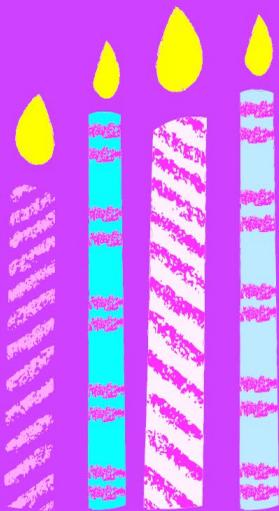


Fourth Sunday of Advent



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau

Salem-Lowell

Horicon

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 15-18, 2022

Opening Hymn

320 As Angels Joyed with One Accord v. 1-4, 7

Stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

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 four Advent candles, remembering Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary. He came to share our humanity.

We remember Jesus whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.

We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Four Advent candles are lit as the congregation sings.

Congregational Response

352 Joy Has Dawned vs. 1-2



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.



Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
cling now to a moth - er's breast, - vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.

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Holy Baptism

Rylee Marie Coron

9:30 AM

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins, and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10–14

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

¹³Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading

Romans 1:1–7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ²the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake. ⁶And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm of the Day 89

CW '93 Hymnal

Refrain



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;^{*}

I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,^{*}
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,^{*}
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?^{*}
You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,^{*}
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;^{*}
they exult in your righteousness.

**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. *Refrain***

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

327 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sermon

Romans 1:1-7

It's All About Jesus

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical and emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless... *here name the person and*

the cause of the petition.] Pour out your compassion on the grieving and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

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

Come, Lord Jesus! 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.

Offering / WELS Connection

Stand

Offering Hymn

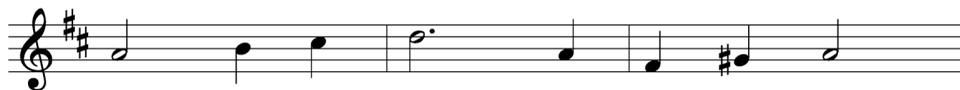
342 v1&5 O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is



1 O Je - sus Christ, your man - ger is
5 The world may hold her wealth and gold;



my par - a - dise at which I am re - clin - ing.
but you, my heart, keep Christ as your true trea - sure.



For there, O Lord, we find the Word
To him hold fast un - til at last



made flesh for us— your grace is bright - ly shin - ing.
a crown is yours and hon - or in full mea - sure.

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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

Closing Hymn

330 Peace Came to Earth

Acknowledgments

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Liturgist: David Brandt

Organist: Ruth Affeld / Randy Bode

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Baptism: Congratulations to Steve and Shelly Coron on the baptism of their daughter, Rylee Marie Coron! May God richly bless little Rylee all the days of her life.

Pastor Call On Sunday, December 11th, St. John's called an Associate Pastor, Carl Schroeder, from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Please keep Pastor Schroeder, his wife Stacey, and their 4 children in your prayers as they deliberate where best to serve our Savior.

BP Checks this Sunday, Dec. 18, 9-9:30am at St. John's Juneau. Do you know what your blood pressure is? Do you take medication for blood pressure? Our St. John's parish nurses do blood pressure checks every third Sunday at Juneau. Stop by after the first service to get your BP taken and to discuss any health concerns you may have – we'd love to see you.

Christmas Cards: Our St. John's Ladies Aid is again selling Christmas Cards. If you are interested in purchasing a box or more, please see the cards in the Juneau church basement. Please deposit cash or check (payable to St. John's Ladies Aid) into the box. Thank you!

Adopt a Seminary Family for Christmas!

The St. John's Ladies Aid is happy to again be sponsoring a seminary family this Christmas and as in the past we invite the members of St. John's to be part of this annual Christmas gifting opportunity. We have been given the name of a deserving family by the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary staff. A little bit about the family - John Wendland and his wife Taylor met while in China while serving for Asia Lutheran Seminary and Friends of China respectively, and John is now a first-year student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. They have 2 children Konstantin (4) and Sophia (2). If you would like to participate, you'll find a tree in the St. John's Juneau narthex with their gift ideas on snowflakes hanging from the tree. Take the snowflake with you and once you purchase the item wrap it, include a card with Christmas wishes if you like or it can be anonymous, and bring it to church no later than 11:30am Sunday, December 18th. There will be a gift drop box in the St. John's Juneau narthex. (To find out more about the Wendland family please see the letter posted

by the gift tree.) What a blessing it is to be able to help this young family working on their way into the ministry!

2023 Offering Envelopes: Your 2023 St. John's offering envelopes are available for pickup now! Envelopes are located in the fellowship hall at the Juneau Campus and in the narthex at our Salem-Lowell Campus. If you regularly attend our Horicon Campus, please email the church office at church@stjohnsjuneau.org to request an envelope be sent to our Horicon Campus. Don't see an envelope for yourself? Please sign your name on the sheet and an envelope packet will be ready for you to pick up the next week. Please do not use your 2023 envelopes until 2023. Thank you!

