

Those serving today:

Organist.....Karen Olson
Lector Elisa Brown (8:15), Linda Nielsen (10:30)
Advent Candle Lighters Baur Family (8:15), Colbert Family (10:30)
Usher Team LeaderLisa Horn (8:15), Tony Gleason (10:30)
Junior Ushers(8:15), Jonathan Colbert, Lauren Colbert (10:30)
Acolyte Bryce Baur (8:15), (10:30)
Crucifer Emerson Baur (8:15), (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Ryan Wright (8:15), Brandon Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team (8:15), (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso, Mikael Petersen
Worship CoordinatorPerry Fuerniss (8:15), Don Alberts (10:30)

Advent and Christmas Sunday Sermon Series



"Choose to Hope"

Nov. 27 "Hope to Not Live Under Threat"
Dec. 4 "Hope to Desire the Peace that God Wants"
Dec. 11 "Hope to Be Transformed by the Beauty of God"
Dec. 18 "All Life's Hope is in Christ"
Dec. 24 "All Earth is Hopeful"
Dec. 25 "Choose to Hope"

St. John's Staff

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022
8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
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PASTORS ANDY SMITH AND KIM KYLLO, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

PRELUDE *"Unexpected and Mysterious"* David Lasky
Karen Olson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* ELW 257
vv. 1-4

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Baptized today at the 8:15 service are:

Charlotte Christine Sandy

Daughter of Bryan and Lauren Sandy

Charlotte's sponsors are Blair & Nichole Sandy

and **Bennett John Goldstein**

Son of Aaron and Mary Goldstein

Bennett's sponsors are Sarah Scofield, James Kongshaug
& Megan Goldstein

We welcome Charlotte and Bennett into the family of God.



12. **Muhanga Student Scholarship Giving Opportunities**
As you may be aware, St. John's congregation provides a significant number of student scholarships for our companion congregation in Muhanga. With this assistance, many eager children are able to continue their education. These scholarships are vital to the adolescents of Muhanga and for helping them reach their full educational potential. If you are interested in providing scholarship assistance, please contact any member of the Church Staff or Global Missions Committee. A single scholarship for 2023 is \$400 and provides for a full year of education. However, any fractional amount is perfectly acceptable and very much appreciated.
13. Pink Envelopes this month support the Open Door food pantry. **DID YOU KNOW** Pink Envelopes support St. John's Benevolence Programs? We have 6 Designated Programs your gifts support. If you give by envelope your envelope packet has pink envelopes included. If you give through Tithe.ly, on the "Give to:" box click the drop-down arrow. Then select Pink Envelopes. There are also Pink Envelopes in the Welcome Pad in each pew.
14. **Coffee & Conversation at Highview Hills**
Pastor Kim hosts a monthly "Coffee & Conversation" at Highview Hills. This month is an exception to our schedule: we will gather on **Thursday, December 22 at 2 pm at HVH**. The text for this session will be: Luke 23:33-43. St. John's members, friends and residents of HVH are welcome!

15. **Affirm Worship Photograms:** Scan the QR code to submit your worship photogram.



ADVENT LITANY


Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.


Reader One: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths'" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.


ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: "Choose to Hope"Marty Haugen
vv. 1 & 3 Choir, vv. 2 & 4 Congregation



1. Hope is born when we choose to be - lieve that
2. Hope will grow when we choose to be - lieve that
3. Hope will shine when we choose to be - lieve a
4. Sing out hope through the vio - lence and fear, for



love is strong - er than ha - tred.
we are sis - ters and broth - ers.
lit - tle child will lead us.
God is pres - ent be - side us.



Love is born when our hearts learn to see that
Love will grow when our hearts learn to see the
Love will shine when our hearts learn to see that
Prince of Peace, make your home with us here; your

ev - 'ry per - son is sa - cred.
 life we share with each oth - er.
 God is dwell - ing with - in us.
 love and wis - dom will guide us. In the

times of dark - ness, in times of fear, choose to hope,
 choose to love, and know that God is near.
Last time, during Advent: Em - man - u - el is near.

KYRIE ELW P. 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 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.

Register: Sign-up sheet in narthex or call church office. Sign up today or as soon as possible! We will need to know numbers early in order to order the appropriate amounts of materials.

