



*Jesus, Immanuel...
God with us.*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

JOHN 1:14

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Charles City, Iowa
Rev. Russ Leeper, Pastor
Melanie Johannngmeier, Director of Music

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Prelude

Welcome

Invocation

Gathering Hymn

“The First Noel”

(vs 1, 2, 4) #300

Preschool – 2nd Grade

The ABC’s of Christmas

“Mary Had a Baby”

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

The Prayers

Offering Hymn:

“What Child is This?”

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3rd – 7th Grade

The Twases of Christmas

What’s Christmas?...

Song:

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

(vs. 1-3) #257

No room at the inn...

Song:

“Away in a Manger”

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Visits from shepherds and kings...

Song:

“Silent Night”

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The Christmas Star...

Sending Song:

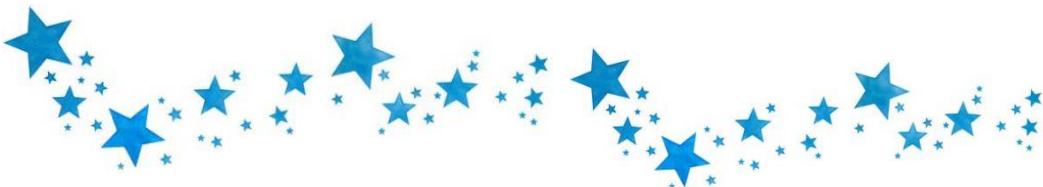
“Joy to the World”

(vs. 1-4) # 267

Postlude

Please join us after the program in the Parish Hall for cookies, hosted by the St. John Youth Board & the St John Family Board!

REMINDER: There will be NO Sunday School December 10th, 17th, 24th or 31st. Classes will resume January 7, 2024



Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023

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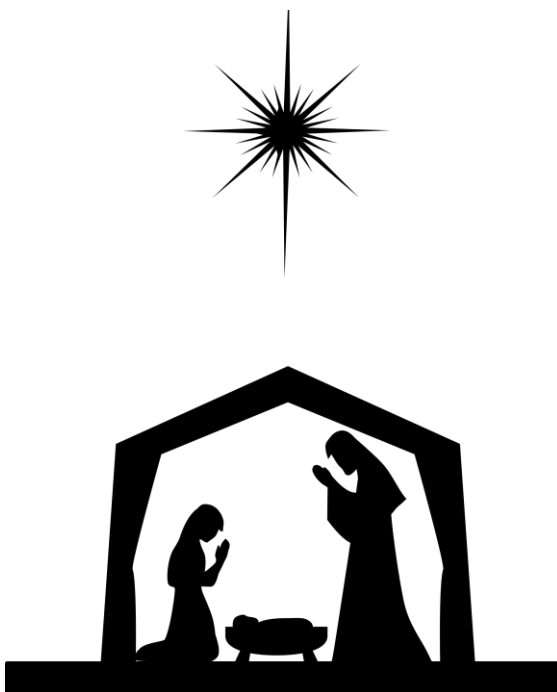
Jack Murray- piano - "Go Tell it on the Mountain";
Halle Kubik- piano -"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel";
Lela Hammond -clarinet -"Jingle Bells";
Marron Murray-"Frosty the Snowman";
Laker Kubik-"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen";
Ben Hammond- viola - "Silent Night"

Welcome

The poinsettias on the Altar are sponsored Tilleen Litterer & Family in memory of Clarence.

A Cookie Reception will be held in the Parish Hall following the program sponsored by The St John Family Board & The St John Youth Board!

Invocation





1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

“Mary Had a Baby”
“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

The Prayers (L): Lord in your mercy,
Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

Deb Watkins	Marilyn Isakson	Linda Girken
Colleen Ortmayer	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Imani Sande
Ruth Farmer	Noa Mulholland	Don Knowlton
Lorna Scrimger	Skip Ward	Marilu Wohlers

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



What's Christmas?...

Song:

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

(vs. 1-3) #257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.



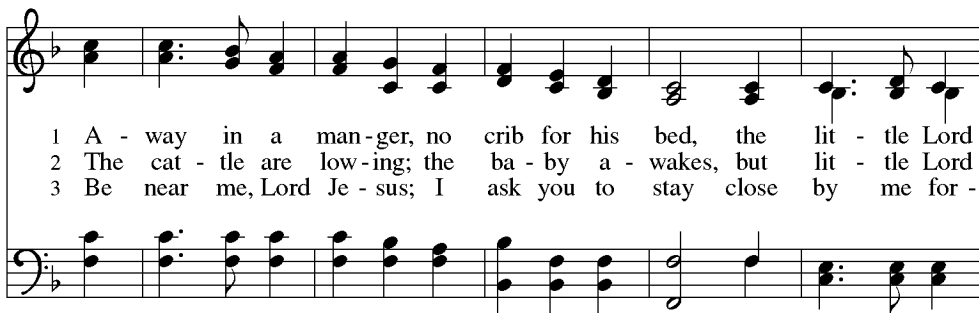
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

No room at the inn...

