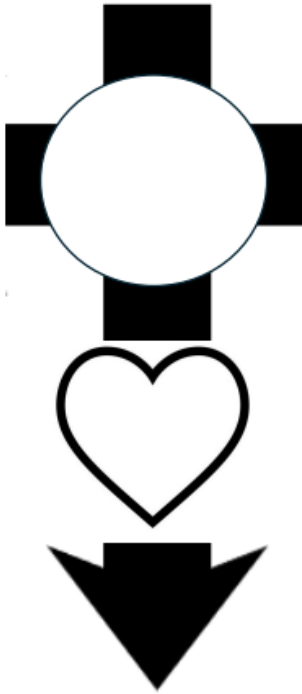


Eternal From God



We hear from the Old Testament prophets who had foretold this blessing long before Jesus came.

**Second Sunday in Advent –
A BLESSING COMES DOWN:
ETERNAL FROM GOD**

**Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Isaiah 7:10-14 –
A Blessing Comes Down:
Eternal From God**

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We pray that you find comfort, peace, and motivation through God's Word today. In our worship bulletin, you will find an outline of **today's order of worship**. The entire service can be found in the hymnal, up on the screen at St. John's and Emmanuel and livestreamed at www.stjohnsmontello.org and also at St. John's in the Lower Level. At St. John's, the **restrooms** are located in the link way, out the church entry way, to the left and down the stairs. At Emmanuel, they are located in the Parish Hall. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES-WELS

December 8, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

St. John's: Sun. 10:00am

A BLESSING COMES DOWN: ETERNAL FROM GOD

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word meaning "to come to". The Advent season reminds us how Jesus comes to us: in the flesh at Christmas, in grace now through His Word and in glory at the final Judgment. Our services this Advent season will use the alphabet broken into 7 parts to develop the main message of this season. ABCD - A Blessing Comes Down! In our first Wednesday Advent service, we looked at the reason this blessing was necessary. Today we hear from the Old Testament prophets who had foretold this blessing long before Jesus came.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Setting Three with communion, pp. 188-203

HYMNS: 315, 975, 327, 331 v. 1-7, 333

PSALM: 66 "Let All the Earth Cry Out to the Lord"

SERMON: Isaiah 7:10-14 - A Blessing Comes Down: Eternal From God

OPENING HYMN: 315 "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, who has tru - ly
2 What the fa - thers most de - sired, what the proph - ets'
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
4 Sav - ior, hear my wel - come cry— loud ho - san - nas



kept his word and at last to us did send
heart in - spired, what they longed for man - y_a year
Ja - cob's Lord— him of two - fold race be - hold—
lift - ed high! King of glo - ry, en - ter in;



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
cleansed my soul of ev - 'ry sin.

5 Crush for me the serpent's head
that, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to you in faith,
safely kept through life and death,

6 And, when you shall come again
as a glorious king to reign,
I with joy may see your face,
freely ransomed by your grace.

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INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. *James 4:6,10*

Dear friends, the season of Advent is a time of preparation as we await Christ's second coming on the Last Day. We prepare our hearts to meet him as we humbly seek his forgiveness.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared. *Psalms 130:3,4*

975 My Soul Will Magnify the Lord

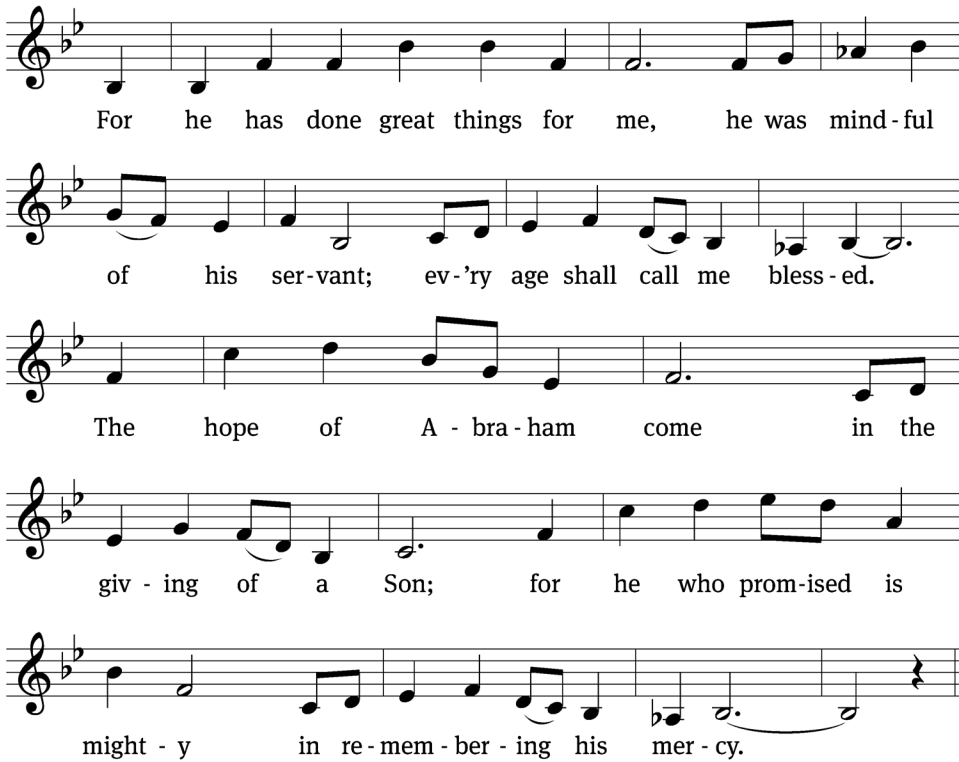
Choir sings v.1 once, then congregation joins in singing it a second time



