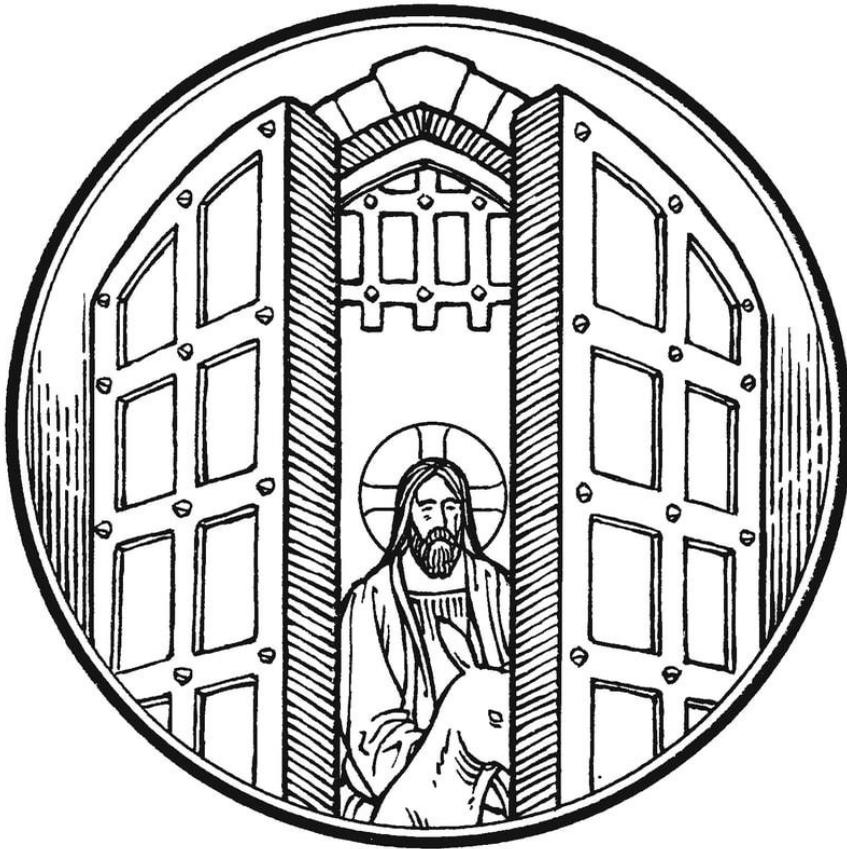


# St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



**First Sunday in Advent**

**November 29**

## **PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE**

Heavenly Father, prepare my heart to worship you. Through your Word, make me sincerely repentant for the many sins which I have committed and reassure me of your loving kindness in my Savior, Christ Jesus. Through your Holy Spirit, keep my thoughts focused on the eternal truths which will be spoken and sung today. Guide and bless those leading in worship today. Make this service a celebration of your goodness and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **WELCOME**

*The King comes to destroy and to save. Get ready!*

### **Opening Hymn:**

The Advent of Our King

Christian Worship, Hymn # 1

**Verse 1**  **The advent of our King**  
**Our prayers must now employ,**  
**And we must hymns of welcome sing**  
**In strains of holy joy.**

**Verse 3**  **O Zion's Daughter, rise**  
**To meet your lowly King,**  
**Not let a faithless heart despise**  
**The peace he comes to bring.**

**Verse 6**  **All glory to the Son,**  
**Who comes to set us free,**  
**With Father, Spirit, ever one**  
**Through all eternity.**

PLEASE STAND

## INVOCATION

**M** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M** God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

**M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**G** **Christ, have mercy.**

**M** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**G** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**G** **Amen.**

## GLORY TO GOD

**M** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**G** Verse 3

♪ **Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew,  
Our sins forgive, our foes suppress,  
Our rooted enmity subdue,  
And crown your gospel with success.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

### *Old Testament Lesson*

Isaiah 63:16b,17,64:1-8

You, LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

<sup>17</sup> Why, LORD, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance.

