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† Third Sunday in Advent † December 12, 2021 †



Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We're so glad to have you join us to worship our Lord! If you are a guest with us today, please introduce yourself to our pastor and stop by the registration book at the back of church.

In the Lord's service today:
Rev. Martin Kaufmann, vacancy pastor
Cheryl Long, organist

300 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL
Sunday School and Bible Study 10:00 AM † Divine Worship 11:00 AM

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord;

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

John 20:19-23

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that
is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

Psalm 146:5-8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD
opens the eyes of the blind.
**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed
down; the LORD loves the righteous.**
**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.
Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments
against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the
festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18-28

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.”

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the
 Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the
 living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

LSB 345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
 4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
 △ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near;" we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
 par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
 world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
 with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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Sermon Text

⁸Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

¹⁸And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” ¹⁹And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” ²¹And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²²And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” ⁶¹And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” ⁶²And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered.

Offertory

LSB 192

Psalm 51:10-12



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

C Lord Jesus, You raised us from death to life by the power of Spirit given faith in Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to raise people from death to life through Your living Spirit, here and throughout the world. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

2 Timothy 2:1-4

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1



C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



C A-men, a-men, a - men.



Closing Hymn

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 331



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Prayers of the Season | **ADVENT 2021**

December 15: Simeon's Prayer, The Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:22-35

December 22: The Angels' Prayer of Praise

Luke 2:14

Church News

PASTOR KAUFMANN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor's December 13th office hours will be from 1:00-3:00 PM. He will be back to his 10:00 AM-noon hours the following week.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Advent services with Rev. Jeff Harter, chaplain of Concordia Village, are on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE

There will be two Christmas program practices next week. The first will be from 9:30 am-10:45 AM and the second from 1:00 pm-2:00 PM. Sunday School families are invited to the optional lunch which will be served immediately after church. The Sunday School will provide the food.

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to those who helped with the Cookies, Cocoa and Caroling Event on December 5. Your help with the setup, serving, creating and putting out the luminaries, supervising the scavenger hunt and getting the fire going was truly appreciated!

DARTBALL

Dartball is tomorrow evening at Immanuel, Springfield 2750 E. Sangamon starting at 7:00.

DOUG LARSON CDS

The Doug Larson CDs are still available at no charge. They are one of the final parts of our 150th anniversary celebration. Doug has been blessed with a wonderful voice, and these items would make great stocking stuffers for young and not so young alike.

MARY MARTHA GAME COLLECTION

Do you have games in your closet that are no longer being used? Mary Martha is collecting games for the activity department at the Jacksonville Prison Facility. Any game is welcome; however, games with dice cannot be accepted. NO DICE, please. Children's games are welcome for the visitor center; just remember, no dice. Checkers, chess, card games, puzzles, crosswords, word searches, sudoku, and coloring books are welcome, also. There is a box at the west entrance to deposit your donation. Please check that there are no missing pieces in the games and no dice. Thank you!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week's lesson was "Lost-and-Found Wonders." Jesus shares three parables demonstrating our heavenly Father's concern for the lost. The shepherd leaves the ninety-nine sheep to seek one that was lost. A woman sweeps the house to find one of ten silver coins and in the third parable, a young man squanders his inheritance, ending up in squalor. Jesus told these parables for the benefit of the Pharisees, who grumbled about sinners but did not see their own need to repent of their sins. These parables have one big point: God loves you so much that He will move heaven and earth to have you as His own. For discussion at home this week: "*Sin once separated you from your heavenly Father. Why does God the Father want you back?*"

ANGEL TREE UPDATE

Donated items for the community Angel Tree were delivered on Wednesday of this week. Thank you to everyone for helping collect the 27 packages of underwear for needy children in the New Berlin and Loami communities.

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to become a voting member of the congregation, please give notice of your intention to the Pastor or one of the Elders, and please read the constitution and by-laws of the congregation. At a subsequent constitutional meeting of the voting members and in the presence of the applicants, the Pastor shall present such applications to the voting members. Upon unanimous vote of the voting members present, those that have applied shall, after having signed the constitution and by-laws of the congregation, be declared voting members. The by-laws note the regular meetings of the voting assembly to be held in January, May, and October of each year. If you would like to vote during the process of calling a Pastor to serve our congregation, you will need to become a voting member.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at socialmedia@stjnb.org or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Hear "Advent with the Apostles" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear Advent midweek worship from Village Lutheran Ladue at 12:00 p.m. CT on 12/15, and continue studying the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Hear sacred music for Advent and Christmas through January 6 and find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

"I REMEMBER..."

This isn't an "I Remember" but perhaps you will find it as interesting as I. From 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to openly practice their faith. During that time the "12 Days of Christmas" was penned. Each days message had a surface and hidden meaning which the children in their classes could more easily remember. The partridge in a pear tree stood for Jesus. 2 turtle doves were the old and new testaments. 3 French hens stood for faith, hope, and love. The 4 calling birds were the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The 5 golden rings represented the Torah; the first five books of the Bible. The 6 geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation, The 7 swans a swimming represented the gifts of the Holy Spirit - prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership and mercy. The 8 maids a milking were the beatitudes. The 9 ladies dancing were the fruits of the Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control. The 10 Lords a-leaping were the 10 commandments. The 11 pipers piping stood for the 11 faithful disciples. The 12 drummers drumming symbolized the 12 points of belief in the Apostles Creed. This concludes our history lesson for the week. -Mr. Krohse

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Kaufmann or an Elder: Pastor Kaufmann (217) 503-7865; Jim Whalen (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton (217) 341-9687.