1 My soul will mag - ni - fy the Lord; I re - joice in God my



Sav - ior, in the won - der of his fa - vor.



For he has done great things for me, he was mind-ful
of his ser-vant; ev-'ry age shall call me bless-ed.
The hope of A-bra-ham come in the
giv-ing of a Son; for he who prom-ised is
might-y in re-mem-ber-ing his mer-cy.

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God's promise to Abraham and his descendants was fulfilled in the coming of his Son. Jesus Christ humbled himself by submitting to God's law. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross. God promises to lift up the humble and fill the hungry with good things because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor,
so that we through his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9**

Even as we await Christ's second coming, he comes to us here and now in the words he gives his messengers to speak: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

975 My Soul Will Magnify the Lord

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2 My soul will mag - ni - fy the Lord for his grace to those who
fear him through ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.
The proud he scat - ters to the wind as the rul - er's
strength is bro - ken, and the rich are left with noth - ing.
The hum - ble lift - ed high, and the
hun - gry sat - is - fied; our por - tion and our
treasure, our hope and help for - ev - er.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(Second Sunday in Advent)*

We light two Advent candles, remembering Jesus, who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.

We hear his call to repent.

We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blest.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

DEUTERONOMY 18:15

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

ISAIAH 7:10–14 (Sermon Text)

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

ISAIAH 9:6

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

JEREMIAH 23:5

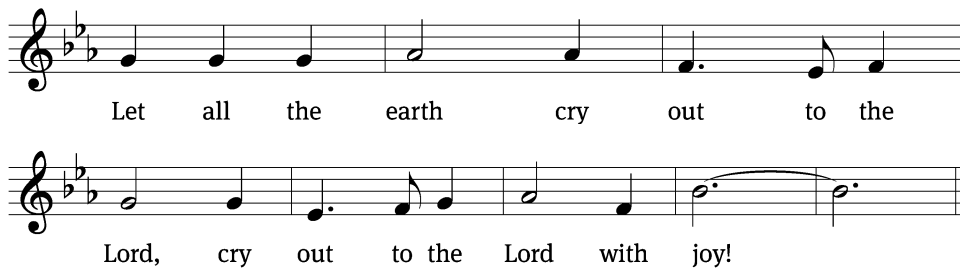
⁵“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

MICAH 5:2

²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”


PSALM: 66 "Let All the Earth Cry Out to the Lord"

Refrain




Let all the earth cry out to the
Lord, cry out to the Lord with joy!

Verses



1 Sing to the Lord, all you on earth, sing praise to the
2 Let the whole world wor - ship and sing, ac - claim - ing his



Refrain
gran - deur of God; pro - claim his glo - rious name!
won - der - ful deeds; the might of God is at hand!

Verse



3 Lis - ten now, all you who trust in the Lord,
our God has done great things for us,
Refrain
an - swered our prayers with his kind - ness.

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Gospel Acclamation

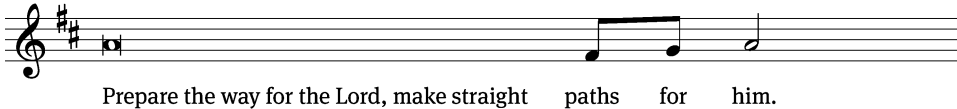
Luke 3:4,6



Refrain



Tone



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NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT

MATTHEW 1:18–23; 2:1–6

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called

together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

HYMN OF THE DAY: 327 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, O Root of Jes - se, free your own from
 3 O come, O Day-spring from on high, and cheer us
 4 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen

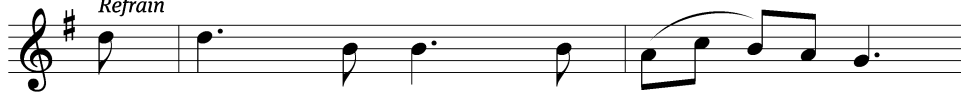


cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your
 by your draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y
 wide our heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that



ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

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SERMON: Isaiah 7:10-14 - A Blessing Comes Down: Eternal From God

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS, ALTAR PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT:

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and long for his coming again.

Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.

Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.

Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love.

Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again.

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.

May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence. *Silent prayer*

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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PREFACE

CW 199

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and

thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 331 v. 1-7 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good
2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,
3 "This is the Christ, our God most high, who hears your
4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow pre - pared by

news to ev - 'ry home; glad ti - dings of great
cho - sen vir - gin mild; this lit - tle child of
sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your
God for all be - low, that in his king - dom,

joy I bring, where - of I now will say and sing:
low - ly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.
Sav - ior be from all your sins to set you free.
bright and fair, you may with us his glo - ry share.

5 "These are the signs which you shall mark:
the swaddling clothes and manger dark.
There you will find the infant laid
by whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

6 How glad we'll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
to see what God for us has done
in sending us his own dear Son.

7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
and see what in the manger lies.
Who is this child, so young and fair?
It is the Christ Child lying there.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 333 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King and peace to all the earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Third Sunday in Advent - A BLESSING COMES DOWN:
 KINGLY LOVE MANGERED NOW

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St. John's is looking for a few good men to help as Ushers! If you'd like to join the usher crew, please talk to Jerre Duerr, James Wachholz, or Matthew Kath. Thanks!!

YOU ARE INVITED! Come to a birthday party for Jesus on Sunday, December 22, hosted by the Sunday School. It begins at 9 a.m. with a devotion and some Christmas activities for everyone. Then there will be birthday cake & ice cream, coffee, & milk. Freewill offering for our Kids C.A.R.E. mission project, Antigua-St. John's Church & School. We'd love to have our church family enjoy the morning with us!

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including Janice Arvidson, Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Sandy Buchholz, Bob Buehrens, Gene Crook, Agnes Dassow, Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Kaye Edwards (Mark Emond's friend), Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza, Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Del & Jean Henke, LuAnn Hoffman-Reber (Barb Hoffman's step-daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Mary Luck, Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo & Barbara Petrick, Kim Peyton (Church Boetcher's niece), Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Shelley Rene (Mary Isberner's niece), Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Heather Smith (Diane Hintz' step-daughter), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak (Carol's husband), Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul & LuAnn Weldon (added this week: Kim Peyton)
- For Peter Lemke called by the Lord at the 11/12 Christ Alone Lutheran Academy board meeting to serve as principal and grade 6-8 teacher next school year
- For Alyssa Scharrer called by the Lord at the 11/17 St. John's Voters meeting to serve as Little Lamb's director/teacher next school year

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CALA HOSTS WALL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FEB. 2025

On Feb. 15 & 16, Christ Alone Lutheran Academy will host the annual WALL basketball tournament at WLA in Fond du Lac, WI. We need all hands on deck! If you are looking for a way to support and serve your school, please consider giving your time. You do not need to be a sports family to serve. Areas that we will need help in are concessions, admissions table, bookkeeping, scoreboard, and providing baked good items. All proceeds made that weekend will go to CALA. From these proceeds, CALA also plans to give back by making a monetary donation to the WLA new school building project. Thank you for your consideration!

Please follow the link to sign up or contact Ciara in the Princeton office:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: December 8-14, 2024

Today	3:00 p.m.	Piano Recital SJ
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Study Club Peace Green Lake
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Wednesday	9:45 a.m.	The Residences Devotion
	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	3:30 p.m.	Advent Worship EM
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Worship SJ
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Study Club SJ
	11:00 a.m.	LL Christmas Service SJ

Next Sunday: December 15, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	Sunday School St. John's
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John's
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship /Sunday School Service
4:00 p.m.	CALA Christmas Service PRINCETON

	Budget	Offerings	All Income	Expenses
November	\$40,014.98	\$21,829.30	\$29,646.05	\$37,904.77
Year to Date	\$200,074.90	\$121,201.90	\$163,734.94	\$182,123.57

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

LL, CALA and Sunday School Singing Schedule

Date	
12/14/24	11:00 a.m. LL Christmas Service in MONTELLO
12/15/24	Sunday School in MONTELLO
12/15/24	CALA Christmas Service 4:00pm in PRINCETON

