

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022



The long wait is over—the Savior is born! For many people, the days, weeks, and even months have been filled with anticipation for Christmas. For children, it may be an anticipation of gifts; for others, it may be long-awaited family time enjoyed and all the season brings. For all, we pray the Good News of a Savior born this day in the city of David is the overarching reason to celebrate. Others in history had to wait a much longer time for their Christmas joy. Approximately seven centuries before “the Word became flesh” (John 1:14), Isaiah would be inspired by the Spirit to proclaim to the people, “The Lord has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God” (Isaiah 52:10). Though the people of Isaiah’s day would not experience Christmas as we do, they would hold on by faith to the anticipated promise of salvation through our Savior who was to come. For us, we give thanks that salvation has come. In the Son of God wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger, and with the mission for humanity set before Him, “The Lord has bared His holy arm” (Isaiah 52:10). May this promise fulfilled increase our Christmas joy as God still comes to us today in His Means of Grace, that we not only see but often celebrate the salvation of our God.

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Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we

KNOW Jesus and one another, **GROW** to be more like Him and

SOW His love in Word and deed.



9 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Joy to the World”

LSB 387

INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CROSS

Psalm 100

P On this holy day, we light the Christ Candle as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Child of Bethlehem. The Christ Candle is a symbol of His presence among us. In the words of the psalmist, we, the people of His pasture, celebrate the birth of our Good Shepherd. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

P Come into His presence with singing!

C **Know that the LORD, He is God!**

P It is He who made us, and we are His;

C **we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

P Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

P For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

C **and His faithfulness to all generations.**

OPENING SENTENCES

John 1:1, 4–5, 9; Isaiah 9:6; 52:10

P In the beginning was the Word,

C **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

P In Him was life,

C **and the life was the light of men.**

P The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

C **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C **and the government shall be upon His shoulder,**

P and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 1:4–5; Isaiah 52:10

P Jesus, Word made flesh, You came to dwell among us, but the darkness of our sin separates and we often fail to bask in the light of Your presence.

C **We are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

P John writes in our Gospel lesson, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Heavenly Father, too frequently we live in the darkness of unbelief.

C Forgive us, Lord, for those sins we know, and those sins we do not know.

P For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

C Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to be born into this world and in our flesh for us, to live a perfect life we can never attain, and to give His life as a perfect sacrifice for you. For His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Christ was born to live for us, to die for us, that we by faith will rise with Him in victory. He was born as our Savior to forgive. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*

and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,

and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

Glorify the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*

and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,

and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[Today's Bible readings are found on pages 15-16 of this worship program]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 52:7-10*

EPISTLE READING: *Hebrews 1:1-12*

VERSE*John 1:14*

C Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *John 1:1-18*

HYMN**“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”***LSB 384***CHRISTMAS MESSAGE****NICENE CREED***LSB 206*

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray in song and in words spoken for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*LSB 361 st. 4*

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–93 Text: Public domain

P Father, on this day we recall how great is Your love for us, sending Your Son into our world as an infant, to be our Savior and to forgive our sins.

C Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.

“Away in a Manger”*LSB 364 st. 3*

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Text: Vineyard Songs, 1892, Louisville, alt. Text: Public domain

P Jesus, on this day we recall how great is Your love for us; You came from heaven to live on earth as one of us, and one with us, to forgive our sin.

C Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift.

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”*LSB 358 st. 13*

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, prepare a bed, soft, undefiled, a quiet chamber set apart for You to dwell within my heart.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

P Holy Spirit, on this day we recall how great is Your love for us, gathering us together through the water of Baptism and nourishing our faith through the Word and the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sin.

C Thank You, Lord, for this Christmas gift given, received, and kept unto life eternal.

P Gracious Lord, You have bared Your holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, that the ends of the earth shall see Your salvation. Even amid Christmas peace and joy, we experience the hurt and harm of this world. We lift up all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, [*especially . . .*]. Reach out to them with Your holy arm and the light of our Savior that they may be comforted in their time of need, seeing the salvation You have prepared for all through faith.

Additional petitions may follow.

P All these things we bring before You, through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

C Amen.

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389 st. 7

△ Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore and praise to God the Father
yield and Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore!

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OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURERS

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.”

