

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*November 28, 2021*

Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** or indicate such **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' in each pew.

### THE ORDER OF MATINS

**+ Prelude**

**+ Hymn of Invocation #62**

*"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"*

**+ Versicles & Responses – pg. 32**      *(stand)*

**+ The Venite – pg. 33**

**+ Psalmody:**      *Ps. 25:1-10*

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

**O my God, I trust in You;**

**Let me not be ashamed;**

**Let not my enemies triumph over me.**

*Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;*

*Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.*

**Show me Your ways, O LORD;**

**Teach me Your paths.**

*Lead me in Your truth and teach me,*

*For You are the God of my salvation;*

*On You I wait all the day.*

**Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and your loving-kindnesses,**

**For they are from of old.**

*Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;  
According to Your mercy remember me,  
For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.*

**Good and upright is the LORD;  
Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.**

*The humble He guides in justice,  
And the humble He teaches His way.*

**All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth,  
To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

#### **+ The Catechism Review – Confession**

*What is the Office of the Keys?*

**The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

*Where is this written?*

**This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”**

*What do you believe according to these words?*

**I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.**

#### **+ The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

#### **+ The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all,

as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**+ The Holy Gospel: Luke 19:28-40 (stand)**

<sup>28</sup>When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’ ” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup>And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

**+ Sermon Hymn – #292, v. 1-4, 9**

“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

**+ Sermon: “Pastors’ Prayers for Their People”**

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

- I. Thanksgiving for their people.
- II. Petitions for their people.
- III. The Lord grants these petitions as He works in us to remain faithful in His word.

**+ The Offerings**

**+ The Benedictus – pg. 38**

**+ The Prayers**

- The Kyrie – pg. 39
- The Lord’s Prayer – pg. 39
- The Salutation – pg. 40
- Special Petitions

- **Collect Of 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 Collect for Grace – pg. 40**

+ **The Benedicamus – pg. 40**

+ **The Benediction – pg. 40**

+ **Hymn – #58, v. 1, 2, 4, 7, 9** (*Second Tune*)

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee”

+ **Silent Prayer & Postlude**

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

## **DAILY READINGS**

November 28: Is. 2:1–22; 1 Peter 1:13–25; 29: Is. 5:1–25; 1 Peter 2:1–12; 30: Is. 6:1–7:9; 1 Peter 2:13–25; December 1: Is. 7:10–8:8; 1 Peter 3:1–22; 2: Is. 8:9–9:7; 1 Peter 4:1–19; 3: Is. 9:8–10:11; 1 Peter 5:1–14; 4: Is. 10:12–27a, 33–34; 2 Peter 1:1–21.

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