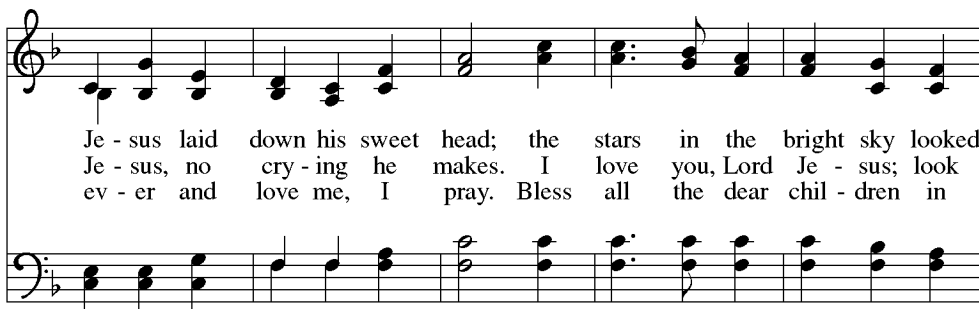
Song:

“Away in a Manger”

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1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Visits from shepherds and kings...

Song:

“Silent Night”

#281

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,
Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your
Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

The Christmas Star...

Sending Song:

“Joy to the World”

(vs. 1-4) # 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing.

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

“O Come All Ye Faithful”



Poinsettias for Christmas

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to sponsor the poinsettias.

You may also call the office to have your name and message added to the sign-up sheet at (641) 228-3397



Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast 2024

On the glass case in the Narthex are the 2024 sign-up sheets for Altar Flowers and the Radio Broadcast.

The radio broadcast is enjoyed by many of our St. John members who cannot watch it on YouTube or attend in person.

**Please join us in a card shower for
Beverly Friend's 80th birthday.**

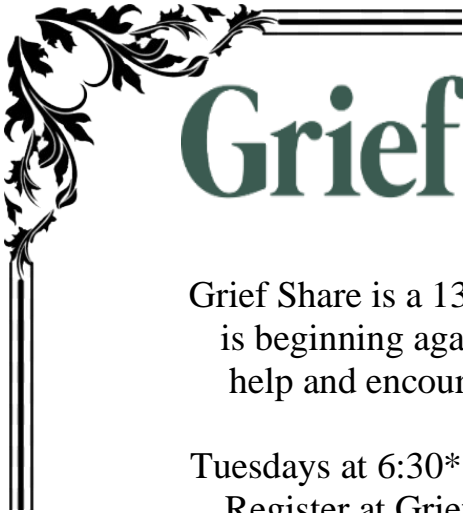
It's a Surprise! Let's shower Bev with cards full of memories, photos, and well wishes. Your notes will be used to create a beautiful birthday scrapbook she can cherish for years to come.

PLEASE send a card by Dec. 16, 2023 to:



Bev c/o Angela
573 Bluff Rd
Rochester, MN 55901

Thank you for being part of this special day!



Grief Share®

Grief Share is a 13-week grief support group that is beginning again at St. John. Join us to find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

Tuesdays at 6:30***January 23 through April 16
Register at GriefShare.org or call the church office at 228-3397.

See Susan Leeper for more information.

Blue Christmas

A service for those grieving the loss of
a loved one at the holidays



Thursday, December 21

5:30 p.m. at
St. John Lutheran Church
All are welcome.





St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
200 S Main St Charles City, Iowa 50616; 641-228-3397

December 10--December 17

Sunday	9:00 AM	Children Christmas Program
		2nd Sunday of Advent
	10:00 AM	Cookie Reception
	10:10 AM	Deacons Meeting
Monday	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Finance Board
	6:00 PM	Council
Wednesday	5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper & Activities
Friday	5:00 PM	Girl Scouts
Sunday	9:00 AM	Music Sunday
		3rd Sunday of Advent
	10:00 AM	After Worship Social Time

Offering from the week of:

December 3, 2023

General Receipts:	\$16,918.67
Designated:	\$750.00
Total	\$17,668.67

General Receipts of \$9,580.03 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attendance: 261

Wednesday Night Menu
December 13th

**Walking Tacos,
Applesauce & Cookies**

Supper is from
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$5.00 for adults
Children through 12th grade eat
free thanks to Kans for Kids
(Menu Subject to change)

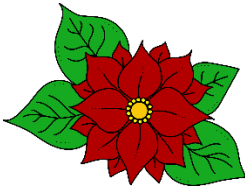
Mobile food pantry needs your help



The Charles City mobile food pantry is an equal opportunity provider.



