

**November 26, 2023**

**THE TIME IN BETWEEN**



*Part 5 of 5  
A Time to Yearn for the End*

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**

Juneau

Salem-Lowell

Horicon

Hymn 921

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Stand

## **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.**

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.”

## **Confession / Absolution**

We have come to worship our King, but if we examine our life and our sinful human nature, we find ourselves unworthy to stand in his presence. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Christ the King, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Christ, our King, has won your forgiveness through His death and resurrection. In his stead and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us praise our King for the new life he gives us.

**Congregational Response 552 v. 1, 3, 6**      **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Reading

### Daniel 7:9–10, 13-14 (EHV)

I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were blazing fire. <sup>10</sup>A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books were opened. ... <sup>13</sup>I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (EHV)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. <sup>15</sup>In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

## Revelation 22:13 (NIV)

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.

*Stand*

## Gospel

## Matthew 25:31–46 (EHV)

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. <sup>36</sup>I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>“The King will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’ <sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not

give me anything to drink. <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.’ <sup>44</sup>“Then they will also answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?’ <sup>45</sup>“At that time he will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.’ <sup>46</sup>And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn 487**

## **“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”**

### **Sermon**

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

*A Time to Yearn for the End*

*Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Adult Confirmation**

**8:00 AM**

**Danielle Gross**

## **Prayer of the Church**

Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are you, the King who comes to set your people free.

**Reign over us in your abundant mercy.**

While we long for your final coming, we rejoice that you lengthen these end times so that many may hear of your saving work and believe.

**Send your Spirit on us that we may use the gift of time to share our faith with others.**

Lord and King, defend all who are imprisoned or insulted because of your name. Come to help those whose Christian faith is mocked as foolish or naïve, and rescue those who are straying from the faith.

**Lead us to those who need help, guide us in our works of service, and strengthen us with a firm resolve to follow you in obedience.**

Lord of the Church, develop in us a new awareness of the gifts you give us to use in our callings, that your kingdom of grace may flourish.

**Bless and preserve Christian churches everywhere and raise up another generation of faithful workers.**

Both in humiliation and glory you extended your loving hand to the weak and the hurting. Speak to those who are confused and wondering. Defend those who are oppressed and put down. Comfort those who are enduring pain or struggling with sadness. [Keep in your care... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Abide with the aged who are alone as they die and protect pregnant mothers and their unborn children.

**Move us to see your face in them, Lord Jesus and to help them as we serve you.**

Mighty King, look with mercy on this land, its government, and all the kingdoms of the world. Relieve us from war, bloodshed, and rebellion.

**Grant us wisdom as we deal with a changing economy. Provide for the unemployed and their families. Open the hearts of those who prosper to be generous and willing to share.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer.*

Coming King and Savior of the world, keep us faithful to the end as we watch and wait for your return.

**Amen.**

## **Offering**

*Stand*

**Offering Hymn 750**

**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

## **The Sacrament**

### **Preface**

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,  
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn 488

### “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn 511**

## **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

## **Acknowledgments**

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Pastor: Nick Mount

Liturgist: Joel Luetke / David Brandt

Organist: Becky Schultz / Ruth Affeld

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*Congratulations to Danielle Gross on her confirmation this weekend! May God bless and keep her and her family in His tender care!*

# Announcements:

## No Sunday bible class Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>!

**Church Decorating:** All are welcome to assist with decorating our churches for the Advent season! Lowell decorating will be Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> after the service and Juneau on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 AM.

## Special ways to celebrate our Savior's coming:

More information on each event can be found in the December Welcome!

- For the ladies: Advent by Candlelight, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM, Juneau
  - o Sign-up in narthex
- For all: Joint Advent Service, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, Juneau
  - o Cookie/bar donations needed, sign-up in narthex!
- For the kids: Christmas for Kids, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 9-10:30 AM, School



## Current Giving Opportunity:

- Local Food Pantry Drive: Bring in nonperishable foods to any campus Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> to be donated to local food pantries.



## Upcoming Christmas Concerts:

- Christmas at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM and 7 PM
- WELS Wind Ensemble will be Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM, Carpool leaving Juneau at 1 PM
  - o Sign-up in the narthex!
- St. John's Jr. Choir, Band, and Recorder Concert, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM and 7 PM, School
- Luther Prep's will be held at LPS on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 3-4 PM
- Lakeside Lutheran's will be held at LLHS on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4 PM



## Christmas Cards Now Available:

Boxes of cards can be purchased in the Juneau church basement for \$5 for a box of 12. Bargain cards are also available!

