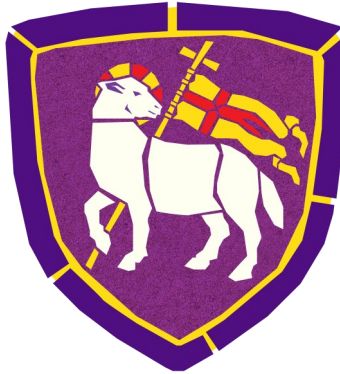


# First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2023



The church year begins with Advent. Advent has a strong focus on the coming of the Lord, and this is reflected in the readings and prayers appointed for today. While, of course, we look forward to Jesus' coming at Christmas, the readings and prayers for the First Sunday in Advent in various ways encourage believers to look forward to the coming of the Lord on the Last Day. The Introit reminds us that our King is coming and that none who trust in Him and wait for Him will be put to shame. The Collect asks the Lord to come and rescue us from the perils of our sins and save us by His "mighty deliverance." We remember that God has come in Christ to rescue us from the perils of our sin and will deliver us from the sin-filled world. The Old Testament Reading has God's people praying that the Lord would come and rescue them from God's adversaries. The request is made not on the basis of their goodness but upon God's mercy, for "O Lord, you are our Father". In the Epistle, Paul says that despite appearances, the Corinthians are waiting for the revealing of Jesus Christ, who will sustain them to the end, guiltless in Christ on the Last Day. The Gospel is the Triumphal Entry. Jesus is God, coming to Jerusalem and to His people in order to offer up His life as a sacrifice for sin. This coming allows us to look forward to His second coming, when everyone will see Him as He is, the King of kings and Lord of lords. While Paul says that the Corinthians are eagerly waiting for Jesus to be revealed at the end of time, a reading of 1 Corinthians reveals several sins present amongst them. The sins include factionalism and divisions, sexual immorality, lawsuits amongst themselves, a lack of love, and exalting themselves and their gifts at the expense of others, to name a few of the sins identified in the letter. The Epistle strikes a harmonious chord with the themes of the other readings. An accounting is approaching; therefore, children of the light wait in sober watchfulness. The Day of the Lord's wrath is coming, yet those who wear the helmet of salvation purchased by Christ shall escape the wrath to come. Waking or sleeping, we watch alertly and rest in peace, confident in God's intervention on our behalf in His sinless Son.

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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.



## **Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**

**Dale Scheiderer – Organist**

**Divine Service *Setting One* – LSB pg. 151**

### **“Waiting for Christ” - 1 Corinthians 1:3–9**

When the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he wrote to a people who he said were eagerly waiting for the revealing of Jesus Christ. “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge”. According to Paul, the Corinthians were living in anticipation of the day when Jesus would visibly appear at the end of time as King of kings and Lord of lords. They were looking forward to the Last Day, when Jesus would return as judge and bring about a new heaven and a new earth. On that day, all wrongs would be righted. Sickness and death would be a thing of the past. The Corinthians would live face-to-face with Jesus, who had gone on before them to prepare a place for them in their heavenly Father’s home. When the apostle Paul wrote to the children of God at Corinth, he saw people who were looking forward to the Last Day. “You are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ”. Paul saw people who longed for Jesus to reappear visibly.

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME**

#### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**                      **“The Advent of Our King”**

*LSB 331*

#### **INVOCATION**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – LSB pg. 151**

**WORSHIP PRESENTATION by the SJLC First Review, “The Only Son from Heaven”**

### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*LSB 156*

[Today’s Bible readings are found on page 12 of this worship program]

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 64:1-9*

**EPISTLE READING:** *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

#### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*LSB 156*

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *Mark 13:24-37*

**SERMON:** **“Waiting for Christ” - 1 Corinthians 1:3–9**

#### **NICENE CREED**

*LSB 158*

**☩ 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** We wait in hope for the Lord!

**G** He is our help and our shield.

## RECEPTION OF OUR NEW MEMBERS 2023 [New Member bios found on pages 13-16]

## 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.”

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT - LSB 160

### PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 7 of this worship program]

PREFACE	LSB 160
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“Once He Came in Blessing”	LSB 333