7. **"Empty Nest" Small Group**
 "An empty nest does NOT mean an empty life" A place of discussion, support and friendship for everyone thinking about the empty nest phase of life.
Co-Facilitators: Dan & Elisa Brown
When: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm-8pm; **meets next January 12.**
 8. **Parenting Littles Small Group**
 Tend to your own spiritual and emotional wellbeing, gathering with other parents of littles to share joys, struggles, best-practices, and support one another in this unpredictable yet beautiful task of raising children with faith and for faith.
Co-Facilitators: Amanda Boe & Pastor Kim Kylo
When: 2nd Sunday of each month during Sunday School; **meets next December 18.**
 9. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group - Meets this Week**
 An open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 3:30-4:30 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month, starting **December 22**
Where: Highview Hills
 10. **Spiritual Practices Small Group - Meets this Week**
 Encounter, practice, and reflect together with others on a variety of spiritual practices, including forgiveness, contemplative prayer, sabbath, gratitude, deep listening, and more.
Facilitator: Pastor Kim Kylo
Meets: the last Friday of every month from 12-1 pm; **December 30**
 11. **"More Than Just Lunch" Small Group**
 Participate in a monthly outing with your church friends, experiencing a variety of unique places to have lunch and entertainment.
Facilitator: Ginger Gustafson
- The **December** Lunch event will feature a trip to the **Norway House** in Minneapolis to experience the Gingerbread House Wonderland. Meet at church on December 13 at 10:45am for a tour that starts at noon followed by a light lunch in the "Kaffebar". Cost is \$8.00 plus lunch. Sign up in the Narthex today.

Announcements:

1. Poinsettia Sale—Youth Fundraiser

Order your Bachman's 8" double Poinsettia today to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas season! A full and festive wonder featuring two plants in one container with eight to ten flowers. Choose from red or white. All plant orders must be paid for at the time of order. The price is \$25. **Deadline is TODAY!**
All Proceeds benefit Youth Ministry programming.

Place your order, along with check, in the offering plate or drop off in the church office or mail to St. John's, 20165 Heath Ave, Lakeville MN 55044.

2. Upcoming Cookie workshops: Whether you are a pro at Scandinavian baking or a novice, you are welcome to help make goodies for the bake sale.

Rosette workshop - Tues. Nov. 29th 8:30 am
 Sandbakkel workshop - Wed. Nov. 30th 8:30 am
 Krumkake workshop - Thurs. Dec. 1st 9:30am

3. The St. John's Women will be hosting a **Bake Sale and Quilt raffle** next Saturday December 3 from 9am to 2pm and on Sunday December 4th between services. In order to have this sale, **we need donations of baked items** such as pies, bread, nut breads, cookies, bars etc. Bring your items to church on Friday December 2 between 8:30 and 4:00 or on Saturday December 3 before 8:00am.

4. **All are welcome** for St. John's multi-generational **Advent Festival** December 4 from 9:30—10:15am. Learn how to make Christmas treats: krumkake, spritz and lefse. We will have ornament and wreath making. There will be caramel rolls for a special coffee hour and fundraiser for the youth.

5. Plan to attend the **St. John's Cantata: "A Blest Messiah is "Born"** on **December 11 at 4:00pm** featuring the Chancel Choir, Children's Choirs and Orchestra.

6. Adult Bible Study

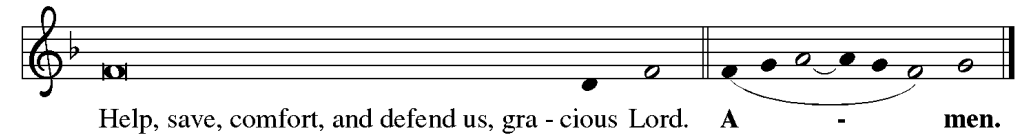
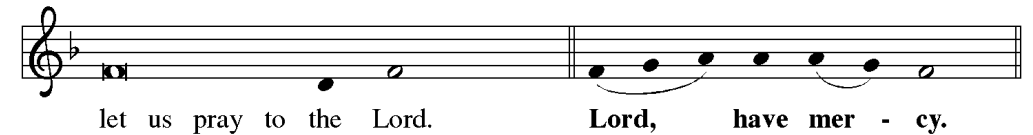
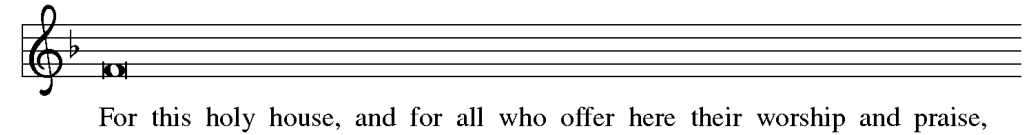
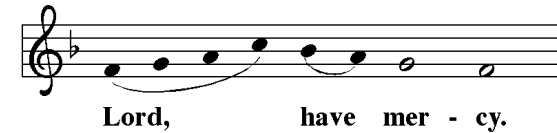
What: Adult Bible study utilizing ELCA Book of Faith materials on the Gospel of Matthew

Why: The Gospel of Matthew is our gospel focus in church for 2023

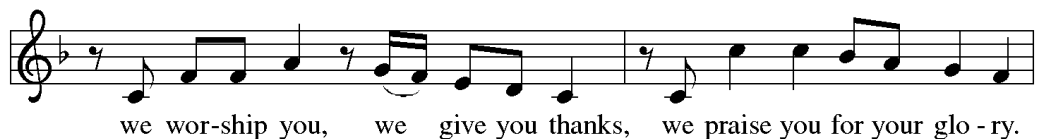
When: Mondays, 1:00-2:00 pm, Jan. 9, 16, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6

Where: On any given week, you can participate here at St. John's or online via a Zoom link that will be published each week

