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# Second Sunday in Advent

December 2-5, 2021

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## OPENING HYMN 20

**“When All the World Was Cursed”**

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

We rejoice, heavenly Father, that you have stirred up your might and have come to save us.

**Our spiritual eyes turn toward Bethlehem, the birthplace of your Son, as foretold by the prophet Micah.**

We accept with joy the fulfillment of your prophecy.

**As John the Baptist recognized your Son before he was born, help us also to recognize him as your Son and our Savior.**

In a most marvelous manner, you prepared a sacrifice for our sins in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

**Send us your Holy Spirit that we may truly believe and accept this miracle of your love.**

As we anticipate with joy the celebration of his birth,

**Grant us your grace that we may see in him the greatness of your love for us. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another

*Silence for self-examination*

We confess, almighty God, that we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed our own ways and the desires of our hearts instead of your will and way.**

We have broken your commandments and neglected your righteous decrees.

**We have offended you, our mighty and eternal God.**

There is no health in us.

**O Lord, have mercy on us.**

For the sake of your great mercy, O Lord, forgive us. Spare us the just punishment our sins deserve according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**And grant that for his sake, we may live sober, upright and godly lives to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, our heavenly Father, has taken away your guilt and punishment. Because of the living and dying of God's appointed Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ, he has forgiven you and restored you to your Father's house. May God grant you peace and joy as you await his return from heaven to gather his people home.

**Amen.**

## **ADVENT LITANY**

We light two Advent candles, remembering Jesus who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

**We remember Jesus who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.**

We hear his call to repent.

**We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

*Two Advent candles are lit as the congregation sings*

**HYMN 702 v.3**

**“Prepare the Royal Highway”**

**God’s people, see him coming:  
Your own eternal King!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God’s promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you!  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
For he fulfills God’s Word!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**BAPTISM in 10:30 AM for Philip Michael Christians**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Malachi 3:1-4 EHV**

Look! I am sending my messenger! He will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord, whom you are seeking, will come to his temple! The Messenger of the Covenant, in whom you delight, will surely come, says the LORD of Armies.

<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day when he comes? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire, like launderers bleach! <sup>3</sup> He will be seated like a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and like silver. They will belong to the LORD and bring him an offering in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> Judah and Jerusalem’s offerings will be pleasing to the LORD as they were in the days of old, in years long ago.

## ANTHEM

9:30 Service

"Immanuel"

Adult Choir

10:30 Service

"My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Junior Choir

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 EHV

This is the way a person should think of us: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. <sup>2</sup>In this connection, moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. <sup>3</sup>But it is a trivial matter to me if I am evaluated by you or by a day in a human court. Why, I do not even evaluate myself. <sup>4</sup>I do not in fact know of anything against myself, but I am not justified by this; rather, the one who evaluates me is the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Therefore judge nothing ahead of time, until the Lord comes. He will bring to light whatever is hidden in darkness and also reveal the intentions of hearts. Then there will be praise for each person from God.

## CHILDREN'S DEVOTION

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6 EHV

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene – <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into the whole region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>Just as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

"Prepare the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low.

The crooked will become straight, and the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup>And everyone will see the salvation of God."

*Please be seated*

HYMN OF THE DAY 16

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

SERMON

Luke 3:1-6

**Prepare for Christ’s Coming: Repent!**

*Please stand*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**Explanation to the Second Article**

What do you believe about God the Son?

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this He did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*Please be seated*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent’s head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**Move us to take to heart the words of John: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”**

You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

We pray together...

**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.**

*Please stand*

**OFFERING HYMN 483 vv1-2**

**“Lord of All Good”**

**1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;  
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill.  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
That our whole life is offered to your will.**

**2 We give our minds to understand your ways;  
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;  
Hearts with the flame of your own love ablaze –  
Thus for your glory all our pow'rs combine.**

**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.**

*Please be seated*

**CLOSING HYMN 14**

**“Arise, O Christian People”**

Preacher: Paul Schupmann

Liturgist: Tommy Welch

Organist: Dale Grulke / Haley Osantoski

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# Announcements

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**Congratulations!** Congratulations to the Christians family on the baptism of their son! May God bless and be with Philip Michael and his parents, Joel and Colleen Christians, as they raise their son to love the Lord all the days of his life.

**Christmas Painting Party!!!** Join us for a Christmas Painting Party on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We'll be painting a Christmas-themed picture on canvas which will be completed for you to take home that evening. Cost is \$35 which includes the canvas, paint and instruction. (Canvas size will be approximately 12"x12".) No prior painting experience needed. Event starts at 6:30pm and goes until 9pm. Please wear appropriate clothing for painting. Sign up now in the narthex for this fun Christmas event- deadline for sign up is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Questions, call or text Karen at 920-386-2419.



Once again, 35 **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 \$14. If you would like to donate a poinsettia to church for the Christmas season, please see the sign-up sheet in the Juneau narthex.

**During this challenging year, it is more important than ever to support our local food pantries. Would you consider donating to help those in need?**

St. John's will host a **food drive** from Sunday, December 5 – Sunday, December 12. Proceeds will go to both The Gathering Source and St. Stephen's Food Pantries. Please consider participating and bringing nonperishable, nonexpired donations to any campus.



*"Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me."*  
Matthew 25:40 (EHV)



Would you like to help those in our community who are in need this Christmas? St. John's Juneau Campus will have a **Giving Tree** during December. Needy members in our community have submitted gift requests and St. John's will place tags onto the tree specifying certain gift requests. Our members may take a tag from an anonymous family and purchase or donate money for the requested item on the tag.

