
We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure...

Hebrews 6:19



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

December 7

*We cordially welcome all who are worshipping 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.*

VISITORS – you are invited to share your names and addresses in our Guest Book in the entryway of the church.

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 communion registration card found next to the hymnals. Please hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

Visitors – please write your names and addresses in our Guest Book in the entryway 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 3 (p.184 ff)

Second Sunday in Advent

Hymns

Opening Hymn: 342 – What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

Sermon Hymn: 344 – On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Communion Hymns:

346 – When All the World Was Cursed

347 – Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Closing Hymn: 576 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Readings

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 11:1-10

Epistle Reading – Romans 15:4-13

Holy Gospel Reading – Matthew 3:1-12

Introit – *Ps. 105:4-8; antiphon: Is. 40:3b*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the Lord our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Weekly Calendar- December 7 to 15

Saturday/7	5:00p	Holy Communion at St. John Outreach Items Due
Sunday/8	4:00p	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday/10	7:00p	Church Council
Wednesday/11	3:30p	Choir
	5:30p	Handbells
	6:00p	Advent Immanuel
Thursday/12	10:00a	St. Michael Women Study
	4:15p	Medilodge Worship
Saturday/14	5:00p	Worship at Immanuel St. John Students Sing

Calendar Changes

Funeral Person for December is Joan Altman, 734-2228

Ladies Bible Study on December 16 at Peace will be held at 6:30pm

Happy Birthday to Art Peltz, whose special day is December 19.

Choir will meet at 3:30pm throughout December

St. John children will sing in worship on December 14

Please be sure to add these notes to your December calendars!

Those Serving the Lord This Weekend

Officiant: Rev. J. Derek Riddle

Organist: Saturday – Paula Streich

Deacons: Saturday – Pat Quaine & Matthew Quaine

Ushers: Saturday – Deacons

Those Sharing Their Faith With Us

Attendance on 11/27: 71; Attendance on 12/04: 88



In Loving Memory of My Dad, Bud Basel

On his 100th Birthday, December 12, a gift was given by Ron & Joan Altman to the M&I Fund

Thank You Peace Sunday School

A gift was given for the radio Fund

Holiday Related

Thank you for the overwhelming amount of help that came to decorate our St. John Church. It was a phenomenal time of laughter and cooperation. A great big thank you goes out to everyone who shared their time and talent. God Is Good!!

Invite to a Christmas Dinner

The Ladies Aid would like to invite the congregation to our Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 8 in the church fellowship hall. Our program begins at 4:00pm with dinner at 5:30. The cost for adults is \$10, children 6-12 are \$5, children 5 and under are free. Please RSVP by December 2 to Deanna Karsten at 734-2607.

Christmas Outreach Tree

Outreach items are due December 7. Call Deanna Karsten if you are running late at 734-2607.

Last Scrip Order Before Christmas is December 16

Get your orders in by December 16 in the a.m. for last chance Christmas gift cards to be purchased from the school. To find out all that may be ordered check out shopwithscrip.com.

Pizza Cards Are Available

If you like Lighthouse Pizza, we have a great deal for you that also benefits our school. Two Lighthouse pizza card options are ready for purchase in the St. John office. You can get a card worth 5 pizzas for \$49 or you can get a one-year pizza-a-month card for \$99 (worth 12 pizzas).