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 6 of this worship program]

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

LSB 358 stz. 7-9, 14-15
LSB 380

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389

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PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

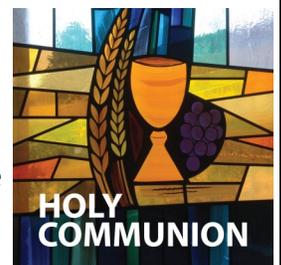
The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:

1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord’s Supper and have made my confirmation of faith.
1 Corinthians 11:27-29
3. I confess that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
4. I believe that Jesus Christ, God’s Son, is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil.
Romans 3:21-24
5. I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and I desire to receive Christ’s body and blood, given and shed for my forgiveness.
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
6. If possible, so far as it depends on me, I seek to live peaceably with all. *Romans 12:17-19*
7. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I desire and intend to lead a more Godly and Christ-like life, trusting in God’s promises and obeying His commands. *Galatians 5:22-24*

If you unreservedly agree with the seven points above, you are invited to come to the Lord’s Supper. If you do not agree with one or more of the seven points, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion lest you sin against the body and blood of the Lord. If you agree with the seven points above but are not a member of St. John’s, we welcome you to the Lord’s Table and invite you to give prayerful consideration to joining our partnership in the Gospel. You are encouraged to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing regarding any point(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the process of joining St. John’s.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers: A gluten-free communion wafer option is now available for those who are allergic. They are located in the brass cup in the middle of the communion plate.

Communion Wine: For those who have health related, or other issues with drinking alcohol, please take the purple individual communion cup. It contains all water with one drop of wine.



11 a.m. Christmas Day Contemporary Worship Service

Jon Lutz – Accompanist

Pre-Service Music

Invocation

P: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

C: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

P: Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

C: Praise awaits you, our God; to you our vows will be fulfilled. You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

P: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth.

C: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

P: In the Name of Jesus, Amen!

C: Amen!

Opening Song: “Born on that Day”

Opening Prayer

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Lord, we confess.

C: Lord we have betrayed you by following our own way.

P: Most Holy and Merciful Father, we confess our sins.

C: We confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.

P: Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; And free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior.

C: Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, who died to free us from our sins. Amen!

† We Hear God’s Word †

(Today’s Bible readings are found on pages 15-16 of this worship program)

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 52:7-10*

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 1:1-12*

Holy Gospel: *John 1:1-18*

Response Song: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Christmas Message

† We Respond to God’s Word †

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

† We Pray †

Lord’s Prayer

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.

Offerings of Our Time, Talents & Treasures

“Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord.”

† We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

We Prepare (as found on page 6 of this worship program)

Words of Institution

Music During Communion

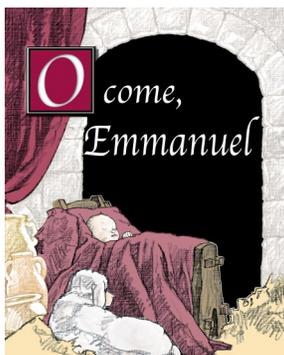
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

“Precious Promise”

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

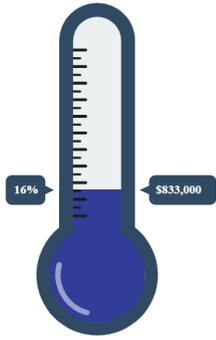
Closing Song: “The First Noel”



NOTES AND NEWS

GROWING ROOTS CAMPAIGN UPDATE: During this Advent season as we look towards the birth of Jesus Christ, it is exciting to see all that have come together for school expansion to continue to provide Christ centered education for our youth. There have been some special events set up to benefit the school expansion by so many talented and giving folks in our St. John's community.

GOAL: \$5,200,000



In Hand Amount

as of 12.8.2022

- The JEC has hosted 2 lemonade stands.
- Melissa Vollrath and the school students did a Shoe Drive.
- 2nd Grade teacher Monica Bowsher set up a cookie sale ran by both 2nd grade classes and families.
- A phone call campaign was held by school families.
- The adult Sunday School class hosted Easter Breakfast.
- One of the Lenten dinners was hosted to benefit the Growing Roots campaign.
- Pre-school and Day School program and graduation offerings were put towards expansion.
- The Christian Education Association (CEA) has given all or some proceeds from 2 Santa events and the wreath sales.
- Fish Eyes Dinner Show

