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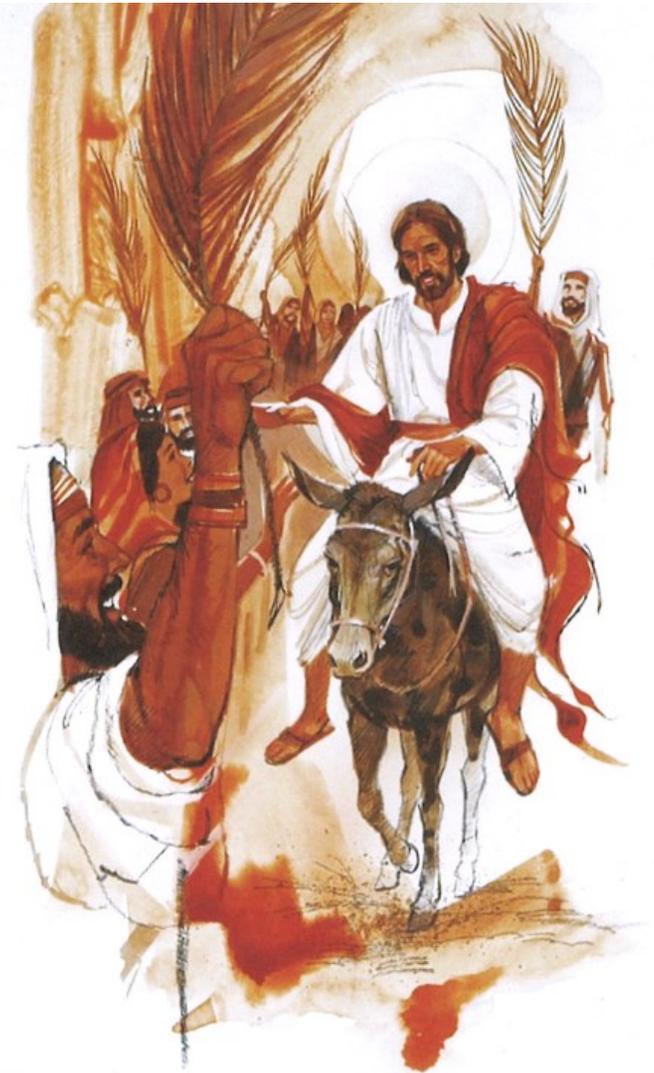
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**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week :** Steve Swift, Giana Chase, Olivia Grill, Cassy Roben, Sydney Anderson, Nancy Bliesmer, Austin Harris, Dennis Larson, Miranda Stahn, Jill Swanson, Robert Anderson, Whitney Hanson, Cody Potts, Madison Thate, Lisa Rienhardt, Ryan Kahler, Judy Kleine, Barret Olson, Tracie Schumann

**Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:** Steve & Deb Swift, Dave & Louise Janssen

**Congratulations** to Derek and Nicole Behrens on the birth of a son, Sawyer Arven. Sawyer was born on November 21.



*Behold,  
your king  
is coming to you*

# First Sunday In Advent

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN  
November 27, 2022                      8:00 & 10:30 am

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**Welcome:** We are happy that you have joined us for worship. May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill your life with the lively hope and lasting joy. Please take time to sign the worship attendance cards and place them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher.

**Email Addresses and Phone Numbers:** If you are not receiving the newsletter and emails from the church, please check to see that we have your current email and phone number. Thank you.

## Take My Moments and My Days

**Sunday, November 27:** 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship, 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class/SALT, 4:00-5:30 pm 3rd-6th Grade Youth Group

**Wednesday, November 30:** 3:45 pm 7 & 8 Confirmation, 6:00 pm Sr. High FFF

**Sunday, December 4:** 8:00 & 10:30 am Communion Service, 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class/SALT

# Family Devotional



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**Sunday School Lesson** this week is  
“The Promise of Christmas”

**9:15 Today** the Sunday school will  
meet in their assigned classrooms.

**7th & 8th grade** will meet in the youth  
room downstairs.

**Adult Bible Class** meets downstairs and **SALT** meets in fireside room.

**Special Offering:** The Board of Stewards will have a basket out in the entry for a special offering during the month of November to renovate a space for an office for our new DCE, Andrew.

**Military Bible Sticks:** We will be taking a door offering today for Faith Comes By Hearing. Every \$25 gift provides a valuable veteran or service member with a Military Bible Stick and more.

