

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*December 4, 2022*

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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 of Invocation – #63

*“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”*

+ The Invocation – pg. 15 (*stand*)

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

+ INTROIT *Ps. 105:4–8; antiphon: Is. 40:3b*

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;*

*make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

**Seek the LORD and his strength;**

**seek his presence continually!**

*Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,*

**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

*He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.*

**He remembers his covenant for-ever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

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make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

**+ 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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**+ The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 11:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump  
of Jesse,

and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the  
LORD.

<sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the  
earth;

and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his  
mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the  
wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,

and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

- <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young  
goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf  
together;  
and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the  
cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the  
adder's den.
- <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of  
the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of  
him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

#### **+ The Epistle – Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that  
through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might  
have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in  
such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you  
may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of  
God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's  
truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in  
order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,  
“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup>And again,  
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,  
“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**+ The Triple Hallelujah, pg. 20**  
**+ The Gospel Versus, pg. 20-21**

**+ The Holy Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12** (*stand*)

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,  
<sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22**

**+ Sermon Hymn – #60**

“Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

**+ Sermon – “Flee from the Coming Wrath”**

**Matthew 3:7-9**

- I. There is divine wrath coming.
- II. We will not escape it by relying on our religious pedigree.
- III. We will escape it by Jesus’ gift of Baptism received in genuine repentance.

**+ The Offertory, pg. 22-23 (*stand*)**

**+ Offerings**

**Vocal Solo:** “Flee as a Bird”

**+ The Prayer of The Church**

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

**+ Distribution Hymns**

**#328** - “O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art”

**#310** - “Thy Table I Approach”

**#301** - “He that Believes and is Baptized”

**+ 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 – #328 (*7:00 p.m.*)**

“O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art”

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

**DAILY READINGS:** December 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; 10: Is. 26:20–27:13; 1 John 4:1–21.

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