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# **Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service**

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist

## **“Waiting for Christ” - 1 Corinthians 1:3–9**

When the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he wrote to a people who he said were eagerly waiting for the revealing of Jesus Christ. “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge”. According to Paul, the Corinthians were living in anticipation of the day when Jesus would visibly appear at the end of time as King of kings and Lord of lords. They were looking forward to the Last Day, when Jesus would return as judge and bring about a new heaven and a new earth. On that day, all wrongs would be righted. Sickness and death would be a thing of the past. The Corinthians would live face-to-face with Jesus, who had gone on before them to prepare a place for them in their heavenly Father’s home. When the apostle Paul wrote to the children of God at Corinth, he saw people who were looking forward to the Last Day. “You are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ”. Paul saw people who longed for Jesus to reappear visibly.

## **Pre-Service Music**

## **Welcome & Time of Greeting**

### **Invocation**

*Pastor: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, His holy mountain. Beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth.*

**People: Within Your church, O God, we meditate on Your unfailing love. Like Your name, O God, Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**

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

**People: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by Your power, having armed Yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.**

*Pastor: The whole earth is filled with awe at Your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, You call forth songs of joy.*

**People: My mouth is filled with Your praise, declaring Your splendor all day long.**

*Pastor: Amen!*

**People: Amen!**

**Worship Presentation by SJL Middle School, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Accompanied by Mark Moran**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Opening Song:**

### **“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

Come Thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever now Thy gracious Kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne

## Time of Confession and Forgiveness

*Pastor: Lord, we confess our iniquities; We are troubled by our sin.*

**People: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

*Pastor: Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*

**People: We confess that we do not keep our eyes on You. We do not wait and watch for You. We confess that we may indeed be asleep when You return. We are not, as You said, on guard. We are not on alert.**

*Pastor: We pray to You Lord and confess: You are the Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him.*

**People: We confess our sins; You are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*Pastor: Lord do not forsake us; do not be far from us, our God. Come quickly to help us, our Lord and Savior.*

**People: Amen!**

## † We Hear God's Word †

(Today's Bible readings are found on page 12 of this worship program)

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9**

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**Worship Presentation by SJLS 2nd Grade, "Sounding Joy"**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**

**Response Song:**

### "Meekness and Majesty"

Meekness and majesty - Manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony - The Man who is God  
Lord of eternity - Dwells in humanity  
Kneels in humility and washes our feet

O what a mystery, Meekness and majesty!  
Bow down and worship for this is your God - This is your God!

Father's pure radiance - Perfect in innocence  
Yet learns obedience - To death on a cross  
Suffering to give us life - Conquering through sacrifice  
And as they crucify, prays 'Father forgive'

O what a mystery, Meekness and majesty!  
Bow down and worship for this is your God - This is your God!

Wisdom unsearchable - God the invisible  
Love indestructible - In frailty appears  
Lord of infinity - Stooping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne

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**Message: "Waiting for Christ" - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

## † 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## † We Pray †

### Prayer of the Church

#### The 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.

### Reception of our New Members 2023 (New Member bios found on pages 13-16)

#### 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 7 of this worship program)

#### Words of Institution

### Music During Communion: "Jesus King of Angels" sung by Steve Bumgarner

## † We Depart in Peace †

### Benediction

#### Closing Song: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise! Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love!

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come. And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home! Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God.  
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood!

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee!  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above!

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COME THOU FOUNT  
OF EVERY BLESSING,  
TUNE MY HEART  
TO SING THY GRACE

## 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*

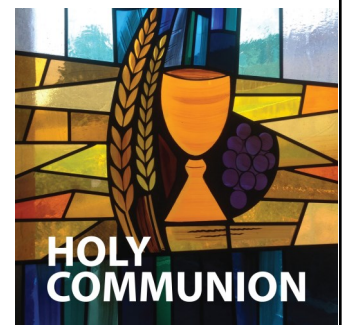
**The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians.  
Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:**

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.



