

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

Hebrews 6:19



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*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.*

St. John Calendar Dec. 26 to Jan. 2



Sunday/26	9:00a	Worship
Monday/27		NO SCHOOL DECEMBER 27-31
	5:30p	Handbells
Sunday/2	9:00a	Worship

There Are No Regular Office Hours This Week

Dec. 27-31: The bulletin and January calendar will be done, though there are no definite hours.

Please have everything you would like included to the office by the evening of Tuesday, December 28.

Regular office hours resume on January 3.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

December 26, 2021

Divine Service, Setting Three (p. 184)

First Sunday after Christmas

Hymns

Opening Hymn: 798 – The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn of the Day: 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God

Hymn: 386 – Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Closing Hymn: 924 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Readings

Old Testament Reading – *Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15*

Epistle – *Colossians 3:12-17*

Holy Gospel – *Luke 2:22-40*

5th Candle: Christ Candle

The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth!

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” (John 1:29)

“Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, ‘Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.’

“In reply Jesus declared, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.’

“‘How can a man be born when he is old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!’

Jesus answered, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’” (John 3:1-8)

First Sunday after Christmas

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INTROIT *Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is. 52:10*

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

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.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a*

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*

and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*

Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a | new song,*

for he has done | marvelous things!

DAILY READINGS

December 26: Is. 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16; Matt. 1:18-25; **27:** Is. 51:17-52:12; Matt. 2:1-12; **28:** Is. 52:13-54:10; Matt. 2:13-23; **29:** Is. 55:1-13; Luke 1:1-25; **30:** Is. 58:1-59:3, 14-21; Luke 1:26-38; **31:** Is. 60:1-22; Luke 1:39-56; **January 1:** Is. 61:1-11; Luke 1:57-80.

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Those Serving the Lord This Weekend

Officiant: Rev. David Weirauch

Organist: Deanna Karsten

Reader: Candace Kowalski

Deacon: Tyler Idalski

Usher: Josh Altman

Those Sharing Their Faith With Us Last Week

Sunday Worship: 78; Communed: 64

Offerings for December 19

Current envelopes (Excel in Giving and loose plate): \$2661

Weekly amount needed to meet budget: \$3500

Mission: \$201; M & I: \$185; Advent: \$296; Radio Fund: \$10

General Fund Memorials: \$165; Christmas: \$50

In Our Prayers the Week of December 26

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.

Shut-in Sally's Care

Betty Rusch

Shut-ins at Home

Mark Bruning; Rosie Bruning

Shut-in Medilodge

Royce Grulke

Recovering at Home

Sharon Hein

Loss of Loved One

Nancy Urlaub, Bill & Carole Shay
in the loss of their sister,
Rosalie Taylor

Tammy, Terri, Annette & Amy
in the loss of their mom,
Shirley Wenzel

Service Men & Women

Alexa Quaine, Megan Quaine
Elizabeth Wickersham





In Honor of Nick & Abby Johnson

*A gift was given by Tom & Judy Richmond
to the St. John Scholarship Fund*

In Loving Memory of Harvey & Richard Peltz

*Gifts were given by Bev & Sylvester Krajniak
and Deanne & Dave Kortman
to the School Memorial & Scholarship Funds*

In Loving Memory of Rosalie Taylor

*A gift was Chris Clark
to the Church General Fund*

In Loving Memory of Shirley Wenzel

*A gift was given by
Class of 1979 Reunion Committee
to the Church General Fund*

*Gifts were given by Dorothy Daniels
Fritz & Jackie Langlois, Mac & Brenda Lamp
Mitchell Tank and Bev & Ed LaLonde
to the Sunday School Fund*

*Gifts were given by Delores Bruning
and Chris Clark to the Radio Fund*

In Loving Memory of Cindy Vezinau

*A gift was given by Ron & Donna Hopp
to the Church General Fund*

In Loving Memory of Ivan & Jo Trafelet

*A gift was given by Rosemarie Trafelet
to the Radio Fund*

**In Loving Memory of Loved Ones
That Have Gone Before Us**

*A gift was given by Ron & Donna Hopp
to the Church General Fund*



New Year Brings New Times for Worship & Sunday School

St. John's Worship Service will begin at 10:30am starting January 2 and continue at 10:30am, throughout the year. Sunday School will begin at 9:30am. The church doors will be locked, during service time. If you are late someone will let you in.

A Special Thank You to everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving Mite Box collection. A total of \$393.50 has been sent to The Michigan District to support mission projects in the United States and around the world.

2022 Giving Envelopes are available for pick up in the church narthex. Please, do not use any of the new envelopes until the new year. If you are in need of contribution envelopes contact the office.

Thank You to Kenneth Schroeder, who gave a heater to the choir room in memory of his wife, Lenita.

Ride Request

Someone (with a wheelchair) from Hilltop Manor would love to join you for church each Sunday, but she needs someone to pick her up. If you think the driver could be you, call the office for further information.

Sunday School Need

The St. John Sunday School is looking for a superintendent and treasurer for 2022. If you are interested, please give the office a call.

Help Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer to help with vacuuming the church carpeting. This task will involve about one to two hours per week of your time. Please talk to Lila Wenzel if you would like more details.

It is also proper that we acknowledge the members who have volunteered their time for this task: Joan Altman, Cindy Bellmore, Jackie Langlois, Marsha Pidgeon and Lila Wenzel. "LET'S ALL DO OUR PART TO KEEP THE LORD'S HOUSE CLEAN AND IN GOOD ORDER."



Card Sale Coming

On Sunday, January 9 the Ladies Aid will be selling cards in the narthex before and after the worship service.

Ladies Bible Study will be held on Monday, January 10 at 6:30pm in St. John Lutheran Church.