

WE HAVE COME
TO WORSHIP HIM.

Matthew 2:2



St. John's Ev Lutheran Church

Juneau

Salem-Lowell

Horicon

372 As with Gladness Men of Old

CW 372 sts. 1-3

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

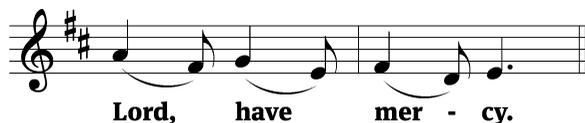
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Glory to God in the Highest

Printed on page 191-193 in the hymnal.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. ² Look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you. ³ Nations will walk to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Look up. Look all around and see! All of them have been gathered. They are coming to you. Your sons will come from far away, and people will carry your daughters on their side. ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant. Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy. For great riches from the sea will be delivered to you. The wealth of the nations will come to you. ⁶ Caravans of camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah. All those from Sheba will come. They will carry gold and incense, and they will announce the good news of the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-12

Surely you have heard of the administration of God's grace given to me for you, ³ namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). ⁴ When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. ⁵

This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel. ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ⁹ and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2



Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ²“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet: ⁶You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.” ⁷Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

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Sermon

Matthew 2:1–12

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

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Stand

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The Sacrament

Preface

CW 199

The Lord be with you.



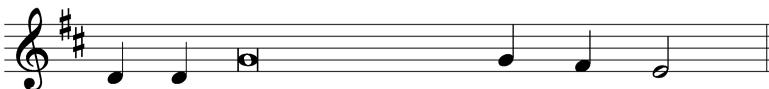
And al - so with you.

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.

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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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. 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 200

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law,

that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to 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.

Lamb of God

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

370 How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

CW 370

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.

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.
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

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CW 372 sts. 4-5

Acknowledgments

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Liturgist: Joel Luetke / John Baumann

Organist: Becky Schultz / Matt Lober

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New Sunday Morning Bible Study: A new Sunday morning Bible study series begins this Sunday, January 8. This series will be based on Paul's prison or captivity letters (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon) - four letters he wrote while under house arrest in Rome. We'll start with an in depth look at his letter to the Ephesians. Hope you can join us!

Possible Service Time Change:

At a previous meeting, the voters made it clear they wanted 3 services on Sundays. The Elders have been discussing ways to still accomplish some of their goals, namely allowing the pastors time to visit after the various services and not be rushed. Therefore, the Elders have recommended, and the Council has approved, the recommendation to move the 10:30am Sunday service in Juneau to 11:00am. This motion will come before the Voters in the January Voters' meeting. The January Voter's Meeting is January 29th at 6:30pm at our Juneau Campus.

Horicon Committee: St. John's is looking to restart our Horicon Committee. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Dan Zank at 920-386-2842 or Nate Zank at 920-210-0594.

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!

Call Meeting: St. John's will have its next Call Meeting on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 PM Juneau Campus. Please join us as we call for our next Associate Pastor.

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).

Seeking Baked Goods!

Baked goods are needed to sell in our concession stand for the upcoming basketball games on **January 10th, 13th, 18th, and 27th**. Baked goods will also be needed for the B team tournaments on Saturday, **January 28th and February 4th**. If you would be willing to donate baked goods, please let Mrs. Leissring (school@stjohnsjuneau.org) know or call the school office at 920-386-4644. Items would need to be dropped off before the weeknight games or early in the morning on tournament days. Thank you!

Sunday, January 29th - WELS Youth Night - Madison - This is another opportunity to gather with teens from around the Madison area on 1/29 beginning at 5pm at Peace Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, for fun, food, and fellowship. More information is found on the St. John's Facebook post including a registration link. There is no cost for this event. Please see our Facebook post or ask Pastor Brandt for more information.

Volunteers (1/5 - 1/8)

Greeters:

6:30 PM Tim and Jill and Maddy Weisensel Family
8:00 AM Deb Wolter and Char Lober, Rick and Lisa Cody
10:30AM Diane Pamperin and Austin, Stephanie and Brooks Neis

Communion Assistants – Juneau Campus

6:30 PM Pastor and Tim Weisensel
8:00 AM Rick Cody, Harold Zastrow, Mike Krebs, Dave Meister
9:30 AM Pastors and Paul Metzger
10:30 AM Earl Pamperin, Ryan Kummerow, Jeff Greenwald, Kyle Wolter

Ushers:

6:30 PM Neil Foch, Paul Schmidt
8:00 AM Bob Koch, Bob Sette, Shaun Panetti, Jay Panetti
9:30 AM Dennis Kohn, Matt Smith
10:30 AM Jerry Stolzman, Bob Henken, Dennis Lisko, Mike Schall

Snow Removal: (Week of 1/9)

Team 4 Mark and Andrew Buelter

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (1/8)

Worship	8:00 & 10:30 AM – J
Worship	9:30 AM – SL
NEW Bible Class	8:15 AM – SL; 9:30 AM - J
Sunday School	8:30 AM – SL; 9:15 AM – J

Monday (1/9)

Military Support Comm	5:30 PM – J
Readings BC	6:30 PM – J
Board of Education	7:00 PM - J

Tuesday (1/10)

Old Testament BC	6:30 PM - J
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Wednesday (1/11)

Confirmation	5:00 PM - J
Church Council	6:30 PM - J
Adult Choir	7:00 PM - J

Thursday (1/12)

Worship	6:30 PM - J
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Saturday (1/14)

Worship	5:00 PM - J
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Sunday (1/15)

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
School Info Mtg	1:00 PM - J

Statistics 12/24-12/25

Offerings given to our Lord

General	\$23,351.98
Debt	\$0
Improvement	\$100.00
Lakeside	\$104.95
Missions	\$9,164.90
Total	\$32,721.83

*Attendance – Christmas Eve
624 (127, 417, 80)*

*Attendance – Christmas Day
245*

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!

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

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 & 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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