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40 NIV)

**Candy Bag Donations:** St. John's has a tradition of giving a candy bag to the children who participate in the Christmas services. If you would like to donate towards the candy bags, please bring your items to any of our campuses or church office by December 19<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Luther Preparatory School Christmas Concerts**

Sunday, December 12, at 3:00pm

Thursday, December 16, at 10:00am

\*Both concerts are in the gymnasium.



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8:45-9:00AM

OR

SCAN QR CODE BELOW



# 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 at all our campuses to place your cards into. 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 Paul Schupmann, Senior Assistant Tommy Welch, Staff Minister Ryan Kummerow, Principal Rick Cody, Teacher Suzi Colantonio, Teacher Nikki Gunst, Teacher Michel Krebs, Teacher Matt Lober, Teacher Crystal Schultz, and Teacher Rebecca Zellmer.

## VOLUNTEERS (12/2-12/5)

### **Greeters:**

6:30 PM Tim, Jill, and Maddy Weisensel  
8:00 AM Becky Zimmerman and Bev Weinheimer  
10:30 AM Dan and Phyllis Wegener



### **Ushers:**

6:30 PM Neil Foch, Paul Schmidt  
8:00 AM Rick Bassette, Ralph Kaul, Dennis Affeld, Sean Affeld  
9:30 AM Don Gibson, Paul Lepple, Dan Becker  
10:30 AM Tom Selchert, Marty Weinheimer, Royce Cox,  
Wayne Braunschweig, Connor Recklau

### **Weekend of November 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### Offerings given to our Lord

General	\$11,696.07
Improvement	\$157.00
Lakeside	\$95.00
Missions	\$653.90
Total	\$12,601.97

#### Attendance:

346 (73, 18, 78, 131, 46)

# Upcoming Christmas Events at St. John's



**December 5<sup>th</sup>            6:00 PM**  
Advent by Candlelight in Juneau

**December 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Food Drive at all campuses

**December 9<sup>th</sup>            6:30 PM**  
Christmas Paint Party in Juneau

**December 11<sup>th</sup>         9:00 AM**  
Christmas for Kids at School

**December 13<sup>th</sup>         1:30 & 7:00 PM**  
School Christmas Concert at School

**December 19<sup>th</sup>         9:30 AM**  
Sunday School Christmas Service in Lowell

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>         1:30 PM**  
School Christmas Eve Service in Juneau

**December 24<sup>th</sup>         6:30 PM**  
School Christmas Eve Service in Juneau

**December 24<sup>th</sup>         9:00 PM**  
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service in Lowell

**December 25<sup>th</sup>         9:00 AM**  
Christmas Day Service in Juneau



## This Week at St. John's

### **Sunday (12/5)**

8:00 AM Worship @ Juneau  
8:15 AM Bible Class @ Lowell  
8:30 AM Sunday School @ Lowell  
9:15 AM Sunday School @ Juneau  
9:30 AM Bible Class @ Juneau  
9:30 AM Worship @ Lowell  
10:30 AM Worship @ Juneau  
10:30 AM Church Decorating @ Lowell  
10:45 AM Elders @ Lowell  
6:00 PM Advent by Candlelight @ Juneau

### **Monday (12/6)**

6:30 PM Readings Bible Study @ Juneau  
7:00 PM Board of Education @ Juneau

### **Tuesday (12/7)**

6:30 PM Trustees @ Juneau

### **Wednesday (12/8)**

9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study @ Juneau  
5:00 PM Confirmation @ Juneau  
7:00 PM Choir @ Juneau

### **Thursday (12/9)**

6:30 PM Worship @ Juneau  
6:30 PM Paint Party @ Juneau

### **Saturday (12/11)**

9:00 AM Christmas for Kids @ Juneau  
9:00 AM Sunday School Rehearsal @ Lowell  
5:00 PM Worship @ Horicon

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

**Food Drive Ends**  
8:00 AM Worship @ Juneau  
8:15 AM Bible Class @ Lowell  
8:30 AM Sunday School @ Lowell  
9:15 AM Sunday School @ Juneau  
9:30 AM Bible Class @ Juneau  
9:30 AM Worship @ Lowell  
10:30 AM Worship @ Juneau

# 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

Paul Schupmann 920-344-9839

Joel Luetke 920-285-1351

Tommy Welch 920-740-1370

### Principal

Richard Cody 920-386-4644

### Staff Minister

Ryan Kummerow 608-345-1900

### Worship Services

*(same service at all locations)*

#### **Thursday**

6:30pm Juneau

#### **Saturday**

5:00pm Horicon

#### **Sunday**

8:00am Juneau

9:30am Lowell

10:30am Juneau

### Bible Classes

#### **Sunday**

Juneau Campus

9:30-10:15

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15-9:00 AM

#### **Monday**

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

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

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

#### **Wednesday**

Juneau Campus

9:00 AM (Ladies Bible Study)

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

#### **Juneau Campus**

920-386-3313

400 S. Main St.

Juneau, Wisconsin

#### **Horicon Campus**

920-386-3313

716 Clinton St.

Horicon, Wisconsin

#### **Salem-Lowell Campus**

920-386-3313

105 Juneau Rd.

Lowell, Wisconsin

#### **School Office**

920-386-4644

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Juneau, Wisconsin

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