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- The Military Support Group will be meeting Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Juneau church basement to assemble care packages for our members in the military. Please bring care package donations to the meeting. Questions can be directed to Matt: 920-306-0994
- Ladies Aid Work Days:
  - November 29 @ 5:00 pm: Cleaning the kitchen--please bring degreaser, Windex, and/or floor cleaner. Please bring rubber gloves if you wear them.
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45 pm: No Ladies Aid meeting, but we are getting together to sign cards for shut-ins for Christmas.



**Poinsettias:** Once again, 25 poinsettias have been ordered from Robin's Countryside Gardens to be purchased by members for the Juneau Campus this Christmas. The cost for the plant is \$15. If you would like to donate a poinsettia to church for the Christmas season, please see the sign-up sheet in the Juneau narthex or call the church office by December 18<sup>th</sup>.



### Do you know a Family in Need this Christmas season?

St. John's is making a "Giving Tree" this Christmas for those in need in our church and community. If you or someone you know would like some help to make this Christmas extra special, please contact Pastor Brandt **by Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** with the specifics of a gift, clothing sizes, etc. All requests will be kept confidential. In December, our members will have the opportunity to purchase those needed items and they will be delivered before Christmas. Please email your requests to Pastor Brandt at [pastorbrandt@live.com](mailto:pastorbrandt@live.com).



### Every Member Visits:

Scan the QR code or call the church office to sign-up for a time to connect with Pastor Mount!



# Christmas Cards



Would you like to show appreciation and give some encouraging words to our Called Workers this Christmas Season with a card? St. John's has a Christmas card box in the back of church in Juneau to place your cards into or drop them in the offering plate. We thank God for all our called workers and all they do to share Jesus with us and our school children.

Who are our called workers?

Pastor David Brandt, Pastor Joel Luetke, Pastor Nicholas Mount, Senior Assistant Duke Backhaus, Staff Minister Ryan Kummerow, Principal Rick Cody, Teacher Suzi Colantonio, Teacher Nikki Gunst, Teacher Deanna McLain, Teacher Matt Lober, Teacher Crystal Schultz, Teacher Livia Backhaus, and Teacher Rebecca Zellmer.

Join us for a *new*  
**Sermon Series this Advent**



**The King  
Shall Come**

|             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| December 3  | He Is Coming to Save Us    |
| December 10 | Prepare to Meet Him        |
| December 17 | He Is Bringing Perfect Joy |
| December 24 | Favorite Hymn Service      |



# JOINT ADVENT SERVICE

*December 6th, 6:30 PM*

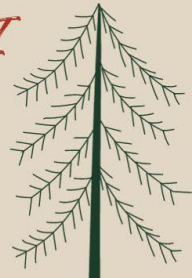


IN FELLOWSHIP WITH ST. STEPHEN'S AND  
GOOD SHEPHERD OF BEAVER DAM

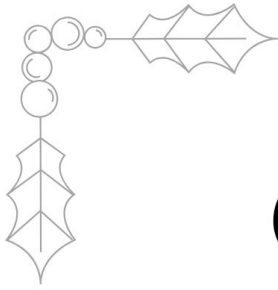
*Special messages from our pastors and choirs!*

TREATS SERVED 5:30-6:30 PM AND  
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

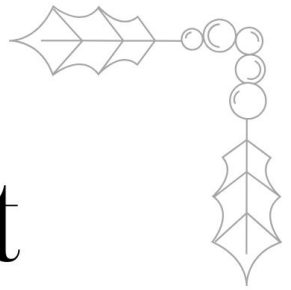
*Location: St. John's  
Juneau Campus  
400 S. Main St. Juneau WI*







# Advent by Candlelight



Sunday, December 3rd at 6:00 PM

St. Johns- Juneau Campus

## What is it?

Advent by Candlelight is an opportunity for women of all ages to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations and focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ.

## Who can attend?

The event is open to all the women of the congregation! We'd love for you to share this special evening with your friends and family members too. Have someone you've wanted to invite to church? Invite them to Advent by Candlelight!