New Berlin Food Pantry December Needs

ST. JOHN'S, ALONG WITH ISLAND GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CONTINUES TO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING FOOD TO THE NEW BERLIN COMMUNITY THROUGH THE FOOD PANTRY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE LAUNDROMAT. TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THE PANTRY, EACH MONTH THE BULLETIN WILL FOCUS ON SPECIFIC ITEMS THAT ARE IN DEMAND.

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, YOUR DONATION(S) OF THE FOLLOWING WILL GREATLY BENEFIT THOSE IN NEED:

CANNED VEGGIES
CHILI
SPAGHETTI SAUCE
CANNED FRUIT
TOILET PAPER
PASTA SIDES
CANNED SWEET POTATOES

EACH SUNDAY BEFORE LEAVING FOR CHURCH, GRAB AN ITEM(S) TO DONATE. AS A CONGREGATION, WE CAN AND WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

"His Name Is John"

"And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High because you will prepare the way for the Lord." Luke 1:76 (NIV)

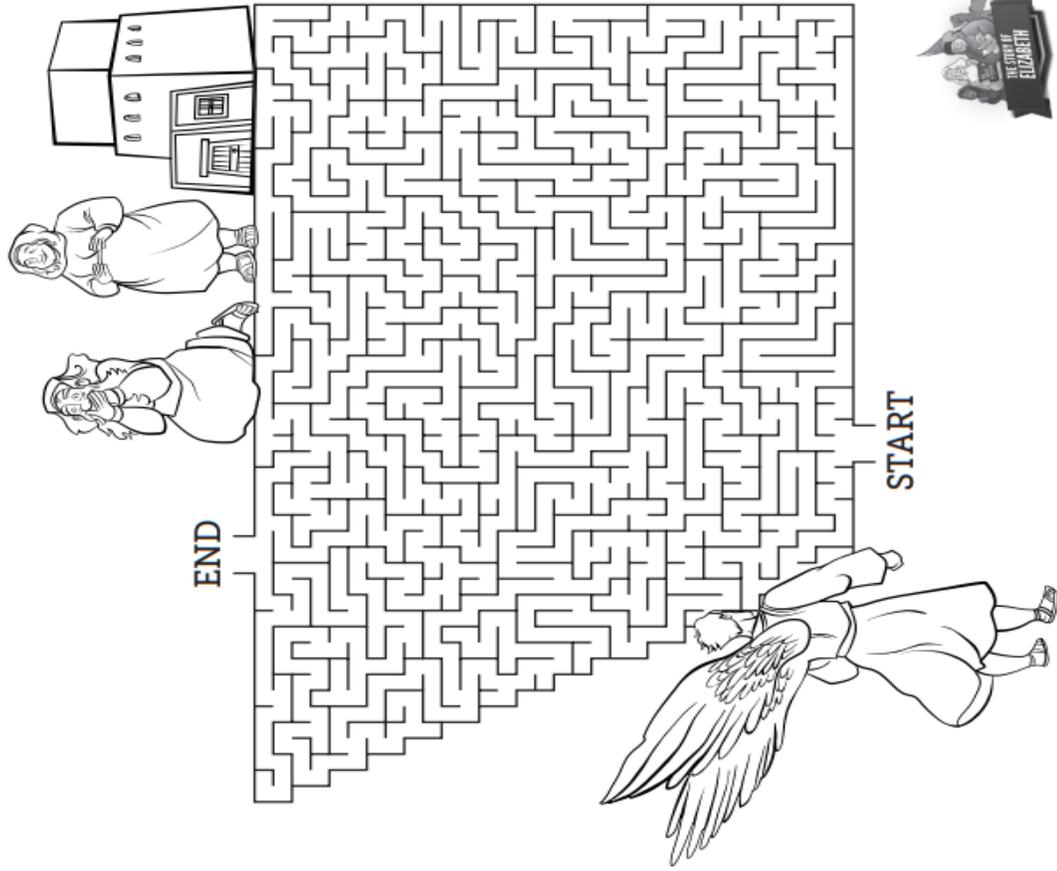
The puzzle is based on Luke 1:67-80



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 U C P H I S E R V E A C E T U
 G G G E T I G R E I G Q T Y L Y
 I S B T C P R E P A R E I M C
 H A P E Z A H I P L O W L X O G
 Q V R C E E Y O F L I D R K K F
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SALVATION	SAVIOR	MERCY	HOLY	PEACE
PRAISE	DAVID	LORD	PROPHET	SERVE
PREPARE	FEAR	ROYAL	MIGHTY	ISRAEL

Guide the angel Gabriel to Zechariah.



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