be donated to a charitable organization.

**St. John Trivia Night** – Come out and join us for our first-ever trivia night where you can have fun while raising money for our school. The evening's trivia theme will be *“Through the Decades”*. Participants will get to compete in nine rounds of trivia as well as other events like a Gift-Card Bidding Frenzy, Heads-or-Tails game, and a Dessert Auction. Individual and Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available. Levels begin at Ram-Shout Out for \$25 and go to Premier Sponsor for \$2500. Registration and Sponsorship Forms are now available by the school office and on the narthex table. Please email [trivianight@stjohnls.com](mailto:trivianight@stjohnls.com) with any questions or contact the school office. Make your Reservations Now. \*A Trivia Night Committee member will be in the Fellowship Hall between services to take reservations and to answer questions.

**St. John Webstore** – St. John apparel makes a great Christmas gift. There are many new designs and styles –personalization and text options are available on many items. Orders are processed as they are received and are ready in 10-15 days. The school office will contact you when items are ready for pickup. Visit <https://stjohnstore.martinonesource.com/> to select your items.

## **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Fellowship Board, Trustees; 6:30 School Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:10 Chapel, 3:30 Advent Service; 4:15 Advent Dinner; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Advent Service
<b>Thursday</b>	12:30 Senior Women's Lunch; 6:00 Men's Choir; 6:45 Mixed Choir
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 Family Advent Night
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 Cookie Walk
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent; New Member Sunday</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Reception for New Members, Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 1:00 Voter's Meeting; 3:00 Service of Hope & Comfort

**Senior Women's Lunch** – We will meet this Thursday, 12:30pm, at Arby's on Springfield Avenue.

**Family Advent Night** – All St. John families are invited to begin their Christmas preparations by joining us for Family Advent Night on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:30pm. We will have crafts for kids, devotions, singing of Christmas carols and cookie decorating.

**LWML Cookie Walk** will be held Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 8:00am-12 noon and between Services on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. The Christmas cookies donated by the all women of St. John will be sold to assist LWML with their mission projects. Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring your donation of one recipe (3-5 dozen home-baked) Christmas Cookies for the Cookie Walk to the kitchen Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, between 2:30- 8:00pm. Return Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> to fill your container with a variety of Christmas Cookies. Questions contact Linda.

**The December E.A.T. Night** will be at Texas Roadhouse on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 4-10pm. Texas Roadhouse is giving back at least 10% of our purchases. Flyers are available on the narthex table.

**Reading Buddies** will meet Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm.

**Mary Martha** will be having a Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share. We look forward to seeing you.

**The Sunday School Christmas Program** will be Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:45am in the Sanctuary. We hope you are able to join us.

**This Week at SJ and LL –Dec. 2-8:** Monday – Ram Rebate Orders Due; Wednesday – Chapel – Food Offering St. John Food Pantry, Advent Services, 3:30p & 7:15p, 4th-8th grade Choir, 3:30pm service; Thursday – Round Barn Service Event, Co-Ed BB HOME vs. St. Thomas, Philo, 6p; Friday – Spelling Bee Grades 3-8, 1:30pm, Family Advent Night, 5:30p

**LEARN BY HEART**  
***THE FAMILY ALTAR***

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Lord's Prayer

The Fourth Petition - Give us this day our daily bread.

*What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Bible Passage: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1, 14

Hymn 332 *Savior of the Nations Come* (sts. 1-2)

Psalm 72:8-14

Bible Readings for the Week:

Gabriel Appears to Zechariah – Luke 1:5-25

The Annunciation – Luke 1:26-38

Christ's Birth Is Foretold To Joseph – Matthew 1:18-24