GOAL: \$5,200,000



Committed Amount

as of 12.8.2022

There have been so many contributors from the Initial Commitment Event, donors to the campaign, IRA gifts, grain donations, matching employer contributions, memorials dedicated and the 100 for 100 for 100 campaign. The planning for expansion comes closer to reality and so many families continue to prayerfully consider the expansion campaign. This campaign is not reliant on a few large gifts but all of us coming together. The "100 for 100 for 100" is an example of how 100 families (or groups of families) giving 100 dollars a month for 100 months (just over 8 years) will raise the next million dollars for the building expansion. To join the 100 for 100 for 100 visit: <https://forms.gle/EVsdasFu1t6uq7PM6> It is super easy to set up regular gifts of \$25, \$50, \$100 or whatever fits your family to regularly give to this ever so important campaign. See our E-giving site or use the app! <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YWR4/home> All of us together will be the success of our greatest mission: Our School!

To date we have \$833,000 in hand after feasibility, campaign and design bills have been paid and over 1.3 million committed.

Questions, commitments or help in setting up contributions
email treasurer@sjsmarysville.org

All checks need to be made out to St. John's Church. Please place your contribution in an envelope and write, "Growing ROOTS" on the outside or place in a Growing ROOTS envelope. Scan the QR to GIVE to GROWING ROOTS!



The Associate Pastor Call Committee is pleased to announce that we have narrowed our search to two candidates. Following many prayers, meetings, discussions and interviews we are confident in our recommendation. More information on our recommendation will be in the Voter's Packet, which will be available one week prior to the Voter's meeting. Please plan to attend the January 15, 2023, 1:30 pm, Voter's meeting. Any questions on becoming a voting member, please contact any Elder or Board member. Thank you, the Call Committee



ACES: Please join us this Wednesday for euchre at the Youth House at 1:30. Take the afternoon off from your busy schedule and join in the laughter, fellowship, and fun. Cost is \$1.00. This includes drinks, cookies, and a few prizes. We finish a little before 4. **January 4 we will be having a Christmas potluck. It starts at 12:00 pm. Plates, napkins, silverware, and drinks will be furnished. We would love to have you come.**

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

Welcome to St. John's. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. We ask if you are a visitor, or a worship scholarship participant (SJ School), to please fill out the **blue card** located in the pew rack in front of you. Then drop the card in the offering box as you leave worship. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5540.

The Lutheran Hour is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to www.lhm.org for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are beautiful poinsettias given to the **Glory of God and in honor or memory of loved ones, and are displayed for our Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship Services.** See list on pages 13 & 14.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S DEC. 25, 2022-JAN. 1, 2023

TODAY **Christmas Day**
 12/25/22 9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service (Live-Streamed):
 Communion
****ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, INCLUDING YOUTH CATECHISM, WILL BE CANCELLED SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1.****
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service: Communion

MONDAY **SCHOOL CLOSED THROUGH 1/4**

TUESDAY 11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting
 6:30 pm Endowment Committee Mtg./Heritage House
 7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting/Heritage House
 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting/School Bldg.

WEDNESDAY 1:30 pm ACES/Youth House

THURSDAY 12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
 8:00 pm Dartball

FRIDAY 1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting

SATURDAY 6:00 pm **New Year's Eve Service: Communion**

SUNDAY **New Year's Day**
 01/01/23 9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service (Live-Streamed):
 Communion
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ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

(Fall-Winter-Early Spring Schedule)

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st-5th Grades—Meet together in the gym with Teacher Mark Moran, and then move to school classrooms.

6th Grade—Mrs. Ashley Monroe's Classroom

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classrooms.

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House:

Women's Bible Study—Mrs. Melissa Vollrath's Classroom (below the school loft): **New Study - Beginning Jan. 8: "Where Love Abides."** An 8-lesson DVD Bible study based on John 15:1-17, written by Donna Snow. It takes an in-depth look at what it means to abide in Jesus, the True Vine, to bear lasting fruit.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria: **New topic starting Jan. 8, "Called", which will run for 4 weeks.**

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Weekly Church Attendance

Saturday Amahl and 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday

12/17: 200 & 12/18: 287

Congregational Tithe—Second Quarter Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2022-23

Ohio District LCMS - 50%;
 Member Mission Outreach, Vacation Bible School, Armed Forces Ministry, Lutheran Hour, Lutheran Women's Missionary League - 10% Each



Weekly Worship Bible Readings

For those of you who would like to study the Word ahead of the next weekends worship services, we are listing here in the N&N the Bible readings that Pastor Jack will be using.

