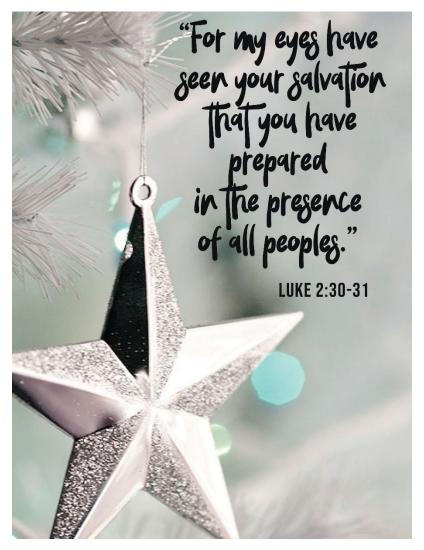
December 28-31, 2023



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau Salem-Lowell Horicon

HYMN 356

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"



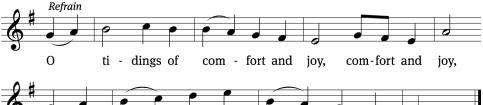
- 1 God rest you mer ry, gen tle men, let noth ing you dis may;
- 2 From God our heav'n-ly Fa ther a bless-ed an-gel came
- 3 "Fear not," then said the an gel, "let noth-ing you af-fright;
- 4 Now to the Lord sing prais es, all you with in this place,



re - mem-ber Christ, our Sav - ior, was born on Christ-mas Day and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same, this day is born a Sav - ior, the true and ra - diant light, and in true love and fel - low-ship each oth - er now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa-tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray. how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name. to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might." this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas is filled with heav'n-ly grace.



O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

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STAND

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

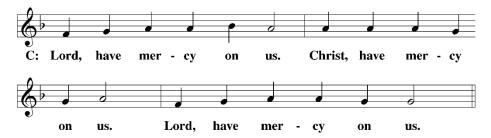


CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, 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 Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming, deliver us from the corruption of our sin, and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 8:6-13 (EHV)

⁶The priests brought the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim, ⁷ for the cherubim were spreading their wings over the place for the ark, so that the cherubim covered the ark and its poles with their wings. ⁸ The poles were so long that the ends of the poles could be seen from the Holy Place in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen from outside. They are there to this day.

⁹There was nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets, which Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁰ When the priests came out from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the House of the LORD. ¹¹ The priests were not able to take their positions to minister in the presence of the cloud, because the Glory of the LORD had filled the House of the LORD.

¹² Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he dwells in thick darkness. ¹³ I have truly built a majestic house for you, a place for you to dwell forever."

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17 (EHV)

¹² Therefore, as God's elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else. Forgive, just as Christ forgave you. ¹⁴ And, in addition to all these things, put on love, which ties things together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, to which you were also called, in one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 2:30,31 (NIV)

Alleluia. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations. Alleluia.



STAND

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter two.



²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ²³ (As it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be called holy to the Lord.") ²⁴ And they came to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the comfort of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him into his arms and praised God. He said, ²⁹ Lord, you now dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word,

³⁶ Anna, a prophetess, was there. She was a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old. She had lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then she was a widow of eighty-four years. She did not leave the temple complex, since she was worshipping

³⁰ because my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared before the face of all people,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

³³ Joseph and the child's mother were amazed at the things that were spoken about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Listen carefully, this child is appointed for the falling and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

with fasting and prayers night and day. ³⁸ Standing nearby at that very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord. She kept speaking about the child to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

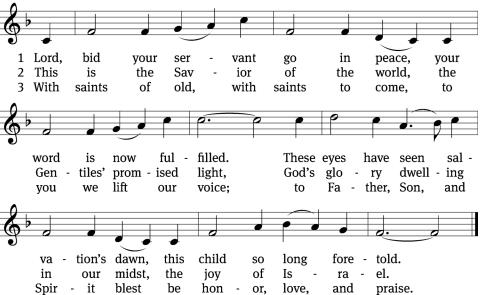
³⁹ When they had accomplished everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town, Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

The Gospel of our Lord



BE SEATED





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SERMON Luke 2:22-40

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.

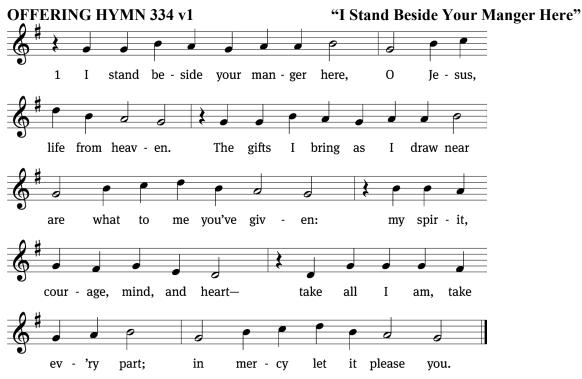
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness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

BE SEATED

OFFERING

During this time, you are encouraged to fill out the <u>Friendship Register</u> located in your pew and please pass it to others in your pew to sign. <u>Online giving</u> is available on our app and website for St. John's Church. Also, please take this time to <u>greet</u> those sitting around you. After the organist finishes the musical selection, please stand and sing the hymn verses while the ushers bring the plates forward.