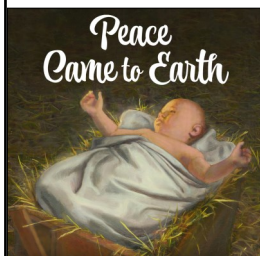


# NOTES AND NEWS

## Midweek Advent Bible Study: "Peace Came to Earth"

**Wednesdays: 12/13 and 12/20 at 6:00 pm**

**Heritage House Led by Pastor Jack**



Seeking peace by our own efforts is an endless pursuit, but God instructs us with a peace that surpasses understanding. He gives us peace in five separate ways that meet our needs, perhaps before we even know them. This peace comes through the birth of Jesus. Using a five-point

Christmas star as a metaphor, see the five ways Jesus brings us peace from God as the Prince of Peace. *Please join us as we learn more about the real meaning of Peace.*

## New Member Receive In & Welcome Reception Celebration TODAY - Sunday, December 3, 2023

Our new member families from 2022-2023 will be received into membership at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 am worship services. Following the 9:00 am service, there will be an opportunity to meet and greet our newest members in the school gym with a breakfast reception. Please join us as we welcome them into the Forever Family of God here at St. John's. To God be the Glory!



## Ladies Aid Christmas Party

On Thursday, December 7th, at 1:00 PM, the Ladies Aid will have a meeting, followed by our Christmas party at the Heritage House.

Please bring a wrapped, Christmas ornament (\$5.00 limit), for our gift exchange. Refreshments will be served by the executive committee.

Please come and help us celebrate the beginning of this Christmas season. ***Hope to see you there!***



## Thank You...

Thank you, Thank you to all the folks who made our latest two fundraisers successful. The Growing Roots Committee really appreciates your support. We raised

\$7,238.16 net at the Creation Chronicles and we raised \$27,122.20 net at the Adult Prom! That's a total of \$34,360.36 for our new school addition!!!

***God bless you all for your support.***

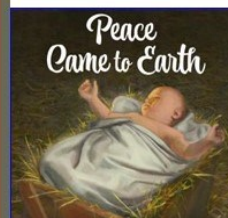
## St. John's Lutheran Church

### 2023-24 Holiday Worship Service Schedule

Midweek Advent Bible Study: "Peace Came to Earth"

**Wednesdays: 12/13 and 12/20 at 6:00 pm**

Led by Pastor Jack Heritage House



In today's world, Christmastime is often busy, hectic, and stressful but that's not what Christmas is about. Christmas is about a manger and hay, stables and shepherds, and a swaddled baby called the Prince of Peace. Take a step back and celebrate the peace and simplicity of Christmas by joining us in this Advent Bible study.

### Presentation of Christmas by St. John's School Children

Grades 1-4 Christmas Program Preview:

**Monday, December 4, 9:30 am**

(The 1-4 Christmas Program Preview is open to all church members & school families.)

Grades 1-4 Christmas Program Presentation:

**Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 pm**

Preschool 3 & 4's - **Wednesday, December 6, 6:00 pm**

Alt. K/Kindergarten - **Thursday, December 7, 6:00 pm**

(All class performances listed above are in the school gym)

Grades 5-8 MS Christmas Program Preview:

**Wednesday, December 13, 9:30 am** (church sanctuary)

(The 5-8 Christmas Program Preview is open to all church members & school families.)

Grades 5-8 MS Christmas Program Presentation:

**Thursday, December 14, 7:00 pm** (church sanctuary)

### Christmas Eve Services

**Sunday, December 24**

(We will hold our regular 9 & 11 am Worship Services)

**Family Service at 7:00 pm**

**Candlelight Service at 11:00 pm** (Communion)

### Christmas Day Service

**Monday, December 25**

**Sanctuary Worship Service at 10:00 am** (Communion)

### New Year's Eve Service

(We will hold our regular 9 & 11 am Worship Services)

**Sunday, December 31 at 7:00 pm**

(Communion)

### New Year's Day Service

**Monday, January 1, 2024 at 10:00 am**

(Communion)

**Please Join Us — All Are Welcome!**

**December 16-17 Notes & News Info**  
The Notes & News/Worship Program will not be published for the weekend of December 16-17, 2023.