64 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! <sup>2</sup> As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! <sup>3</sup> For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. <sup>4</sup> Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? <sup>6</sup> All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. <sup>7</sup> No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. <sup>8</sup> Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

**C** REFRAIN **♪ LET THE LORD ENTER; HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.**

**C** Verses

**♪ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it.\*  
the world, and all who live in it:**

**♪ for he founded it upon the seas\*  
and established it upon the waters.**

**♪ Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?\*  
Who may stand in his holy place?**

**♪ He who has clean hands and a pure heart,\*  
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.**

**C** REFRAIN **♪ LET THE LORD ENTER; HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.**

**C** Verses

**♪ Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors.\*  
that the King of glory may come in.**

**♪ Who is this King of glory?\***  
**The LORD strong and mighty,**  
**The LORD mighty in battle.**

*(Psalm 24 continues on the next page.)*

- ♪ **Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors.\*  
that the King of glory may come in.**
- ♪ **Who is he, this King of glory?\***  
**The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.**
- ♪ **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.**

**REFRAIN** ♪ **LET THE LORD ENTER; HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.**

*Epistle Lesson*

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**☐ 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 fully 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.**

<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!’”

**G Praise be to you, O Christ.**

***Hymn of the Day:***

Savior of the Nations, Come

Christian Worship, Hymn # 2

**G Verse 1 ♪ Savior of the nations, come;  
Virgin’s Son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.**

**G Verse 2 ♪ Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God  
Was the Word of God made flesh,  
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.**

**G Verse 3 ♪ Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child  
Of the virgin undefiled,  
Though by all the world disowned,  
Yet to be in heav’n enthroned!**

**Psalm 24**

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; <sup>2</sup>for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. <sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup>The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. <sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. <sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup>Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****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.

# THE SACRAMENT

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** 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.

**C** Amen.

### A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are a friend of the sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(After all those communing have received Lord’s Supper, we conclude our celebration: )*

**M** Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting.

**C** Amen.

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- M** Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone what he has done.
- C** Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
- M** He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
- C** Alleluia! Alleluia!
- M** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## BLESSING

- M** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
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 give you peace.
- C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn:**

The King of Glory Comes

Christian Worship, Hymn # 363

**C** REFRAIN

♪ **The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.**

**C** Verse 1

♪ **Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?  
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.**

**C** REFRAIN

♪ **The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.**

**C** Verse 3

♪ **He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation;  
He took upon himself the sin of the nations.**

**C** REFRAIN

♪ **The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.  
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.**

## **OUR SINCERE THANKS TO...**

**...To the Organist tonight: Mrs. Charmaine Wagner (and Michaela Bubolz) and our other organists—Judy Mangin and Kristen Hillman—all who use their gifts so faithfully and beautifully throughout the year.**

**...To our many other musicians and vocalists who share their abilities to enhance our worship services and ministries.**

**...To our faithful staff (teachers, aides, and office staff) who work so tirelessly year in and year out often sacrificing their time with family to serve their brothers and sisters at St. John-St. James and in the community of Reedsville.**

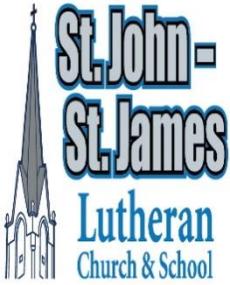
**...To the church leaders for their leadership, Christian example, and service throughout the year.**

**...To our Sunday School teachers and CREW teacher who prepare and teach God's Word as volunteers to the children and teens of our congregation as volunteers.**

**...To the many others who serve on committees and behind the scenes offering their time and talents to make so many of our ministries happen.**

**...To the many who offer their gifts and prayers in service and support to our church family and ministries.**

**...Especially we thank our God for giving us so many blessings and the opportunities to use them in service to his Kingdom. May God bless us in our thanksgiving, our traveling, and our enjoyment of the family, friends, and all the other blessings he has given. To God alone be the glory.**



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## Sunday, November 29

**SERVING YOU TODAY—WEDNESDAY (THANKSGIVING EVE)—6:30 pm**

**Ushers—**Scott & Brian Bubolz, Dave Hoepfner, Bill Voeltz ■ **THURSDAY**

**(THANKSGIVING DAY)—9:00 am Ushers—**Ken Mack, James Kiesow, McCoy Mack ■

**SUNDAY— 8:00 am Ushers—**Dale Barnard, Joe Hoyer, Chuck Kiehn, Bob Baribeau ■

**10:15 am Ushers—**Roger Hoida, Dave Hoida, Deven Krepline ■ **Church Cleaners—**

Nancy Hillmann, Sarah Miller, Roger/Judy Hoida ■ **Flower Committee—**Joan

Behnke/Barb Herzog ■ **Communion Set-Up/Take-Down—**The Knier Family.

**SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK—THURSDAY—6:30 pm Ushers—**Scott Bubolz, Brian

Bubolz, Dave Hoepfner, Bill Voeltz ■ **SUNDAY—8:00 am Ushers—**Dan/Jacob Bubolz,

Gene Wagner, Eugene/Nathan Rosera, Jeff Doemel ■ **10:15 am Ushers—**Glen Behnke,

Roger Bubolz, Dan Bratz, Jim Bubolz, Alex Bubolz, James Kenneke ■ **Church**

**Cleaners—**Yvonne Wenzlaff & Gail Denor ■ **Flower Committee—**Joan Sheahan & Val

Jean Link.

**SCRIP LAY-A-WAY—**The Christmas Layaway Program has started. You will find a scrip order form in your November newsletter, School office and the West Church office. Scrip lay-a-way will allow you to order from the scrip program and then pay for it when you pick your order up. Orders generally need one week to be filled. Please contact the school office (754-4432) or a scrip volunteer if you have any questions.

**WORKING FOR THE LORD IN OUR COMMUNITY—**The Youth at SJSJ (grades 7-12) would like to help anyone in the community with various tasks around the yard such as raking leaves, shoveling snow, or any unfinished projects you might have in your yard. If you wish to use this service please fill out a form in the west office in church or on our website. Please return the form to the church office. Thank you!

**CREW BIBLE STUDY GROUP—**The CREW will again be meeting this Sunday between services. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for bible study.

## Our Father's Business

### Today

Preacher, Pastor Louis Sievert  
Organist Today—Kristen Hillmann  
Sunday School at 9:15am  
CREW Bible Sunday at 9:15 am  
Adult Bible Sunday at 9:15am

### Wednesday 12/2

Public School Confirmation Class at 3:30 pm

### Thursday 12/3

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 pm

### Friday 12/4

No Bussing—Parent Transport

**USHER TEAM LEADERS**—There is a signup sheet on the Usher's podium to fill our needs for selected Holiday services. We could really use your help at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services Thank you.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS**—Please help us decorate this year with poinsettias for Christmas. Order forms are in the West Church office and also in the November newsletter. Please print clearly and put your order in an envelope provided for you, then place the envelope in the box on the table in the West Church Office. **This is the last Thursday/Sunday to order!**  
**Please have your order to us by Monday, November 30th.**

**BEST CHOICE LABELS**—EconoFoods' private label brand is now BEST CHOICE. Please save the BEST CHOICE UPC labels from the products you purchase, turn them in at church or school and SJSJ will receive \$30 for every 1000 barcodes redeemed.

**FLOWERS**—Flowers that adore the alter today are in memory of Harold and Rosie Olp. Flowers are given by their family members. We thank you for the lovely flowers to brighten our day!

**THANK YOU**—Thank you to LeRoy and Judy Stahl for the purchase of the new washer and dryer, gifts have also been given towards the set-up costs. Your gifts are much appreciated!

**FLOWERS**—Flowers that adore the alter for Thanksgiving and today are in honor of the 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Lawrence and Sarah Bratz given by their family. Happy Anniversary Lawrence & Sarah.

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE — November 16 to November 22

■ Church Attendance: Thur. 6:30 pm—37, Sun. 8:00 am Service—44, 10:15 am Service—68, Total: 149 ■ Regular Offerings—General Fund: \$ 9,536.00, Synod: \$ 581.00, MLHS: \$ 573.00, Total: \$ 10,690.00 ■ Special Offerings—Building Fund: \$ 2,155.00,  
(needed each week \$2,312)