**Confirmation for 7th & 8th Grade** is this Wednesday, Nov. 30.

**Sr. High FFF** at 6:00 pm. There will be a Bible study, food and fun!

**Poinsettias:** If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of a loved one for Christmas this year you can order through the church. The poinsettias will come from Sherburn Nursery and the cost is \$20.00. A sign up on the sheet in the front entry.

**Voices Needed for Our Christmas Eve Choir:** Come and be a part of a Christmas Eve choir here at St. John’s. We will be working on songs to sing for the Christmas Eve services. Practices are Wed., December 7 @ 6:30, December 14 after the Advent Supper, December 21 @ 6:30.

**3rd-6th Graders—Something New For You!** We invite you to meet for fellowship, food and faith. Parents are encouraged to attend as well. Come join us this afternoon 27 from 4:00-5:30 pm! We will need some parents to help drive kids to Temp. Ridge.

**Sunday School Christmas Program Practice:** Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 pm for all ages. There will also be a practice on the 18th during the Sunday school hour. (Program is Sunday, December 18 at the 10:30 service.)

**First Sunday in Advent—November 27, 2022**

*Creative Worship*

## As We Gather

“In God We Trust” is a familiar statement. It has been the official motto of the United States of America since 1956 and has appeared on American coins dating back to 1864. As God’s people, we trust that God will keep His promises. Centuries ago, the psalmist confidently stated, “In God I trust; I shall not be afraid” (Psalm 56:11). Today we begin a new Church Year—another year of God’s grace. We can celebrate that God has brought us to this time and place and together can look trustingly to blessings and surprises yet to come.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the First Advent Candle: Hope

P How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

C **And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.**

P Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

C **But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**

P Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

C **Until that day, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

### Opening Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway *LSB 343 v1-4*

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### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### Opening Sentences *Psalm 25:1–2a, 4–5, 21; Proverbs 3:5–6*

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

C **Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

- P Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.
- C **May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.**
- P Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
- C **In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.**

### Confession and Absolution

- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**
- P Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.
- C **Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**
- P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## WORD

**Introit** *Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

- P Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
- C **Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!**
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the Lord.
- C **The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

- God on our behalf through the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**
- P We remember before You those many faithful Christians who have been part of our lives and our fellowship in times past, especially those who have departed this life and now are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly kingdom. Direct our ways on earth as we complete this life in faith, that we may rejoice with them eternally together with all the saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

*Stand*

### Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing *LSB 924 v1-3*

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## Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: The Advent of Our King *LSB 331 v1-6*

Sermon "Who Is This Jesus?"

## Offering

Offertory Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving *LSB 789 v1-3*

## Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, the community of God's forgiven people, asking that God's messengers continue to speak with power among us and that the Word may come to us today with its message of forgiveness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

P We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that we be enabled to gather for worship throughout the new Church Year with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us in this place. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

P We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, that God work among us through their example and witness, that we be of support and encouragement to them, and that together we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

P As a household of faith, we make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day need our prayers, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers be answered and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

P We pray for those for whom the season of Advent and Christmas is sad or challenging in some way. Help us to reach out to them with compassion, keeping our focus always on the wonderful action of

P You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

C **You are my God; I will extol You.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

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Hymn of Advent: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates *LSB 341 v1-5*

*Stand*

## Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us to bring the joy of Your salvation. Bid all shadows and darkness in our lives be gone that we may walk in the light of the Lord. Keep us faithful to the work that You have given us while it is day as we share the hope and the joy that we have within us as people of Your kingdom. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our bright and Morning Star.

C **Amen.**

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**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 2:1-5*

**1**This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: **2**In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. **3**Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. **4**He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. **5**Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** *Romans 13:8–14*

**8**Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. **9**The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

**10**Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

**11**And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. **12**The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. **13**Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. **14**Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**Gradual and Verse** Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 24:7; 118:26, alt.

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

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

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.

C **Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 21:1–11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

**1**As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2**saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. **3**If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." **4**This took place to fulfill what was spoken through

the prophet: **5**"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' "

**6**The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. **7**They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. **8**A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9**The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

**10**When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

**11**The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Creed** *The First Article*

P As we begin a new Church Year and reflect on how Jesus' coming fulfilled the Father's plan for our salvation, we speak the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning. It relates the loving work of God the Father for us. He has created and still preserves us, and in His grace, He has brought us to the beginning of a new Church Year.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

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