



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
KIM KYLLO, SENIOR PASTOR
NATHAN LYKE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
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PRELUDE: "Savior of the Nations, Come" Balthasar Resinarius (German, d. 1544)
"Savior of the Nations, Come" Hugo Distler (German, 1908-1942)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: "O Come, O Come Immanuel" ELW 257
The original text has been revised to correspond to texts for Advent, Year A by Barbara K. Lundblad

- 1 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

Refrain:

**Rejoice, rejoice! Take heart and do not fear,
God's chosen one Immanuel draws near.**

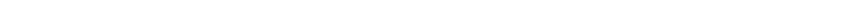
- 2 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 3 O come now, living water, pour you grace,
And bring new life to ev'ry withered place;
Speak comfort to each fearful heart:
"Be Strong! Fear not, for I will ne'er depart." *Refrain*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: Dear God, As we journey down this Advent road, give us the courage to make room for peace.


C: Peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our communities. Amen.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer - cy.




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


C: Lord, have mer - cy.



P: 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.


C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. C: A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

C: God who brought order to creation, grant peace to us this Advent. Where strife and conflict abound, usher in an abundance of your peace. When we find ourselves in unsettling circumstances, fill us with your peace. And may we share this peace with others in our hearts, in our lives, and in the world. In the name of the Savior in whom we wait, Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUHANGA CLINIC APPEAL VIDEO

FIRST READING: Luke 1:39-45

L: A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

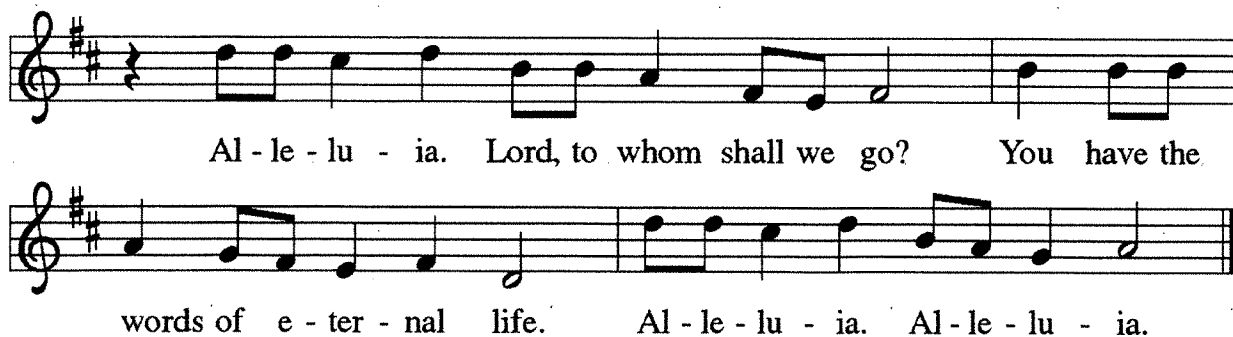
³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Pastor Kim Kylo

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 142



FOCUS READING: Luke 1:46-56

L: A reading from the Gospel of Luke

C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
 “My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
 Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name;
⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
 and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things
 and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”
⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMONPastor Nathan Lyke

HYMN OF THE DAY: "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, O Lord".....ELW 251



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
 the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—
 The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune
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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.

OFFERING MUSIC: (8:30) *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*.....arr. T. Davis
Chancel Choir

Anthem Text

Come, thou long, expected Jesus, born to set thy
people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our
rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the
earth thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing
heart,

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a
King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious
kingdom bring.
By thine Own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts
alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious
throne.

OFFERING MUSIC:(10:30) *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*.. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

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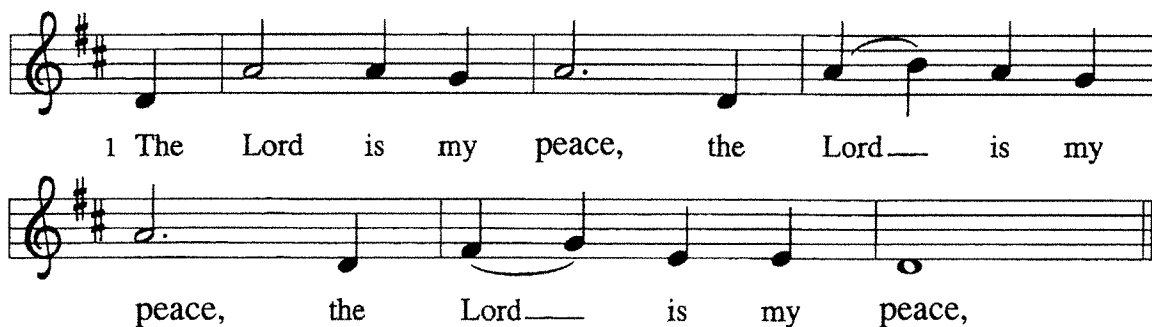
The pink envelopes in December support The Open Door.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: In hope we pray....