January 1, 2023

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Epistle Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 2:21

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

School Staff Position Openings

The school is currently accepting applications for Part-time tutors. Applicants must have a teaching degree. Interested candidates should email r-rausch@sjsmarysville.org or call 937-240-3003.



The St. John's JEC program is accepting applications for Full and Part-time positions in our extended Preschool and afterschool programs. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and should have prior experience in education or care although we will provide training for the right candidate. We are an ODE licensed facility. Interested candidates should email abalderson@sjsmarysville.org or call 937-240-3005.



Sr. LYF Fun & Fellowship...

January 8th: Devotions and Games at the Youth House, 6pm

January 22nd: Snow Tubing at Mad River Mountain: We'll meet at the Youth House at 3pm to carpool out to Mad River (or meet us at Mad River at 3:30). We'll tube for 2 hours, enjoy some hot cocoa, and plan to be back at the Youth House around 6pm. Bring along \$10 to tube, and friends are welcome! We hope to see you there!

February 5th: (First weekend this month instead of second) Devotions and Games at the Youth House, 6pm

Church Nursery Returning!

We are getting the church nursery up and running and we need your help!

The nursery will be available for newborns - 2 years old. Please see the sign up genius on the school website or email r-columber@gmail.com if you are able to help and I will send you the link. We will need two volunteers each Sunday for the 9 am service beginning January 1st. If you are willing to be on a last minute "fill-in" list as well, please let me know.



We are also looking for donations of the following items: Antibacterial Wipes, Baby Wipes, Crayons, Hand Sanitizer, Goldfish Crackers, Gerber Puffs Snacks. There will be a box available in the Marie Pfarr room for any donations. Thank you for your help!

100 FOR 100 FOR 100

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Our Building Expansion Fund needs you! Consider joining our 100 for 100 for 100! This would equate to \$10,000 per family unit over 8 years time and together totaling \$1 million dollars split between the campaign and the future mortgage. Units can be split amongst multiple families (ex: 2 families giving \$50).

**100 families
100 dollars
100 months
= \$1 million**

OR

SPLIT
your pledge & give \$50 or \$25 per month for 100 months!

100 FOR 100 FOR 100

Need more information before committing? Please contact treasurer@sjsmarysville.org
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Thank You! Thanks to everyone for the lovely cards and greetings for my 95th birthday. Thanks to the Sunday School Children for their lovely hand made cards too. **Myron Rausch**

The Saturday Morning Ladies Bible Study will be meeting again starting January 21 at 7:30 am at the Heritage House. We will be doing a study by Kelly Minter titled **Ruth**. This is a women's Bible study of Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. This study delves into the virtuous character of Ruth, her unique relationship with her mother-in-law Naomi, and her blossoming love with Boaz. If you've ever felt devastated, struggled as a stranger, longed to be loved, or wept along the way, you'll find a loyal sister in Ruth. The other meeting dates will be Feb. 4 & 18, Mar. 4 & 18, Apr. 1 & 15. The cost of the book will be \$21.99. If you need more information or would like to join us, contact Lois Vollrath at lvollrath@yahoo.com or 937-243-2024 by Jan. 9.

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

Caring Hearts Grief and Loss Support Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month starting January 11, 2023
6:00pm – 7:30pm Marysville Church of the Nazarene
1126 North Maple St. Marysville

People grieve for many different reasons: The death of a loved one or pet. Divorce or changes in a relationship, including friendships. Changes in your health or the health of a loved one. It's important to know that you are not alone.

Our Support Group can provide comfort, healing, support, and resources during your time of loss. It is a safe place for you to share your grief and hear from others who also are on their own grief journey. All who are grieving are welcome. There is no cost and no reservation required. Come and know that you are not alone.

For more information contact Ray Vance, Bereavement Counseling Professional, at 937-469-0565.



Mount Vernon Nazarene University Collegians Chorale Mission & Ministry Opportunity

May 18-30, 2023, I've been given an opportunity to join Mount Vernon Nazarene University Collegians Chorale for a life-changing experience on a ministry/concert tour to Italy, Croatia, and Hungary. This trip is a unique blend of faith and learning which MVNU values highly. We will be making music and sharing the gospel by singing for local churches. This includes making contacts for the churches' outreach initiatives that wouldn't be possible without music groups like ours. We will also do service projects for these churches that may involve ministering to refugees. Finally, we will immerse ourselves in the culture as we see the sights in this part of the world.