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
11/27/24	61	-
12/1/24	43	79
12/4/24	13	15

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Wednesdays, Dec. 11, 18
Worship**

Emmanuel: 3:30pm St. John's: 6:30pm

Midweek Advent

**Tuesday, December 24
Service**

Emmanuel: 4:30pm

Christmas Eve

**Wednesday, December 25
Worship**

St. John's: 9:00am

Christmas Day

**Tuesday, December 31
Worship**

St. John's: 6:30pm

New Year's Eve

COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today our congregations will be receiving the Lord’s Supper. Those who are members of Emmanuel, St. John’s, another WELS church, or a church in full doctrinal agreement with the WELS, are invited to attend. Others are politely asked to refrain until communion fellowship is established. There are two Scriptural reasons we distribute the Lord’s Supper this way. 1.) Receiving the Lord’s Supper improperly results in harm, not blessing, to the recipient. (1 Cor. 11:27) Like a prescription it must be administered with care. 2.) Recipients of the Supper publicly proclaim their unity in the faith. (1Cor. 10:17) Members of other denominations have, by joining those church bodies, publicly declared their allegiance to the teaching of those churches. By also communing here at this altar it would send a confusing message regarding not only what they believe, but also what the Bible teaches and what this church and its members believe and confess. We’d love to speak to you about this more fully so that all are prepared and speak with one voice as we proclaim Christ to the world. For more information, and especially if you are interested in becoming a communicant member of this congregation, please speak to Pastor Zietlow.

St. John’s	Usher’s Schedule
Sunday, Dec 8 Wednesday, Dec 11	Sunday, Dec 8 Wednesday, Dec 11
Matthew Kath Martin Schmanke Glen Bubolz Mike Kempley	James Wachholz Aaron Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable

GriefShare in Montello will begin a new 13-week session on Thursday, January 9, 2025. If you would like more information, or wish to attend GriefShare, please contact Mark Emond at 608-697-1600.

At our November 17 call meeting the voters present voted unanimously to extend a Divine Call to Mrs. Allyssa Scharrer to be our next preschool Director/Teacher.

Following is some information about her.

Address:

2866 Northwynde Passage

Sun Prairie, WI

Phone: 608.225.9738

Email: ascharrer@eastsidelutheran.org

She is 44 years old, a graduate of Martin Luther College. She is presently teaching at Eastside Lutheran in Madison. She has a heart for child care and preschool. She has also been blessed with musical gifts and computer skills. She is married to Martin who is employed as a Maintenance Technician at UW Madison. They have two children Blake 18 and Eli 16. They both attend Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills.

Please reach out to her with encouragement through cards, texts, emails, or phone calls as she deliberates where she can best use her gifts to promote the saving Gospel.

Please keep both congregations and all of our called workers in your prayers, as we work together to carry out our Gospel ministries.

In Christ,

Jerre Duerr

But Jesus called the children to him and said, **"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."** Luke 18:16



The Sixteenth Annual of His Word Conference

Keynote: Pastor Earle Treptow

“Forge Ahead in Faith”

Worship Band: Koine'

14 Challenging Breakout Sessions

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Oshkosh Waterfront Hotel and

Convention Center – Oshkosh, WI

Register at: www.menofhisword.org

Dear members of St. John's and Emmanuel,

On November 12th CALA extended a Divine Call for next year's Principal. You have heard that the call was extended to Peter Lemke who is the Principal in Jefferson. Here is some additional information you may not have:

Address:

230 Meadow Ct.

Jefferson WI 53549-1184

Phone: 262-749-0214

Email: plemke@stjlwels.org

They have 4 grown children, one of which Ryan married our past teacher Rachel Naumann.

Please reach out to him with encouragement through cards, texts, emails, or phone calls as he deliberates where he can best use his gifts to promote the saving Gospel.

Please keep both his congregation and all the congregations that support CALA in your prayers. Please keep all of our called workers in your prayers, as we work together to carry out our Gospel ministries.

The Board of Ed will be placing a collection jar out at church to be used for Christmas gifts for our teachers aides.

Our finances still remain challenging. Thank you to the many who have increased their gifts to the Lord. In an effort to find some more income it was brought up at our last voters meeting the possibility of selling some of our unused property. The council has asked Paul Van Treeck to form a committee to look into this further. They will try to have more information for our next voters meeting on January 5th.

In Christ,
Jerre Duerr

Help us stay in touch!

Scan the code below using your smartphone camera and fill out the prompted information. Don't have a smartphone? That's ok! Fill out an attendance card located at the end of each pew and place it in the offering plate located at the entry of each church.



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