

St. John Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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12/20/20 Mission Statement: To be an anchor of hope in Christ!

We cordially welcome all who are worshiping with us this week. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the will and the wisdom to renounce the world and to live as His follower and disciple.

Services can be heard Sundays at 9:00am on 99.9 FM

COMMUNION POLICY

As an expression of our faith and fellowship as the Missouri Synod Lutherans we welcome to the Sacrament those baptized Christians who:

- confess and repent of their sins; believe in the Triune God, and in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior;
- believe that they receive Christ's true Body and Blood with the Bread and Wine for forgiveness of sins, new life and salvation;
- promise to change their sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Oneness at the altar requires oneness in doctrine, faith, and life (Acts 2:42). Therefore, "Let each person examine himself, and thus eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Visitors and Guests - please speak with the Pastor or a Deacon before the worship service.

Visitors and Members - please fill out a Record of Fellowship sheet. On Communion Sundays include a note below your name, letting us know whether you participated in Communion.

Visitors – please write your names and addresses in our Guest Book in the entry way of the church.

Parents – we encourage you to bring your children up with you during the communion celebration for a pastoral blessing. Remember Jesus' words: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14).

Divine Service Setting Four (p.203) Fourth Sunday in Advent

Hymns

Opening Hymn: 163 (in AGPS) – Light one Candle **Hymn of the Day:** 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Distribution Hymns:

104 (in AGPS) - Go Tell It on the Mountain

370 - What Child Is This

337 - The Night Will Soon Be Ending

Closing Hymn: 935 - Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Readings

First Reading - 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalm – Psalm 89:1–5

Epistle – Romans 16:25–27 **Holy Gospel** – Luke 1:26–38

Please fill out the Record of Fellowship Sheet

Including a note about whether you participated in the Service of Holy Communion on Communion days.

Those Serving the Lord This Weekend

Officiant: Rev. David Weirauch
Organist: Deanna Karsten

<u>Deacons</u>: Willard Brege & Terry Bellmore
<u>Ushers</u>: Madeline & McKenna Hardies

Those Sharing Their Faith With Us - December 13

Attendance: 37

Offerings for December 13

Current envelopes (Excel in Giving and loose plate): \$3758

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$3500

Mission: \$197; M & I: \$205; Advent: \$280; Christmas: \$160 General Fund Memorials: \$160; New Years: \$20

Radio Fund: \$215; Radio Fund Memorials: \$10

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20, 2020

INTROIT

Ps. 19:1, 4c, 5-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a, b

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;*

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above

proclaims his | handiwork.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*

and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,* and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;* let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

DAILY READINGS

December 20: Is. 40:18–41:10; Rev. 8:1–13; **21:** Is. 42:1–25; Rev. 9:1–12; **22:** Is. 43:1–24; Rev. 9:13–10:11; **23:** Is. 43:25–44:20; Rev. 11:1–19; **24:** Is. 44:21–45:13, 20–25; Rev. 12:1–17; **25:** Is. 49:1–18; Matt. 1:1–17; **26:** Is. 49:22–26; 50:4–51:8, 12–16; Matt. 1:18–25.

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In Our Prayers the Week of December 20

If you have a prayer request you would like included on our public prayer list or on our private prayer chain, make sure the person gives approval to be included on one or the other and then call or send the request to Pastor Weirauch. You may also use the Prayer Request Form.



<u>In Hospital</u> Steve Hein (seriously ill)

<u>Recovering at Home</u> Tyler Idalski (farming accident)

Service Men & Women

Alexa Quaine, Megan Quaine, Carissa Lantz, Elizabeth Wickersham

Loss of Loved One

Delores Bruning and family in the loss of Richard Bruning on Dec. 8.

Thank You for Your Generosity

Big thank yous to all the people, who gave for the giving tree. Many, many kids will have a wonderful Christmas this year, because of your efforts.

Shut-in at Medilodge

Geraldine Barr

Shut-in Orchard Manor

Shirley Wenzel

<u>Shut-ins Birch Lane</u> Adult Foster Care

Ralph Kreft Royce Grulke

Shut-in Sally's Care

Betty Rusch

Shut-in at Home

Mark Bruning

Cancer Treatment

Al Grulke

In Loving Memory of Richard Bruning

Gifts were given by Roger Fleming and Alger & Janet Lamb to the Radio Fund

In Loving Memory of Jim Gregus

Gifts were given to the Church General Fund



St. John Calendar Dec. 20-27

Sunday/20 9:00a Communion

1:00p Voters Meeting

10:00a Christmas Program Practice

5:00p Christmas Program

Monday/21 3:30p Confirmation

Tuesday/22 11:40a School Dismisses

Wednesday/23 6:30p Advent Service (Immanuel)

Thursday/24 6:30p Christmas Eve Service

Saturday/25 9:00a Christmas Day Worship

Sunday/27 9:00a Worship

St. John Office Will Be Closed Dec. 23 to Jan. 3

Over Christmas Break the secretary will not have regular office hours but will come in to check messages and take care of what is needed.

Please have bulletin information in on Dec 21 & 29
for the upcoming Sundays. School and Office resumes January 4.

Christmas Program This Evening, December 20 at 5:00pm

The children have been working hard. We hope you are able to attend.

School Fundraiser News



St. John's Mission Adventure

Faculty cut brush, students decorated the branches and parents delivered the attractive pine swags to many of our homebound neighbors. Thank you to everyone who helped with this caring outreach.

Lighthouse Pizza Cards are now available in the school office. Five-punch cards are \$49; 12-punch (1 pizza per month) are \$99. We appreciate The Lighthouse for offering this great fundraiser year after year. The school earns \$5 from each \$49 card and \$10 from each \$99.

Amazon-Smile: You shop, Amazon gives! http://smile.amazon.com. Search by City for St. John Church & School and shop. St. John's receives 0.5% of purchases.

Hygiene Pantry

a Board of Human Care Ministry Outreach Project of Peace Lutheran Church, 1401 M-68, Rogers City. MI (989) 734-7621 to provide personal care products to residents of Presque Isle County

2021 Distribution Dates:

(3rd Monday of each month, from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.) Note: New afternoon distribution times!

January 18, 2021 February 15, 2021 March 15, 2021 April 19, 2021

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Please note: In case of a snow day (and school is cancelled), the pantry will also be cancelled for that month.

Items include:

ShampooBar SoapToothpaste & Toothbrushes DeodorantToilet PaperLaundry Soap & Dish Soap

No pre-registration or proof of income needed.

Last 2020 Distribution is December 21