I have been blessed to use my musical talents during my time at St. John's School and I've loved getting to continue this passion for music and Christ while attending MVNU. I want to give you the opportunity to be involved in our mission and ministry through prayer and possibly financial support.

I'm excited to see how God will use Collegians Chorale in this unique way and I'm expectant of what God has in store. Thank you for your consideration! **Megan Vollrath**

My information is as follows
phone: 937-707-9342
email: mvollrath4@gmail.com

Donations can also be given to the group as a whole at giving.mvnu.edu, select OTHER, and indicate Collegians Mission Trip 2023.

Weekly Notes & News Deadline

Please submit articles by no later than Tuesday at noon to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary. Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org



Union County Comprehensive Plan

The County's comprehensive plan is a way to inventory current conditions and set goals for how the County will look in the future. The last plan was updated in 2013. An updated comprehensive plan provides a basic road map to current and prospective citizens, businesses, public officials, and developers. This survey of Union County is the first step in updating the plan. We need your opinion! The survey is open through December.



Please take a moment to complete the survey, it can be found through the LUC website:
www.lucplanning.com

On the front page of the website, under Union County on the right side of the page, click the link to Union County Comprehensive Plan. Thank you!

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SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION OF OHIO
Applications and Fact sheets, along with an addressed envelope, are

available and located on the visitor counter in the Marie Pfarr Room for those interested in the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio. Any questions, please contact Rich Rausch at 614-551-3003 or rtausch@stjohnsmarysville.org

Poinsettia Honors/Memorials

CHRISTMAS 2022

In honor of:

S.Sgt. Caleb Rausch & family, *by Mary Stierhoff*

Hank Edwards, *by Mary Stierhoff*

My family with me and the little ones I so enjoy, *by Marjorie Morley*

Our children, Ethan and Olivia Vollrath; and our parents, George and Bonnie Spurling, and
Ron and Eileen Vollrath, *by Kevin & Melissa Vollrath*

Our daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Thad Apel, and our grandson, Hayden Jeffrey Apel,
by Jeff & Carol Reinhard

Our Golden Eagle family, and in memory of those who are no longer with us, *by Jeff & Carol Reinhard*
St. John's LYF, *by RJ, Laura & Benny Zeiler*

Wes Cullman, Tyler Cullman, and all veterans, *by Jim & Jody Cullman*

Senior youth leaders, the Zeiler's, and, junior youth leader, Mark Moran, *by Beth Brown*

Our parents: Rick and Karen Collier and Rock and Astrid Richwine; and our grandmother, Birthe Sams Moe,
by Michael, Sonja, Aidan and Logan Collier

In memory of:

Edgar and Marjorie Scheiderer, *by Carl & Dawn Scheiderer & family*

George and Mary Cox, *by the Humphrey Family: Joe, Andrea, Noah, Easton, Cade, & Anniston*

Larry Bunsold, *by Peggy Bunsold*

Norbert and Rosine Nicol, and Gary L. Nicol, *by Rick & Karen Collier & family*

June and Herman Fladt, *by Jeff, Lisa, and Adam*

Harry and Martha Gase, *by Jeff, Lisa, and Adam*

Karen Gase, *by Jeff, Lisa, and Adam*

Pat and Mary Kirchner, *by Jeff, Lisa, and Adam*

Norbert and Rosine Nicol, Gary Nicol, and Mike Hitzeman, *by Dennis & Tammy Nicol*

Edgar and Marjorie Scheiderer, *by their family*

Glenn Brown, during the Christmas Season, *by Glenn's family in Ohio, Tennessee, New York City,
Arizona, & New Mexico*

Mother, Helen Scheiderer, and sister, Karen Scheiderer, *by Gary & Carol Scheiderer*

Parents, Omer and Marie Pope, and sister, Elaine Pope, *by Carol & Gary Scheiderer*

Elena Dawn Junkans, *by John, Dee, & Joanna Junkans*

Our parents: Robert and Caroline Rausch, and Ervin Junkans, *by John, Dee, & Joanna Junkans*

Anita Beckel, *by John, Dee, & Joanna Junkans*

The heavenly homecoming of our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents: Richard Boerger on
November, 2014; Virginia Boerger on September, 1988; Wally Rausch on September, 2007;
and Milly Rausch on Christmas Eve, 2015, *by the Boerger & Gorton families*