## 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](http://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 given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Benjamin Zeiler's 2nd birthday, December 3rd, from his parents.

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S DECEMBER 3-9, 2023

<b>TODAY</b>		<b>**New Member Receive-In at 9 &amp; 11**</b>
12/03/23	9:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service (Live-Streamed): Communion
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>New Member Welcome Breakfast/Gym</b>
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	2023-24 Youth Catechism Class/Modulars
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship/Gym: Communion
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Grades 1-4 Christmas Program Preview/Gym</b>
	8:00 pm	Adult Open Gym Volleyball/Gym
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Grades 1-4 Christmas Program Presentation/Gym</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1:30 pm	ACES/Youth House
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>PreK 3's &amp; 4's Christmas Program/Gym</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Ladies Aid Christmas Party/Heritage House</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Alt. K/Kindergarten Christmas Program/Gym</b>
	8:00 pm	Dartball/Gym
<b>FRIDAY</b>	1:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House</b>
	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Worship Service
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service (Live-Streamed)
12/09/23	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	2023-24 Youth Catechism Class/Modulars
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship/Gym
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Jr. LYF: Bowling Christmas Party - PC Lanes</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Sr. LYF: Christmas Party at the Zeiler's</b>

### 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 Classroom

**High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"**—Youth House

**Women's Bible Study**—Classroom (below the school loft):  
**Topic - "Where Love Abides."** Bible study based on John 15:1-17, written by Donna Snow.

**Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria:** Topic - "Romans 12" led by Rich & Kristine Rausch. **CANCELLED TODAY - 12/3**

If you have questions,  
please contact the  
Sunday School Superintendent,  
Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or  
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### Weekly Church Attendance

**Saturday 6:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am**  
**11/25 & 11/26: 272**

### Weekly Worship Bible Readings

We have provided next weekends Bible readings for those of you who would like to read and study the Word ahead of next weekends worship services:

**December 9-10, 2023**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11**

**Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

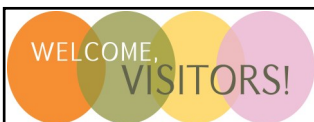
**Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8**

### Congregational Tithe—2nd Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2023-24

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;  
Lutheran Hour - 20%;  
LWML - 20%;  
Member Mission Outreach - 10%



## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Those who are visiting with us today, please feel free to take a blue visitor "welcome" bag located in the back of church or on the tables in the gym at 11:00 am worship service.

### 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](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org)



**ACES:** Please join us for Euchre & fellowship this Wednesday at the Youth House at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.00 including prizes, drinks, and cookies.

### Sr. LYF Christmas Party: Sunday, December 10th

LYF Christmas Party, 6pm at the Zeiler's House.  
Bring a white elephant gift (\$10) value,  
and some snacks to share.



### Junior Youth Event Bowling Christmas Party December 10th

Bowling at Plain City Lanes  
5:30-8:30 pm

Cost: \$20 includes shoes, 2 games, pizza & drink



Come Join the Fun and Fellowship  
Food, Bowling and Devos

Bring a White Elephant if you want to have fun with  
the gift exchange.

Bring a Friend if you would like!



### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Flower Committee is taking orders for **red** poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. The flowers can be in honor or memory of loved ones. The poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas Day service or the following weekend services.

Please complete the form inserted in the Notes & News. The cost is \$9.50 each. Place the form with payment in the box in the Marie Pfarr room. Checks should be written to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Contact Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 with any questions or help with ordering.

*The Flower Committee appreciates  
your continued support.*

Sounds of The Avalon Presents...

# Handel's MESSIAH

Community Sing-along  
Sunday, December 10  
5pm

Conductor: Scott Underwood

Soloists:  
Erin Gilleon, Soprano  
Susan Wilson, Mezzo Soprano  
Benjamin Bunsold, Tenor  
David Wilson, Bass-Baritone

Accompanied by:  
String Quartet and Piano

Join us in singing the Christmas selections of *Messiah*  
in a fun, casual setting!  
In addition to those singing, we invite patrons to come listen!