Cost: Free; materials will be given/sent to you as part of St. John's ongoing ministry



GLORY TO GOD ELW p. 139





you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

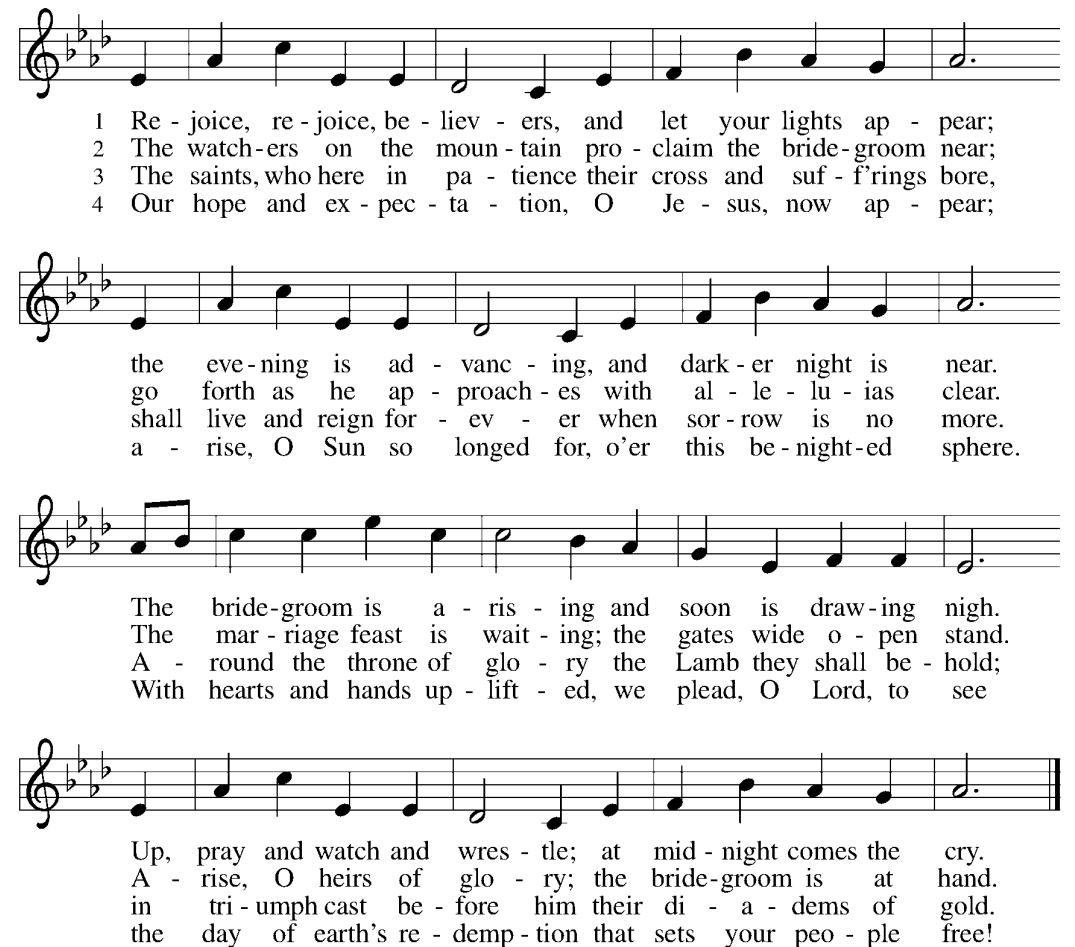
C: And also with you

P: Let us pray together:

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: (10:30) Pastor Kim Kylo

SENDING SONG: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" ELW 244



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.

The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907

Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: Thanks Be to God, We Will

POSTLUDE: "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending" James Vivian

Karen Olson

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OFFERTORY: “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”.....ELW 884

Musical notation for the Offertory. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

BENEDICTION

ANTHEM: “*He Never Failed Me Yet*”.....Robert Ray
Chancel Choir

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5
A reading from Isaiah

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel According to Matthew
Glory to You, O Lord

³⁶But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of
Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and
giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the

flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON “*Hope to Not Live Under Threat*” Pastor Andy

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*” Hyfrydol
(Please stand on the final verse)



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a Child and
3. Bless - ed Je - sus, we a - dore You, Light of Life and



peo - ple free. From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy
Sun of Love. All Your chil - dren bow be - fore You, Speak Your



find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's Strength and Con - so -
gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal
name and lift You up. King of Kings, from high - est



la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art - Dear de - sire of
Spir - it, Rule in all our hearts a - lone. By Thine all - suf -
heav - en, Lord of Lords, come rule a - lone. Son of God so



ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.
sweet - ly giv - en, Make our hearts Your ho - ly throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley and Ken Bible
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard

HYFRYDOL
8.7.8.7.D.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:15)
Charlotte Christine Sandy and Bennett John Goldstein

APOSTLES CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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OFFERING MUSIC: “*Hark the Glad Sound*” Chesterfield
Dennis Friesen-Carper