C:



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P: Come to the table, for it is God's table and it is God who beckons you here. Come to the table, for it is God who provides this meal, and God who gladly makes room at this table *for you*. Come to the table, for even when the world declares there is not enough room for you, our God delights in extending the table to ensure there is more than enough space, more than enough food, more than enough faith, and more than enough hope for each and every one of us. In sharing this meal together, may we proclaim the abundance of God's goodness for us and for the whole world. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "*Lamb of God*".....ELW p. 146

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 peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Unexpected and Mysterious"..... ELW 258



1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle
 2 In a mo - men - tar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni -
 3 We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the



word of grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain -
 ty and time, Mar - y learned that she would car -
 com - ing Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas -



ing is the peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter
 ry both the mor - tal and di - vine. Then she learned of
 sion for each frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us



in our cour - age and we doubt what we have known, God is
 God's com - pas - sion, of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she
 in our long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we



faith - ful to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.
 ran to greet the wom - an who would rec - og - nize her boy.
 watch with joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938-1984

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BENEDICTION

P: The Peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in † Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"ELW 265



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em-man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

DISMISSAL

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

P: We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: *"Prepare the Royal Highway"*.....Anne Krentz (American, 20th century)

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Announcements:

1. No ACE today. Sunday School dress rehearsal.
2. Altar Flowers today are given by Danny and Laurie Barth in memory of our dads, Gene and Joe.
3. **More than Just Lunch** will be going to the History Theatre on the **11th of December** to see "Rollicking" a Winter Carnival Musical. A journey into the heart of Minnesota Icy Imagination. It follows Clarence Wigington and his wife as their ice palace design adds to the magical realm of King Boreas and the people they meet along the way. The tickets are \$35 and payment for your reservation needed to be paid by November 16th. The performance is at 10:00am. We will **meet at church at 8:45**. We will have lunch at DeGidios.

Please note that there are no outings planned until February.

4. **Sunday, December 14 *Laura Pettis Piano Students Recital*** – St. John's will host the piano recital for the students of Laura Pettis. The group is split into three times, 3pm, 4pm and 5:30pm. You are welcome to attend one or all.
5. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
6. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next January 6**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
7. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am from September through June. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
8. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Colleen Dupre (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on December 11.**
Where: Highview Hills

9. During November Pink Envelope designated gifts will support the Open Door Food Pantry. If you would like to make a financial gift - above & beyond your general offering to support the Open Door, please contribute your gift in a pink envelope in the offering plate or by giving online. If you choose to give online, select "Pink Envelope" under "Give To," and write "Open Door" in the memo line. Your generosity is making a difference!
10. **Muhanga, Tanzania Medical Clinic Appeal: November 23 - December 21, 2025**
During Advent, St. John's will be collecting a special offering to complete the next phase of the medical clinic we've been supporting with our longtime partner-parish. Our goal is to raise enough money to complete the walls and install a support beam and room. With your help, we may even be able to go beyond that goal! Look for specially marked envelopes or the dropdown on Tithe.ly during Advent to contribute.
<https://sjlcl.org/pages/give>
11. Life Line Screening will be here at St John's Lutheran Church Lakeville on Friday, **December 12, 2025** offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up. There is no time like the present to take action!
- Three ways to register:**
- **Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001**
 - **Online: <https://www.illsa.social/h sca>**
 - **Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607**
12. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pjgudel@gmail.com)
Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next December 15.**
Where: Perkins in Lakeville
Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.
13. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's).** Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.
- These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!
14. **Raising humans is hard — but you don't have to do it alone!**
St. John's is excited to announce the start of a **MomCo group** — a place where moms can connect, laugh, and grow together in faith and friendship. Our group meets **every second and fourth Sunday from 3–5 P.M. through May 10.** Led by **Jackie Sorensen** and **Wendy Wells**, who have been involved with MomCo

Our group meets **every second and fourth Sunday from 3–5 P.M.** through **May 10.** *No need to commit until May 10th though! Come to the first couple of meetings and try it out! You can always join once you know it works for you!*

Led by **Jackie Sorensen** and **Wendy Wells**, who have been involved with MomCo since 2019, each gathering features meaningful conversation, crafts, and guest speakers — all designed to make motherhood a little lighter and a lot more joyful. This year's MomCo theme is **"Make It Awkward."**

Because sometimes taking that first step — walking into a room full of new faces or sharing something real — feels awkward. But that's where the good stuff happens. When we let go of perfection and embrace the awkward, we open the door to connection, growth, and joy.