Bob and Bernie Eickemeyer, *by their family*

Loren and Bernette Nicol, *by Neil, Marla, Caleb, & Krista Nicol*

Judith Carpenter, *by Neil, Marla, Caleb, & Krista Nicol*

Ruth M. Stalder (Mother), *by Kenneth Stalder Family*

Eugene R. Stalder (Father), *by Kenneth Stalder Family*

Chris Dodge, *by Merrill & Linda Rausch*

Hubert, Bernard, and Duane Rausch, *by Merrill & Linda Rausch*

Loved ones in heaven, *by Marjorie Morley*

Melissa's father, Roger Johnson, *by Kevin & Melissa Vollrath*

Gustav Stierhoff, *by Janet Stierhoff*

Gustav Stierhoff, *by Jeff, Mike, and Sara Stierhoff*
 My mom, Susan M. Blumenschein, *by Skylynn Roberts*
 Roger Phelps, *by Jason, Cindy, Jackson, & Brody Vollrath*
 Our parents, Herman and Frieda Nicol, and Harry and Lydia Vollrath, *by Ron & Eileen Vollrath*
 Helen and Karen Scheiderer, *by Gene Scheiderer*
 Our son, Ken Rausch, *by his parents, Rolly & Sue Rausch*
 Our grandparents: Chris and Urta Boerger; Ray and Ercil Brake; Walter and Lottie Rausch; and Roy and
 Alice Lombard; and the warm memories of past holidays spent with them, *by David & Nina Boerger*
 Gary Jobe, and Shade and Florence Watkins, *by their family*
 In loving memory of Dorothy McCarty, *by the McCarty family*
 In loving memory of Steve McCarty, *by the McCarty family*
 "My favorite Santa" (Dwight Thompson), *by Beth Brown*
 Laura J. Reffitt, Danielle's aunt, *by Jim & Danielle McDonald*
 Jim Poole, Danielle's father, *by Jim & Danielle McDonald*
 George Harbold, and Elmer, Frances, and Russell Scheiderer, *by Lola Harbold*
 Mr. & Mrs. Les Cullman, Mr. & Mrs. Don Cullman, Mr. & Mrs. John Pfarr, Mr. John Marshall, Mr. Leroy Salyer,
 Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Marshall, Melissa Aluisio, and all loved ones in heaven, *by Jim & Jody Cullman*
 Erwin and Marie Rausch, and Dalton Carmean, *by Marla, Adam, Wilson, & Lydia Smith*
 Sandra Kramer and Christine Simmons, *by Jimmy & June Carmean*
 Cheryl Walter, *by the Newsome family*
 Angie LeMasters, *by the Newsome family*
 May-Francis Korb, *by the Newsome family*
 Our parents, George W. (Bill) and Nina Nicol, and Eric and Janice Priday, *by Mike & Connie Priday*
 Mark Vollrath and Greg Waggoner, *by the Vollrath family*
 Glen, Steve, and Stan Stillings, *by Betty Stillings*
 Our grandparents: Reverend Jerry Moe, Joe Richwine, Sr., Kathleen Richwine, Norbert and Rosine Nicol,
by Michael, Sonja, Aidan and Logan Collier



*To the Glory of God and in honor and in memory of loved ones,
 62 poinsettias have been
 purchased to decorate the church for Christmas.*



The Flower Committee thanks everyone for their support.

***Please pick up your RED poinsettias after the services.
 The white poinsettia is not part of the flowers ordered by the congregation.***

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 52:7-10*

Isaiah prophecies of a glorious time of peace and salvation. He speaks of the return of the Lord with shouts and songs of joy. His people are comforted and redeemed. All will see the salvation of God.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 1:1-12*

The writer of Hebrews speaks of who exactly Jesus is. He cites scripture as he compares Jesus to the angels. He speaks of Jesus as the Son of God who sustains all things by His Word. Jesus has a throne that will last forever and the writer addresses Jesus as Lord- the Lord who created the Heavens and earth.

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." ⁸But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." ¹⁰And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹²like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **Verse**

John 1:14

C Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: *John 1:1-18*

The Apostle John makes it clear that Jesus is God and that through Him all things were made. Jesus is the light that came and dwelt among us. The Word became flesh. John the Baptist, as prophesied, came as a witness to testify of Jesus. John states that the Baptist was not the light himself. And all who receive Jesus will become children of God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness

about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

