

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*December 3, 2017*

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### **HOLY COMMUNION**

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

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### **The Order of the Holy Communion**

**+ Prelude**

**+ Hymn #58, v. 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> tune)**

*"O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee"*

**+ The Invocation – pg. 15 (stand)**

**+ The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution pg. 15-16**

**+ Introit**

*Ps. 25:1–3; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.*

*Behold, your king is coming to you;*

*righteous and having salvation.*

**To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.**

*O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.*

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

*Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.*

**+ The Gloria Patri – pg. 16ff**

**+ The Kyrie – pg. 17**

**+ The Gloria in Excelsis – pg. 17-19**

**+ The Salutation – pg. 19**

**+ The Collect for the Day**

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**+ The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 64:1-9**

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

**+ The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**+ The Holy Gospel – Mark 11:1-10 (*stand*)**

**+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22**

**+ Sermon Hymn – LSB #355 (*See insert in bulletin*)**

*“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”*

**+ Sermon – “God Acts for Those Who Wait for Him; We Shall Be Saved!” Isaiah 64:4-5**

- I. God acted for His waiting people long ago.
- II. God acts for His waiting people still today.

**+ The Offertory (*stand*)**

- *Offerings are collected (be seated)*

- + **The Prayer of The Church**
- + **The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei – pp. 24-28**

+ **Distribution Hymns**

- #57** - “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”
- #56** - “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”
- #74** - “Once He Came in Blessing”

- + **The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29**
- + **The Thanksgiving –pg. 30**
- + **Post-Communion Collect – pg. 31**
- + **The Salutation & The Benedicamus pg. 31**
- + **The Benediction – pg. 31**

- + **Closing Hymn - #74 (7 p.m. only)**  
“Once He Came in Blessing”

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

**DAILY READINGS**

**December 3:** Is. 9:8–10:11; 1 Peter 5:1–14; **4:** Is. 10:12–27a, 33–34; 2 Peter 1:1–21; **5:** Is. 11:1–12:6; 2 Peter 2:1–22; **6:** Is. 14:1–23; 2 Peter 3:1–18; **7:** Is. 24:1–13; 1 John 1:1–2:14; **8:** Is. 24:14–25:12; 1 John 2:15–29; **9:** Is. 26:1–19; 1 John 3:1–24.

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