**\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION**  
CANNED GOODS COLLECTED  
FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

**THE AVALON THEATRE**  
121 S. MAIN ST.  
MARYSVILLE, OH  
MORE INFORMATION:  
[theavalontheatre.org](http://theavalontheatre.org)

### Christmas At Vets Community Concert

Sunday, Dec. 3rd - 3:00 pm



**UNION COUNTY  
SINGSATIONS**

**THE  
Academy**

**FREE Admission**  
**Donations Appreciated!!**



Thank you all for the many birthday greetings and special messages for my recent birthday. Thanks also for the flowers placed on the altar by my family, the birthday greetings from St. John's 5th grade class, Amanda Moore's Sunday school class and the Ladies Aid. Thanks and praise to God! **Marvin Nicol**

## MORE NOTES & NEWS

### ON THE ROAD AGAIN...

#### For a Golden Eagles Christmas!

It's a **WONDERFUL LIFE**... We've had a **WONDERFUL YEAR**!  
So let's celebrate **CHRISTMAS** together and spread some **GOOD CHEER**!

Join us on Tuesday, December 12th, for our **Golden Eagles Christmas Party**! Our Cardinal Motor Coach will whisk us away to our private late lunch at "**Lincoln and Main**", a fun little family-run eatery in Urbana offering some unique and delicious menu options! Craft beers and local wines are specialties of this quaint, cozy establishment, which we will have all to ourselves!



We've planned some Christmas Fun around a "**White Elephant Gift Exchange**"! No pressure here! Just bring the funniest or silliest thing you can find to wrap up! Maybe something that didn't sell at your garage sale... or something that you would just like to "re-gift"! Don't worry... we'll never tell! You don't have to sign your name and wrapping can be anything... fancy or just a brown paper bag! Keep them guessing! We'll have large trash bags to collect the "gifts" before you board the bus so no one has to know **what** you brought!

After lunch, we'll hit the road for our next stop, "**Young's Dairy**", which has been in operation near Yellow Springs since 1869. Shop their store for Christmas themed gifts **AND**, or course, your dessert!

Then it's off to historic "**Clifton Mill**", a scenic 19th century working grist mill, where we can tour the mill and then purchase many of the products they produce along with seasonal gifts right in their Gift Shop! Aside from the historic mill, you can visit their amazing **Christmas Museum**, which features thousands of holiday decorations down through the years; a **1940's Era Gas Station**; and an **Authentic Covered Bridge**! The awe-inspiring **Christmas Light Show**, which takes advantage of the natural beauty of the Clifton Gorge, will dazzle you! It's a breathtaking scene you won't want to miss! A Christmas devotion, some caroling and a few fun games will take place on the way to and from!

**Price is \$90 per person.** This includes lunch at Lincoln and Main (your choice of entree, non-alcoholic beverages, tax and gratuity); transportation, and admission to Clifton Mill. \*Cost of craft beer or wine with lunch is on your own, as well as your dessert choice at Young's Dairy. **AND**, as always, count on unlimited amounts of Golden Eagles fun!

**Notes:** Our motor coach will arrive at St. John's Church parking lot at 12:30 pm. It will drop us very close to each venue with a minimum of walking, but please wear good walking shoes and feel free to bring your cane or walker. Every venue is "Senior Friendly".

**Reservation forms are available now in the Marie Pfarr room. Please contact Jeff or Carol (514-560-5085) or Annie Scheiderer at (937-707-0424) to put your name on the list. THEN fill out your name, address and phone number, indicating your menu selection, and return with your payment of \$90 per person to: Jeff and Carol Reinhard, 14430 Robinson Road, Plain City, Ohio 43064, no later than December 10th. Please make checks payable to The Golden Eagles. Call Jeff or Carol if you have questions.**



## TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

### Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 64:1-9*

*The Prophet Isaiah laments the sins of Israel and the anger of God. He pleads "How can we be saved?" All of Israel is unclean. But Isaiah calls on the Lord to remember His ways even though His face is hidden. He says, "You are our Father, do not remember our sins forever!"*

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

*Paul, in his first letter to the church at Corinth gives praise to the God of all comfort.*

