

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 15, 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 III with Holy Communion

**stand as you are able*

Prelude- <i>“Savior of the Nations, Come”</i>	Alleluia Ringers
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*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	184
*Introit	dated insert
*Kyrie	186
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(8:00) <i>“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”</i>	Alleluia Ringers
(10:45) Gradual	dated insert
Epistle Reading	
*Alleluia	190
*Gospel Reading	
*Nicene Creed	191
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Sermon <i>“Identity Confirmed”</i> Matthew 11:2-15	
*Offertory	192
Gathering of Tithes and Offering	
(8:00) <i>“O Sanctissima”</i>	Violin
(10:45) <i>“Aria”</i>	English Horn
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(8:00) Postlude- <i>“Savior of the Nations, Come”</i>	Alleluia Ringers
(10:45) Postlude- <i>“Hark! A Thrilling Voice”</i>	

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 & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Kurt, Joe, Andy & Dan; 10:45 – Chris, Terry, John & Jim. **Acolytes:** 8:00 – Peter; 10:45 – Elijah. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Kai & Ethan; 10:45 – Chris & Bryce. Violin – Lois, English Horn – Lou Ann.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given today by Jan Bundy and family in loving memory of Nellie. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery:* Dave, Chuck -son of Ellie, Lorene, Kim and Jim, John, Jacob -great grandson of Bob & Joan, 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:* Earl, Roger -father of Stephanie, Jayne, Linda, Roxy, Philip -son of Starley, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy, Shawn -sister of Maxine; *for our college students:* Cole, Jordan, Kate; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor Carmichael/Army/South Korea, Andy. Brandon, Suzzanna, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Phyllis, Mary, Betty, Lavina.

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

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

The Sunday School Christmas Program is today starting at 9:45am in the Sanctuary. We hope you are able to join us. Bible Class will not meet today.

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.

Poinsettia Forms – Would you like to help make our church beautiful and festive for the Christmas services? Consider donating a red poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone. The cost is \$10 each and order forms can be found on the narthex table. Orders are due by tomorrow.

Christmas Door Hangers – The Evangelism Board is inviting you to take a Christmas door hanger (or more) to share with a friend or neighbor. It includes our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship times along with our regular worship service times. They are available on the narthex table.

Advent Dinners – The St. John Youth are hosting the Advent Dinners. Sign-up sheets are 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. This week is sloppy joes.

St. John Youth – If you are in 6th -12th 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. The work is easy, fun and rewarding.

Christmas Caroling – Please join us as we shine Jesus' light to our homebound/nursing home members and friends. We will meet at St. John next Sunday, December 22nd, at 3pm and visit and sing until about 5pm when we will go to Jupiters for a pizza party and games. Would love to see you all there. Sign-up sheet is on the board outside of the church office.

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

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.

You Can Teach Laypeople Theology – Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Adam & Eve, Katie Luther, An Introduction to the Book of Galatians, Holy Baptism and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	3 rd Sunday in Advent; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:45 Sunday School Christmas Program; 10:45 Holy Communion
Tuesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:30 Day School Christmas Program
Wednesday	8:10 Chapel, 3:30 Advent Service; 4:15 Advent Dinner; 5:45 Midweek School; 6:00 Handbells; 7:15 Advent Service
Thursday	6:00 Men's Choir; 6:30 LL Preschool Christmas Program; 6:45 Mixed Choir
Sunday	4 th Sunday in Advent; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion (Mixed Choir); 3:00 Christmas Caroling

Announcements – Please have all announcements for the 12.22 and 12.29 bulletins to the church office by Monday, December 16th.

Day School Christmas Program – The school Christmas Service will be on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm. Our school choirs and middle school band will perform Christmas music, and the pastor will lead us in a service that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of our Lord and Savior. The Little Lamb Preschool classes have been working on a Christmas program and are excited to share it with family and friends. Their program will be Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This Week at SJ and LL –Dec 16-22: Tuesday – Day School Christmas Service, 6:30pm; Wednesday – Chapel – Offering for Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, Advent Services, 3:30p & 7:15p; Thursday – Little Lamb Christmas Program, 6:30pm; Friday – All School Hymn Sing, 8:20am, 11:30 Dismissal

Christmas/New Year Hours – The Church Office will be closed December 25th through January 1st. The School Office will be closed December 21st through January 6th.

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 on Saturday, February 1st. Doors open at 5pm and Trivia starts at 6pm. 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. Please contact the school office or email with any questions. Make Your Reservations Now.

Ram Rebate Gifts Cards – Instead of running all over town, buying a gift card at this store and that restaurant, buy gift cards from Ram Rebate and earn a rebate for the church or school account of your choice. Many cards are available in stock in the school office and will be offered in the Fellowship Hall today between services. Thousands more can be ordered and will arrive in time for Christmas.

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 Ten Commandments

The First Commandment - You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment - You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment - Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment - Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Fifth Commandment - You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Bible Passage: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Hymn 332 *Savior of the Nations Come* (sts. 6-8)

Psalm 111

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Shepherds Visit Bethlehem – Luke 2:1-20

Circumcision, Purification of Mary, and Presentation – Luke 2:21-24

Simeon and Anna Receive the Christ Child – Luke 2:25-40

The Epiphany of Our Lord – Matthew 2:1-12