



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Champaign, Illinois

December 7, 2022
3:30pm & 7:15pm

Dominus: Christ's Advent in Mark's Gospel
Advent Midweek 2

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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. Sunday bulletins with announcements are available on the narthex table.

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 & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 3:30 – Jeremy & Mike; 7:15 – Jim & Kurt.

Advent Dinner – Please join us in the fellowship hall after the 3:30 worship service for a variety of soups served by the 6th and 7th grade families.

December E.A.T. Night – El Rancho Grande, Monday, December 12, All Day – Bring in the flyer or show an electronic copy to make sure that 20% of the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Gift card and alcohol sales are excluded. Flyers are available on the narthex table and on the school website. El Rancho Grande is located in Savoy, behind Aldi.

December/January Deadlines – Please send in all bulletin information for the months of December and January as well as newsletter information for January into the church office by December 13th. Deadlines will be moved up to ensure everything is completed on time.

No Choir Rehearsal – Please note that there will not be singing choirs rehearsals tomorrow night.

The ladies of St. John are invited to a potluck luncheon on Tuesday the 13th of December. Please bring a dish to share. Tableware, drinks and dessert will be provided. We will be in the overflow. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the fellowship Hall. This will help us prepare. Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Cindy. Look forward to seeing you, and to get to know one another better.

Voter's Meeting – There will be a Budget Voter's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday, December 11th, at 1:00pm.

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 13:1-2

¹“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness. ²“And on that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more. And also I will remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:9-14

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-34

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. ²⁹ And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.