## Do I need an invite to attend?

No! We would love all the women of the congregation to join!

## Do I need to reserve a spot to attend?

No! There will be 2 sign-up sheets in the narthex. One for hostesses and one for attendees. But if you don't get a chance to sign-up or forget, YOU CAN STILL ATTEND! The sheets are just for a rough idea of numbers

## What is a Hostess?

A Hostess provides table decorations and place settings for a table of 6 to 8 ladies at the service. She will also provide a dessert for her table. We are looking for 10 ladies willing to be hostesses.

## How can I help?

- Sign up to host a table
- Be a reader in the service
- Help with the music



More questions? Contact Heide Brandt 989-574-5976

# Volunteers (11/22-11/26)

## **Greeters:**

8:00 AM Suzi Colantonio, Deanna McLain, Kayley and Ashley McLain

10:30 AM Delores Gentz, Russ and Barb Ridge

## **Ushers:**

6:30 PM (11/22) Curt Ninmann, Jim Bublitz, Owen Schultz, Abel Brandt, Sam Mount

9:30 AM Kevin Schoeffel, Matt Yuenger

8:00 AM Scott Bilgrien, Steve Weinheimer, Tony Colantonio, Bob McLain, Wesley McLain

9:30 AM Harold Lenz, William Borth

10:30 AM Mark Saeger, Brandon Saeger, Keith Weinheimer, Andy Gentz

## **Communion Assistants:**

8:00 AM Dave Gerbitz, Chuck Wolfram, Luke Hirschfeld, Matt Lober

9:30 AM Pastors and Matt Smith

10:30 AM Randy Mohr, Russ Ridge, Marty Weinheimer, Kevin Schultz

## **Statistics**

### *Offerings given to our Lord*

#### 11/9-11/12

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| General      | \$ 13,286.13 |
| Debt         | \$ 729.60    |
| Improvement  | \$ 60.00     |
| Lakeside     | \$ 179.55    |
| Missions     | \$ 294.90    |
| Adopt-a-bill | \$200.00     |
| Total        | \$ 14,750.18 |

### *Attendance*

Weekend of Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 377 (34,28,175,49,91)

*At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$20,246 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. **Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$148,472.64 from the line of credit.** Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!*

# **This Week at St. John's**

## **Sunday (11/26)**

**Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J**

**Worship 9:30 AM- SL**

Sunday School 8:30 AM (SL) & 9:15 AM (J)

Church Decorating 10:30 AM- L

## **Monday (11/27)**

Readings Bible Study 6:30 PM- J

150<sup>th</sup> Planning Mtg 6:30 PM- J

## **Tuesday (11/28)**

Time Between the Testaments 6:30 PM- J

## **Wednesday (11/29)**

Confirmation 5:00 PM- J

Ladies Aid Workday 5:00 PM- J

Military Care Packages 6:30 PM- J

Adult Choir 7:00 PM- J

## **Thursday (11/30)**

**Worship 6:30 PM- J**

Sunday School Teacher's Mtg. 7:30 PM- J

## **Saturday (12/2)**

Church Decorating 9:00 AM- J

**Worship 5:00 PM- H**

## **Sunday (12/3)**

**Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J**

**Worship 9:30 AM- SL**

Bible Class 8:15 AM (SL) & 9:30 AM (J)

Sunday School 8:30 AM (SL) & 9:15 AM (J)

Advent by Candlelight 6:00 PM- J

Food Drive Begins!

# Welcome to St. John's

## WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership at any of our campuses. Please join us again soon!

## PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

### Pastors & Assistant

David Brandt 608-343-2206  
Nicholas Mount 920-344-1524  
Joel Luetke 920-285-1351  
Duke Backhaus 414-559-6107

### Principal

Richard Cody 920-386-4644

### Staff Minister

Ryan Kummerow 608-345-1900

### Worship Services

#### Thursday

6:30 PM Juneau

#### Saturday

5:00 PM Horicon

#### Sunday

8:00 AM Juneau

9:30 AM Lowell

10:30 AM Juneau

### Bible Classes

#### Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15 AM

#### Monday

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

#### Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

### St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

#### Juneau Campus

920-386-3313

400 S. Main St.

Juneau, Wisconsin

#### Horicon Campus

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Horicon, Wisconsin

#### Salem-Lowell Campus

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Lowell, Wisconsin

#### School Office

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