*Paul writes of troubles and sharing in the sufferings of Christ. He notes the Corinthians*

*and he shared in the same sufferings. All this happens so that there is reliance on God, who raises the dead.*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

LSB 156

### Holy Gospel: *Mark 13:24-37*

*Jesus had been teaching in the temple during the last week of His life. As He is leaving, Jesus speaks of the end times-and His second coming! He teaches them how to recognize the signs and especially to be on alert, for no one knows the day or hour of His return. They are to keep watch!*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

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

"But in those days, following that distress, "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; <sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' <sup>26</sup> "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. <sup>28</sup> "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. <sup>32</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. <sup>35</sup> "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## St. John's New Member Welcome Celebration

### Sunday, December 3, 2023

Today we welcome our newest members who have joined us in Christian fellowship.



#### **Greg & Linda Casto**

21122 Cotton Slash Rd.  
Marysville, OH 43040  
Greg: 937-243-0218  
Linda: 937-243-0256

Greg and Linda have been friendly familiar faces to us for a number of years here at St. John's. We were blessed to have Greg serve as our interim principal from 2014-2016 with a part time stint from 2016-2017. He currently serves as a substitute teacher at SJS. If you're a Golden Eagle, you have seen them participating in GE activities.

They have 12 grandchildren ranging in age from 8 to 23. Their eldest daughter Carmen and her family live in Marine, Illinois; Natalie and her family live in Louisville, Kentucky; and Kate and her family reside here in Marysville, Ohio. They also have grandchildren who attend St. John's School.

Greg likes working outside and Linda enjoys reading, long walks and shopping, as well as listening to music and watching their hummingbirds in the summer. They both love to travel and spend time with their grandchildren, and their St. Bernard Rudy keeps them busy.



#### **Ian & Kirsten Flagg**

*Daughters, Posey & Elsie  
Son, James*

12175 Urbana Woodstock-Pike  
Milford Center, OH 43045  
937-594-0740

Ian and Kirsten moved back to the Marysville area after living in Dayton the last few years, and with that rejoined us in membership. Kirsten has many family ties to St. John's. Her parents are David and Zita Scheiderer. She was baptized and confirmed here as a youth, and Ian and Kirsten were married at St. John's in 2014. They have 3 children; Posey who is in 2nd grade, and James who is in Alt. K at St. John's School, and Elsie who is a little over 2 years old. The Flagg family continues to grow, as they are also expecting a new little one in February.

Kirsten is a nurse and Ian is a nurse manager and are both employed at Kettering Health. Ian enjoys playing basketball, golfing and watching Ohio State sports. Kirsten likes to play volleyball and volunteer for VBS. They both enjoy playing cards and spending time together with family.



### **Lori Fortman**

*Son, Cooper*

*Daughter, Kennedy*

7785 Degood Rd.  
Ostrander, OH 43061  
419-733-1952

Lori joins us through Adult Confirmation. Her and husband Ty have 2 children; son Cooper, who is in 4 year old Preschool, and daughter Kennedy, who is in 3 year old Preschool—both are SJS students. The family moved about 5 years ago from Charlotte, NC so they could be closer to family members. When Lori was looking for a school for the children, St. John's was recommended, and she was then led through the school to join St. John's Church. She is employed at Parker Hannifin (formerly Denison Hydraulics) and is a Division Accounting Manager. Lori likes to garden and run 5K's.

Her favorite thing to do is spend time with her family. When they lived in North Carolina their biggest hiking adventure was reaching the top of Grandfather Mountain. Lori and Ty purchased a camper this year and have started camping with the family. They have two Yorkie Poos named Billie and Max; both 14 years old.



### **Deryck & Andrea Freudeman**

*Sons, Drew & Dylan*

*Daughter, Alania*

415 Saddlebred Circle  
Marysville, OH 43040  
614-290-6382

Deryck and Andrea join us along with their children; Drew who is in 8th grade, Dylan in 5th grade, and Alania in 4th grade—all students at SJS. They have several friend connections here at St. John's. They have lived in Marysville since 2014 where Deryck works in sales for Xylem Technology and Andrea is Triad Middle School's Building Secretary.