STAND



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & 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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

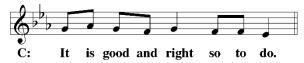
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

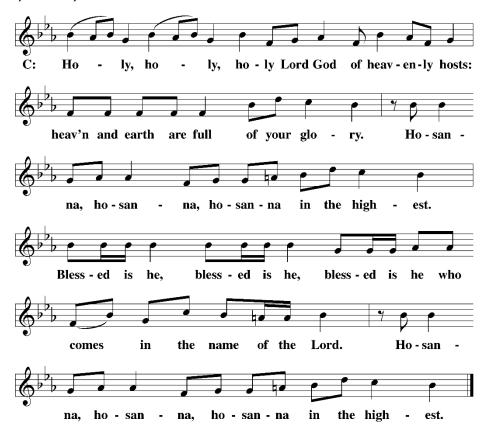


Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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, by whose wonderful and mysterious birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

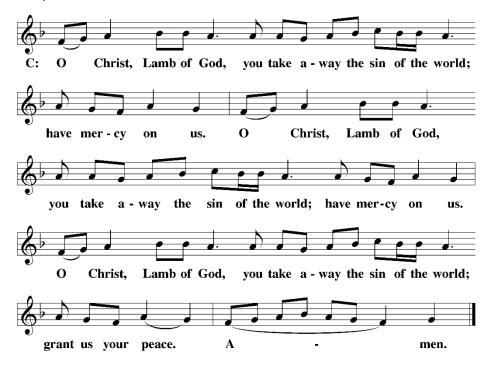
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"





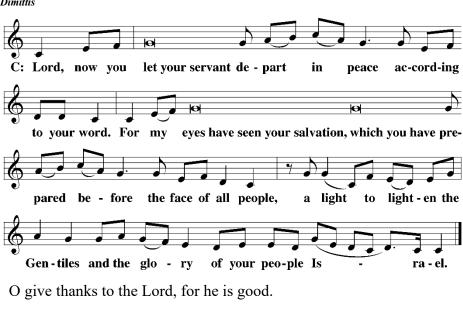
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THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis





C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



BE SEATED

HYMN 332

"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"



- 1 Let us all with glad-some voice praise the God of heav en,
- To this vale of tears he comes, here serve in sad - ness, are rich, for he was poor; is not this а won - der?
- 4 Christ, our Lord and Sav ior dear, bless us and be near us



who, to bid our hearts re-joice, that with him in heav'n's fair homes There-fore praise God ev - er - more Grant us now a glad new year.

his own Son has giv - en. we may reign in glad-ness. here on earth and yon - der. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

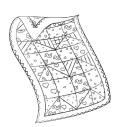
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Announcements

Quilting/Sewing Workday/Night



Ladies Aid is organizing two opportunities to make knotted fleece blankets, lap robes and bags for walkers. Anyone is welcome to participate and use their skills to help make these items. We will donate them as needed. Some will go to members, others to organizations that help people in need.

The 1st opportunity is Tuesday, January 16 in the church basement (Juneau) at 6:30 p.m. We will cut and tie knots in fleece to make a 2-layer blanket. No sewing skills required. If you have scissors for fabric please bring

them along. All the fleece fabric will be provided.

The 2nd opportunity is Thursday, January 25, in the church basement (Juneau) from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Come for an hour or two, or the whole time as your schedule allows. We will be sewing bags for walkers and small quilt tops to make lap robes. Bring your sewing machine if you choose and sewing supplies, scissors, thread... You can bring fabric if you wish. We have donated fabric and batting that will be used for both projects.

Do you know someone who could use a bag for their walker? Please let us know! If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Cindy Raube, 920-36-9352.

Open Forum and Voter's Meeting

An open forum will be held on January 7^{th} at 6:30 PM in Lowell to discuss new items before they are officially voted on! The Voter's Meeting will then be held on January 14^{th} at 6:30 in Juneau. We invite every member to come be a part in guiding the ministry at St. John's!



Jesus Cares Volunteers Needed!

Jesus Cares is a gospel ministry of our church that serves the people of Clearview that have some physical and mental challenges. We serve them with Jesus! Jesus Cares meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 1:30 PM, year-round. We meet in the chapel at Clearview at 1:30 PM, have a Bible Story, sing some songs then go into the multi-purpose room for coloring and crafts. Everything takes about an hour.



We are looking for anyone who can push a wheelchair, bring a smile, and show Christian love to people that are joyful to be around. Although we would love it if you could, you do not need to help every time Jesus Cares happens. If interested, please contact Pastor Brandt (608-343-2206)!

Undecorating Church:

The Lowell Campus will take down its Christmas decorations after the 9:30 service on January 7th. Juneau will be undecorating at 9 AM on January 13th. Volunteers to help at either or both campuses are needed and very appreciated!