2023 Calendars are available! St. John's was given 2023 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!

Clickers Needed: St. John's is looking for volunteers to help "click" the remotes through our services for our screens. Please see the signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Char Lober (920-219-0122).

Poinsettias: 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 \$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 18th.



Family in Need:

St. John's has a "Giving Tree" this Christmas at our Juneau Campus for those in need in our church and community. If you have taken an ornament tag, please return it to the Juneau Campus this Sunday, December 18th. Thank you!

Volunteers (12/15-12/18)

Greeters:

6:30 PM Paul and Sharon Schmidt
8:00 AM Carol Soldner, Lexi Voigt, Bob and Deanna McLain family
10:30 AM Carol Leissring, Linda Tonn, Tiffany Cina, Fran Mohr

Ushers:

6:30 PM Lee Weiss, Dylan Stegner
8:00 AM Chuck Wolfram, Bruce Soldner, Nick Voigt, Rick Cody
9:30 AM Ken Leistico, Wyatt Stowell, Oscar Stowell, Larry Westenberg
10:30 AM Rick Leissring, Blake Tonn, Blake Tonn II

Snow Removal: (*Week of 12/19*)

Team 4 Mark and Andrew Buelter

Statistics 12/1-12/4

Offerings given to our Lord

General	\$19,105.94
Debt	\$269.07
Improvement	\$25.00
Lakeside	\$105.00
Missions	\$1,581.90
Total	\$21,086.91

Attendance

Dec 1-4 334 (42, 30, 123, 59, 80)

At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$19,490 (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 \$104,951.45 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 (12/18)

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
Blood Pressure Checks	9:00 AM – J
Brass Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM – J

Monday (12/19)

Readings Bible Class	6:30 PM – J narthex
Board of Education	7:00 PM – J basement
Sunday School Meeting	7:30 PM – J narthex

Tuesday (12/20)

Jesus Cares	1:30 PM – C
Brass Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM – J
Candlelight Rehearsal	7:30 PM – J

Wednesday (12/21)

Midweek Communion	10:00 AM – C
Midweek Communion	11:00 AM – J
Midweek Communion	2:00 PM – HM
Confirmation	5:00 PM – J
Adult Choir	7:00 PM – J

Thursday (12/22)

NO Worship

Friday (12/23)

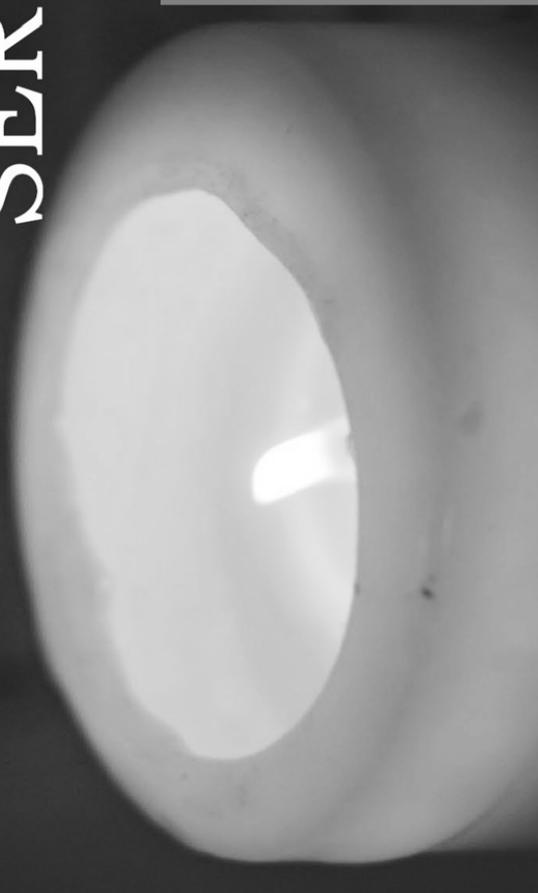
St. John's School Service	1:30 PM – J
Brass Choir Rehearsal	3:00 PM – J
Candlelight Rehearsal	6:30 PM – SL

Saturday (12/24)

Sunday School Service	4:00 PM – SL
St. John's School Service	6:30 PM – J
Candlelight Service	9:00 PM – SL

Sunday (12/25) Merry Christmas!

Christmas Worship	9:00 AM – J
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Christmas SERVICES

Sunday School Service @ Salem-Lowell

December 24 at 4:00 pm

St. John's School's Service @ Juneau

December 23 at 1:30 pm

December 24 at 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve @ Salem-Lowell

Candlelight Service at 9:00 pm

Christmas Day Service @ Juneau

Festival Worship at 9:00 am

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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Principal

Richard Cody	920-386-4644
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Staff Minister

Ryan Kummerow	608-345-1900
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Worship Services

(same service at all locations)

Thursday

6:30pm Juneau

Saturday

5:00pm Horicon

Sunday

8:00am & 10:30 Juneau

9:30am Lowell

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

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