



ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!

It is a joy to worship our Savior, Jesus, with you! In the pews there are blue cards for guests and members. Please fill one out and the ushers will collect them after the offering. And if you are looking for a church home, you've just found it!



To Our Visitors



What is Communion/the Lord's Supper?

As members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, members of St. John's Lutheran Church hold to the biblical and historic understanding of holy communion; that in this sacrament the bread and wine, having been consecrated, are Christ's real, risen, and glorified body and blood, just as Jesus really said, 'Take, eat, this is my body', and 'take, drink... this is my blood' (Matthew 26:26 ff). Holy Communion is received for the forgiveness of sins, for unity with Christ, and for the unity within the 'body of Christ' – that is His Church. This is why it is reserved for those who hold a common confession of faith. Those who share with us in this Holy Supper must be members of a congregation of the LCMS, or of a congregation in full fellowship with the LCMS, thus bearing public witness that they agree with our teaching in general and with the following two teachings in particular:

1. When consecrated, again, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, given to us for the remission of sins.
2. Those baptized and confirmed Christians who come to Holy Communion in repentance and faith, grateful for God's forgiveness, are also committed to offering their personal forgiveness to all others.

Guests communing with us for the first time should see the pastor or an elder before the service when possible, to confirm that we are in fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a communicant member or if you have any questions regarding our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor.



Christmas Day

Processional Hymn: 379 O Come, All Ye faithful

Confession and Absolution – *LSB p.184*

Stand

Service of the Word



Introit - *Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6*

- 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,
C **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
P Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
C **His right hand and his arm have worked salvation for him.**
P He has remembered his love and faithfulness to Israel.
C **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
C **Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
C **And the government shall be upon his shoulder,**

Kyrie - *LSB p.186*

Hymn of Praise: 368 Angels We Have Heard on High

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And with thy spirit.**
P Let us pray.
Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading – Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

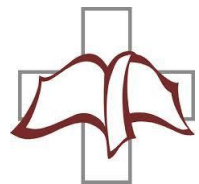
¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the Lord had commanded Moses. ²⁰He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the Lord had commanded Moses. .

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³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Gradual – Psalm 118:26a, 27a, 23

L Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

L This is the Lord's doing;

C And it is marvelous in our eyes.

Epistle Reading – Titus 3:4–7

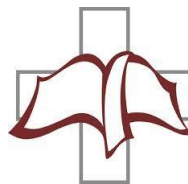
⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluias - *LSB p.190*



Holy Gospel – John 1:1-18

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

C Glory be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, O Christ.



Nicene Creed - *LSB p.191*

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Sermon: “Ever Want to Escape Christmas & Go Camping?”

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Offertory - *LSB p.192*

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Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - *LSB p.194*

Sanctus

Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini

Agnus Dei



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Distribution

**(Hymns 364 Away in a Manger,
363 Silent Night, Holy Night)**



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Nunc Dimittis - LSB p.199

Thanksgiving & Post-Communion Collect

Salutation, Benedicamus & Benediction

Recessional Hymn: 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Announcements

P Go with God and serve the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

Mission/Vision Statement

“We are Followers of Christ:
Receiving His Grace, Growing in Faith, and Sharing God’s Love”

Looking Ahead at St. John’s:

Sunday, Dec 29th - Christmas I Divine Service at 9am

Friday, Jan 3rd - The Naumann Epiphany House Party at 5pm

Sunday, Jan 5th - Epiphany Service (Observed) at 9am

Tuesday, Jan 7th – Elders Meeting at the Drummonds at 7pm

Thursday, Jan 9th - Family Games Night at 6pm

**Sunday, Jan 12th - Installation of St. John’s Officers and Trustees
- Council Meeting after the service**



POINTSETTIAS



In memory of Husband, Steve Adamoyurka, from Lucille Adamoyurka

In memory of Loved Ones from Steve, Leanne, Stephen & David Adamoyurka

In memory of our Parents from Bob & Diane Drummond

In honor of our children and grandchildren from Bob & Diane Drummond

In memory of our Mom, Mary Anne Gilham, from Dana, Gena, Paula & Allyn

In memory of our Grandparents from Dana, Gena, Paula & Allyn

In memory of Husband, Paul Kowalczyk, from Karen Ann Kowalczyk

In memory of Father and Grandfather, Paul Kowalczyk, from Kevin Kowalczyk, Krista, Chris & Emma Mashack and Brandon, Kelly, Charlotte & Gregory Weiss

In memory of Loved Ones from Bob & Pat Onder

In memory of Husband, John Onder, from Pauline Onder

In memory of Father, John Onder, from Bill & Lorraine Ray

In memory of Parents, from Bill & Lorraine Ray

In memory of Parents, Andrew & Kathryn Onder, Edward & Barbara Trovitch, and Brother, Rev. Ronald Onder from Dave & Nancy Trovitch

In memory of Godfather, John Onder, from Nancy Trovitch