2024 Offering Envelopes:

Offering envelopes for 2024 are available in the narthex of the Juneau and Lowell Campuses. Horicon offering envelopes are located at the Juneau campus. Please pick them up as soon as possible!

School Basketball:

Help is needed at our school's home basketball games! Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers to help with concessions and the scoreboard are also needed. If you could assist in any of these ways, there is a sign-up at school or contact: 920-386-4644 / school@st.johnsjuneau.org. January home games are on the 8th, 12th, 15th, 19th, and 27th.

2024 Calendars are available!

St. John's was given 2024 calendars for our members/friends to utilize this next year. Please pick up a calendar or more in the narthex and share them with your loved ones!

Special Gift Envelopes:

The opportunity for you to direct a special gift toward two upcoming projects is still available! The two projects are funding for celebration the Juneau campus' 150th anniversary and the construction of a playground for our Pre-K students. If you are interested in dedicating a gift to either of the projects, giving envelopes can be found in the narthex with more information. You may also give anytime through the St. John's app!



Office Hours at Lowell:

The Lowell office will be staffed by a pastor on Thursdays between 1:30 and 4:30 PM. Please feel free to drop by anytime during those hours to visit with your pastoral staff!

Scrip:

Scrip will be sold after church on 12/28 and between services at Juneau on 12/31. The regular schedule—after Thursday worship, before school on Friday, and between services Sunday—will resume on 1/4.

Volunteers (12/28-12/31)

Greeters:

6:30 PM Paul and Sharon Schmidt

8:00 AM Bob and Jody Paplham Family, Lydia and Brayden

10:30 AM Russ and Barb Ridge, Diane Pamperin

Communion Assistants:

6:30 PM Pastor and Paul Schmidt

8:00 AM Rick Cody, Matt Lober, Kevin Schultz, Mike Schilling

9:30 AM Pastor and Paul Metzger

10:30 AM Scott Wohling, Russ Ridge, Marty Weinheimer, Bill Luebke

Ushers:

6:30 PM Bob Gerbitz, Ken Wolfram

8:00 AM Curt Ninman, Jim Bublitz, Mark Saeger, Brandon Saeger

9:30 AM Matt Yuenger, Kevin Schoeffel

10:30 AM Dale Marks, Sam Marks, Randy Mohr, Kris Heinzen

Juneau Snow Removal: (Week of Jan. 1st)

Team 1 Rick Leissring and Kris Heinzen

New 20's and 30's Group!

Fun, Fellowship, Faith

WHAT?

The new St. John's 20's and 30's group is focused on creating fellowship opportunities for young adults! Gatherings are informal and include a fun-filled activity suggested by the group such as bowling, bonfires, and more. This is a Christian atmosphere, but it is not a bible class. The environment is welcoming for members and non-members alike, so feel free to bring your friends! Young adults, and their kids, are invited to attend and help build the foundation of this new group!



The 20's and 30's are a unique time in life. Often many life changes take place during this period: marriage, kids, new jobs, a first apartment, buying a house, old friends moving far away, getting the pet you can finally have because you not "under my roof" anymore, and what is health insurance anyway? With all the new responsibilities and challenges that come with being a young adult, having a supportive group to relax and have fun with is extra important!

NEXT EVENT!

Join us for Axe Throwing!

We will be meeting at the West Bend Axe and Escape Room at 3:00 PM on January 20th. The cost is \$27 per person for 75 minutes at the lane. Bring snacks to share; they can be brought into the facility. No RSVP is required, but it is appreciated so we have an idea of how many are coming. Bringing friends is encouraged!

QUESTIONS/RSVP:

Lexi Voigt: 920.319.2496 / butters2098@gmail.com Danielle Schilling: 920.988.8941 / deschilling98@gmail.com

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (12/31)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J

Worship 9:30 AM-SL

Monday (1/1)

No Readings Bible Class!

Tuesday (1/2)

Jesus Cares 1:30 PM- Clearview

Wednesday (1/3)

Midweek Worship

- Clearview 10:00 AM

- Juneau 11:00 AM

Confirmation 5:00 PM- J

Thursday (1/4)

Worship 6:30 PM- J

Ladies Aid 6:45 PM- J

Sunday School Teacher's

Mtg 7:30 PM- J

Saturday (1/6)

Worship 5:00 PM-H

Sunday (1/7)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J

Worship 9:30 AM- SL

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

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

Undecorate Church 10:30 AM- SL

Open Forum 6:30 PM- SL

Statistics

Offerings given to our Lord

	<u>12/14-12/17</u>
General	\$ 16,900.68
Debt	\$ 741.97
Improvement	\$ 150.00
Lakeside	\$ 45.00
Missions	\$ 2,410.32
Total	\$ 20,247.97

Attendance

Weekend of Dec. 17th 351 (48,41,141,67,54)

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 \$147,215.44. from the line of credit. Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents,

treasures, and prayers. Thank you!

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.

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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

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