Delivery of food from the Northeast Iowa mobile food pantry by the St John bus is off to a wonderful start! This is a greatly needed service in our community because there are many people that qualify for food from the pantry but have mobility or transportation limitations and are unable to come to the fairgrounds to pick it up. Unfortunately, the St John bus is at its capacity and cannot fit anymore deliveries. There are many people on the waiting list. We are in need of people that can deliver food with their personal vehicles. The mobile food pantry is held the first Wednesday of the month at the Floyd county fairgrounds. Delivery vehicles will be loaded up at 6:00 pm. Deliveries are limited to within a 5 mile radius of Charles City. If you are interested in helping, call Jen Burton the mobile food pantry coordinator at 641-220-1769. Depending on the size of your vehicle, 2-4 households worth of food will likely fit in in a personal vehicle. Even if you are not able to deliver every month, we still can use your help. You do not need to be a St John member to help, anyone can help. Thank you for your support of this ministry!



Please help support... St. John Christian Preschool

Purchase Kwik Star gift cards and the preschool receives 5% of the face value!!

Please contact Whitney or Toni if you are interested.



Charles City Community
Blood Drive
Messiah Lutheran Church
705 3rd Ave. | Charles City
Friday, December 22
12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: lifeserve.info/schedule



Participating: Preschool – 2nd

In order by grade:

Clint Murray

Cooper Vance

Zuri Franke

Kash Kubik

Kenley LaBarge

Harlow Venz

Hudson Hinz

Laura Marth

Brinlee Merrifield

Jack Murray

Kendrick Norland

Finley Pettit

Peyton Ungs

Hallee Hoeft

Rhys Johnson

Grace Kendall

Elijah Lumley

Henry Marth

Dewey Chase

Callie Hammond

Hunter Hinz

Faye Krause

Hallie Kubik

Landon LaBarge

Jiles Lantz

Madilyn Lessin

Kerrigan Venz

Participating: 3rd – 6th

Twas Narrator: Saeli Chase

Narrators: Hazel Hansen

Lela Hammond

Quincy Johnson

Isaiah: Cam Lessin

Micah: Lela Hammond

Luke: Quincy Johnson

Mary: Addi Lantz

Gabriel: Marron Murray

Joseph: Laker Kubik

Matthew: Hazel Hansen

Angel: Anna Mehmen

Wisemen: Dax Johnson

Melia Lantz

Emersyn Ungs

John: Lela Hammond

Paul: Cam Lessin

Multitude of Angels:

Anna Mehmen

Addison Merrifield

Madelynn Hoeft

Nathalia Dean

Alesia Garden

Kaylie Keyes

Kynsie Eckhoff

Special Appearances:

Shepherds: Drake O'Brien

Blair Walker

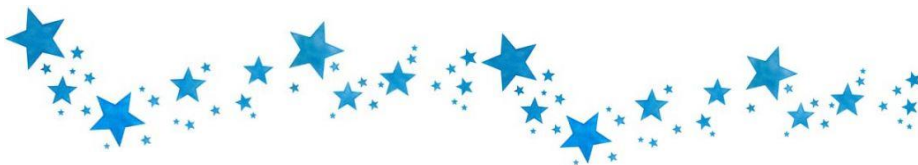
Devony O'Brien

Directors: Beth Hurt, Sarah Kendall, Amy Kubik, Lydia Johnson

Organist: Melanie Johanningmeier

*Thank you for coming to the St. John Christmas program!
We are delighted that you have come to support the youth
of St. John, as they have worked hard in their preparation
to share the Christmas story with you, and we are
confident that you will enjoy their presentation.*

*Thank you to all the teachers, staff, and parents for all
your hard work!*



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Music Sunday

December 17, 2023

Service of Music and Word

*“Rejoice, Your Light Has Come” feat. Trinity
Choir, Kids Choir, Tone Chime Choir, and other
special music.*

Blue Christmas Service

December 21, 2023

*5:30 p.m. Gentle Service of Expression and
Reflection for those who are grieving.*

Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 2023

9:00 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship/Comm

6:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship/Comm

