

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 26, 2021

8:00am & 10:45am



## St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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<b>Divine Service IV with Holy Communion</b>	<b>Page</b>
<i>*stand as you are able</i>	
Prelude – <i>“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich”</i>	Bach/Buxtehude
<b>Hymn</b> <i>Angels From the Realms of Glory</i>	<b>367</b>
*Invocation, Confession, Absolution	203
*Introit	dated insert
*Kyrie	blue insert
*Gloria	blue insert
*Salutation & Collect	205
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*Alleluia and Verse	205
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*Apostles’ Creed	207
<b>Hymn</b> <i>Let All Together Praise Our God</i>	<b>389</b>
Sermon <i>“In Awe of the Holy Temple”</i>	Luke 2:22-40
*Prayers	207
Gathering of Tithes and Offering	
<i>“Gelobet seist Du, Jesu Christ”</i>	Bach/Walther
*Service of the Sacrament	208
*Sanctus	blue insert
*Agnus Dei	blue insert

## Communion Hymns – 374, 382, 386

*Nunc Dimittis	211
*Post-Communion Collect	212
*Benedicamus and Benediction	212
Postlude – “Postlude on “ <i>In dulci jubilo</i> ”	Bach/Dello Joio

**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.

**SERVING TODAY - Preaching & Presiding:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Jeff, Dave, Bob, Todd; 10:45 – Dave, Bob, Nick, Jim. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Everett & Kai; 10:45 – Peter & Colin.

**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.

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given today by Harold in memory of parents Harold & Annie. We remember the following people in our prayers: *for hope and comfort:* Sherri and family as they remember what would be the 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Paul & Kate on December 28<sup>th</sup>; *for healing and recovery:* Lindsey, Judy, Jim, Roger- father of Stephanie, Jim, Rick, Lois, Brian, Larry, Teresa, Barbara, Maelynn, Karla, Whitney, Barbara, John, Tom, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Judy, Rebecca, Roy, Dan, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students:* Margaret, Isabelle, Erin; *for those in the military:* Adam, Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Alice, Gaylord.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:  
<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

**Baptism** – Mason Lee was baptized on December 22, 2021. He was born May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to Scott and Taylor. His sponsors are Mitch, Kayla, and Lindsey. We welcome Mason into the Lord's Family!

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

**Today**      *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion*

**Monday**     *Church & School Offices Closed until January 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**Wednesday** *No Evening Service*

**Friday**      *New Year's Eve; 7:15 Holy Communion*

**Sunday**     *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion*

**Tuesday/Wednesday Bible Class** will not meet this week (December 28<sup>th</sup>).

**Wednesday Night Service** – There will be no Wednesday night service on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent Dinners** – Thank you all who enjoyed the Advent dinners and donated items or funds from the St. John Youth group and the St. John 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade families. We really appreciate your support and generosity.

**E.A.T. Night Update-** Many thanks to all who picked up a Pronto Pack or bought a gift card from Biaggi's this past Monday. Our church and school community once again impressed the restaurant with sales of \$2,000 in just 4 hours. St. John Lutheran School PTF will receive \$200 from this amount. Your support of these nights has resulted in over \$2,500 raised in the second half of 2021. These funds will go directly back to students and teachers for classroom enhancements and family fellowship. PTF wishes all of our church and school families a Merry Christmas and happy dining in 2022.

**January E.A.T. Night** – E.A.T Night @ Panera - The January E.A.T. Night will be at Panera on Monday, January 10, 4-8pm. Panera is giving back 20% of our purchases. Bring in the flyer or show it on your phone to make sure that the proceeds will be donated to St. John Lutheran School. Don't forget to get your \$25 Panera Gift Card from Ram Rebate. Cards are available in the school office and in between services on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Ice Skating Party** – Everyone is welcome to attend this free event at the UI Ice Arena on Saturday January 8, 5-7pm. Whether you are a skating pro or a beginner, come out for a great night of fun and fellowship. Admission and skate rental are included.

**Sacred Music & Talk for the Christmas Season** – You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

### **EDUCATION HOUR TODAY**

**Adult Bible Class** – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

**Sunday School** – Kindergarten through High School will meet in the Sanctuary for opening before class. 3/4yrs will meet in their classroom for opening.

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

**Merry Christmas from St. John Lutheran Staff** – We wish everyone the happiest season of joy as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

**The Church and School Offices** will be closed December 27<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

**2022 Contribution Envelopes** are available on the table in the hallway near the fellowship hall, please stop by and pick yours up. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the church office.

**2022 Altar Flower Chart** – The Altar Flower Chart is available in the overflow. Please print your name and leave a number for the Altar Guild Ladies to contact you. Thank you.

**Hat and Mitten Tree** – Thank you to all who donated hats, mittens, scarves, etc... We collected 89 total items: 29 hats, 52 pairs of mittens and gloves, 7 scarves and 1 coat.

**LWML Meeting Notice** – LWML will be meeting on the third Tuesday of the month beginning with the January meeting on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:30pm in the Overflow. Please note that our January meeting is traditionally a soup supper and business

meeting. However, in lieu of the soup supper, we plan to have a brown bag (bring a meal of your choice) meeting due to precautions regarding Covid-19. Coffee, hot tea, and water will be provided. Please contact either Linda or Donna for further information.

**Lifelight is back** – Join us for Ruth/Esther, a 9-week Bible study of faithfulness, courage, and God's hand at work for His people. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45, Thursday mornings at 9:00, or Thursday evenings at 6:00. Classes start January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow (in January) or contact Neil, Matt or Donna.

**The Church Office** email is churchoffice - at - stjoh-lcms.org.

**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:

Review: The Ten Commandments (6-10)

The Sixth Commandment – You shall not commit adultery.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

The Seventh Commandment – You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment – You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

The Ninth Commandment – You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment – You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Hymn 370 *What Child Is This*

Psalm 45:7-9

Bible Readings for the Week:

John The Baptizer Prepares the Way of the Lord – Matthew 3:1-12

The Baptism of Our Lord – Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17