The family enjoys watching and participating in a variety of different sports. Other individual activities include: Drew's gaming skills, Dylan does word searches, and Alaina likes to sew and make crafts. She also enjoys singing and being a prayer warrior.





## Carson & Nicole Fuehne

*Dog, Winnie*

1434 Westbrook Dr.  
Marysville, OH 43040  
567-208-2285

Carson and Nicole got married October 9th, 2021. Carson grew up in Centralia, IL and Nicole in Findlay, OH. They met playing sand volleyball. Carson is a mechanical engineer and Nicole is a veterinarian.

They enjoy spending time with family and friends (including their dog, Winnie), hiking and watching sports. They are excited to be members at St. John's and look forward to becoming more involved in church activities.



## Bailey McDowell

*Pictured with Bailey is Husband, Nicholas;  
Sons, Sullivan & Thatcher  
Daughter, Daphne*

585 Carriage Dr.  
Plain City, OH 43064  
937-537-1937

Bailey has many connections to St. John's. Her brother is member Trevor Burns, and she has friends and extended family who are also members. Her and husband Nicholas have 3 children; sons Sullivan, who is in Kindergarten, and Thatcher who is in Preschool—both are SJS students, and daughter

Daphne who is just 2 months old. She grew up at St. Paul's, Chuckery for both church and school, and wanted to give her children a similar experience here at St. John's. Bailey is self-employed as a hair stylist at Salon Lofts.

Favorite family sports teams include Ohio State and the Blue Jackets. They enjoy their family time together, playing sports, exploring outside and movie/game nights!

## Kathy (Rausch) McKenzie

1539 Cowan Creek Dr. Marysville, OH 43040  
937-707-9013

Kathy rejoins us in membership, as she is a baptized and confirmed member of St. John's and attended here for many years. She and her St. John's classmates just celebrated their 60th Youth Confirmation (Class of 1963) on October 29th. She has many family member connections.

Her and her husband Ron have lived at their current address for the last 5 years, but Kathy has lived in Union County all her life. They have 5 grown children, 6 grandchildren (ranging in age 2-22 years), and 1 great-grandchild. Kathy is retired and enjoys watching the Buckeyes.





### **Jeff & Courtney Osborne**

270 Coates Court  
North Lewisburg, OH 43060  
734-347-6948

Courtney and Jeff moved to Marysville from Michigan about 2 1/2 years ago so they could be closer to their daughter, Erin and her family. Erin and son-in-law Jim Mitchell are members of St. John's. Jeff and Courtney attended St. John's for their grandson Carson's baptism, and felt this was the church for them.

Courtney is a retired teacher and is currently working part time for a chiropractor. She enjoys swimming in her spare time. Jeff is retired from Van Buren Township Water Department after 32 years

of service and enjoys playing golf in his free time. Together they like watching sports, but especially the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions.



### **Larry & Kelly Scheiderer**

3245 Echo Park Dr.  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
Larry: 614-561-9419  
Kelly: 614-600-9809

Larry and Kelly join us along with their two daughters; Karolyn who is an accountant, and Laura, who is in her 2nd year of Optometry School at The Ohio State University. Karolyn and her husband Troy have two children.

The Scheiderer's have many connections to St. John's, as Larry was baptized and confirmed as a youth, and his siblings are members Karen Hall and Ed Scheiderer. His parents were Edgar and Marjorie Scheiderer. Larry is a service supervisor for a retail card and gift company and Kelly is a healthcare administrator. In their free time they enjoy watching Ohio State football.



### **Milton Troyer**

1270 London Avenue  
P.O. Box 908  
Marysville, OH 43040  
937-644-3808

Milton joins us through Adult Confirmation. He moved from Plain City to Marysville in 2006. A little over 23 1/2 years of employment with Honda, Milton retired in December of 2021 where he worked in the Marysville Auto Plant in Welding. He has been attending Contemporary Worship with members Dan and Debbie Miller. Milton was baptized at St. John's by Pastor Jack in May of 2023. He felt a connection here and decided to become a member. In his free time he enjoys watching OSU football.