Location: Near the kitchen

Childcare provided

Registration: \$80 — includes



**MAKE
IT
AWKWARD**

- MomCo International membership
- Subscription to *MomCo Magazine*
- Crafts and guest speakers
- Snacks at each meeting
- Childcare

Scholarships are available if needed.

To join, simply **scan the QR code** — and come as your wonderful, awkward, authentic self.

15. Messiah Food Shelf is asking for supplies for **Emergency Bags** for our neighbors in need. Please donate what you can, the food shelf will assemble the bags.

- Boxes of cold cereal
- Cans of tuna or other canned meat
- Jars of peanut butter
- Cans of ready - to - eat and condensed soup
- Boxes of macaroni and cheese
- Cans of vegetables
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Boxes of spaghetti or other pasta shapes
- Cans of sloppy joe mix, chili or beef stew
- Boxes of raisins
- Bottles of juice
- Packages of toilet paper
- Packages of paper towels
- Boxes of tissues
- Packages of diapers and baby wipes



Cash donations are also appreciated and accepted. Make checks out to St. John's and put "Messiah Food Shelf" in the memo line. For an online way to donate scan the QR code.

16. **Virtual Advent Calendar** - Check out St. John's virtual Advent calendar with daily devotions Monday-Friday each week of the Advent season. This year's theme is "Fun Facts of Advent." Login to our You Tube page to access all available devos, and click "Subscribe" to receive them to your email inbox automatically.
17. **Save the date! Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study:**
Begins Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 7-8 am, St. John's Conference Room
"It's back!" for some and "It's new!" for others. Pastor Nathan will be leading a weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study with men in mind as we enter the new year. Topics will vary throughout the year, but you can mark your calendars for Tuesdays from 7-8 a.m. beginning January 13!
18. **Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday, January 25th, 11:45 am**
Please plan to attend our 2026 Annual Meeting to reflect on St. John's ministry in 2025, look ahead to 2026, and consider a vote on the 2026 Proposed Budget. All confirmed members of St. John's are voting members, and are encouraged to attend. Watch for the 2025 Annual Report to become available in January, and plan to attend a Budget Preview session to become familiar and ask questions during ACE on Sunday, January 18th between services.

December Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 7 - Advent 2 *"Room in the Inn: Peace"* Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Wednesday, December 10 - Restorative Worship at 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 14 - Advent 3 *"Room in the Inn: Joy"* Worship with Holy Communion and choral Christmas music at 8:30, and with the Sunday School Christmas Program at 10:30 am

Wednesday, December 17 - Restorative Worship at 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 21 - Advent 4 *"Room in the Inn: Love"* Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 and Holy Baptism at 10:30 am

Wednesday, December 24 - *"Away in a Manger"* Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion and candlelight at 2:00, 4:00 & 6:00 pm. Childcare available in the nursery

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 am

Sunday, December 28 - 1st Sunday of Christmas Worship at 10:00 am, with Carols You Love to Sing and Holy Baptism

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector Barry Fick (8:30), Eric Engwall (10:30)
Usher Team Leader John Hartwig (8:30), Josh & Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Laurie Barth
Communion Servers Jeanne Hartwig, Ginger Gustafson, Amanda Boe,
Perry Fuerniss, Jim Buckley, Tom Lardy (8:30)
Jennifer Milbradt, Barry Fick, Jenni Tange (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Randy Franzen (8:30), Brandon Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team Nancy Martin (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator Jim Buckley (8:30), Barry Fick (10:30)
Coffee Servers Ginger Gustafson & Kathy Ziller

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector Marvin Larson (8:30) N/A Sunday School Christmas Program (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Perry Fuerniss (8:30), Lowell Grimm (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Kathy Ziller
Communion Servers Kathy Ziller, Marvin Larson, Liz Westfield, Amanda Boe,
Elisa Brown, Dan Brown (8:30)
..... N/A Sunday School Christmas Program (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Todd Kylo (8:30), Ryan Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team Christie Wright (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator Dan Nelson (8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers Dan & Kris Nelson

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