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November 28, 2021; 1st Sunday of Advent



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Luke 21:25-36

Welcome

The Poinsettias on the Altar are from Tilleen Litterer & family in memory of Clarence Litterer
The radio broadcast is sponsored by Peg Poppen

Gathering Hymn:

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

"EMMANUEL"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Read by Eric Johanningsmeier

14The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

"O Come Little Children"

O come, little children, come, one and come all,
O come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall
And see what our Father in heaven above
Has sent to us all on this earth with his love.

O see in the manger so meek and so mild,
O see in the soft light the heavenly Child,
In swaddling clothes folded, his beauty more sweet
Than angels whose voices his lowly birth greet.

His bed, little children, a manger with hay;
His Mother and Joseph in ecstasy pray,
The shepherds in wonder their glad worship bring,
While chorus of angels sweet Glorias sing.

Children's Sermon

Gospel Acclamation:



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-36

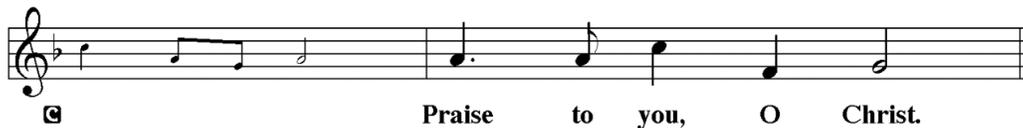


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Russ Leeper

Hymn of the Day

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(vs. 1-4) # 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
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



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
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



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.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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

The Creed

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Robson Shankland

Please Keep the following in prayer:

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| Kathy Crooks | Dale Lamprecht | Skip Ward |
| James Grob | Sandra Link | Marihu Wohlers |
| Herbert Hinz | Al Manning | Bill Wohlers, Jr. |
| Jim Jensen | Betty Manning | Cal Wood |

The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

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 this is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

The Offering

Offering Hymn

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

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O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ūi - im - gŭm
 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

 u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

*Response

“Take Our Lives”

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;
Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

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.

The Benediction

P: Let's hold each other in prayer & stay safe.

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
 king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 28 - December 5

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| Sunday | 1st Sunday of Advent |
| | 9:00 a.m. Worship |
| Wednesday | 3:30 p.m. After School |
| | 5:00 p.m. Supper |
| | 6:00 p.m. Confirmation |
| | 7:00 p.m. Trinity Choir |
| | 7:00 p.m. Dartball at St. John |
| Saturday | 8:30 a.m. Deacons |
| | 9:00 a.m. Decorate St. John for Christmas! |
| Sunday | 2nd Sunday of Advent |
| | 9:00 a.m. Worship |
| | 10:00 a.m. Education Hour |
| | 11:00 a.m. Parish Ed |
| | 11:00 a.m. Kids .25 cent store |

The worship service at St. John has gone LIVE!!!

Equipment to live stream our worship service was installed. So, each Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. you will be able to watch the worship service live by going to www.stjohncharlescity.org, click on the Worship & Sermons tab, and choose YouTube. You can also go to YouTube and in the search box type St. John Lutheran Charles City IA to watch the worship service. The service will be recorded at that time & will be available after 10:00 a.m. to watch at anytime.



The Deacon Board invites all who would like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas to come at 9:00 a.m. on December 4th!

Angel Tree

Angel tree is accepting donations to go towards food baskets. Please bring your donation to St. John & if writing a check, make it out to St. John & write Angel Tree on the memo line.

After Worship Social Time

Stop and enjoy some coffee & a treat after worship in the Parish Hall!
(There is a "treats" signup sheet inside the Narthex doors if you would like bring treats!)

Offering from the week of November 21, 2021

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| General Receipts | \$ 8,265.36 |
| Designated offering | 329.13 |
| <i>General receipts of \$9,757.00 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.</i> | |
| Attendance:171 | |

THE .25 CENT GIFT STORE FOR KIDS

will be December 5th! Store hours are 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., St. John Sunday school students can start at 11:00 a.m. Donations of gently used Christmas themed items, craft items, or toys are needed! You can bring your donated items to the St John office by Friday, December 3rd. Thank you!

**Wednesday Night Supper
Supper Menu**

December 1st: Chili, grilled cheese sandwiches,
fruit, banana pudding dessert

Adults \$4.00

Students - Preschool - 12th grade

Free courtesy of Stewardship Board's "Kans for
Kids" project

**Remember to bring items for the
Blessing Box! Many people are
using our Blessing Box, so let's
keep it filled!**

**Popular items: protein (chicken,
tuna, meat sticks), boxes of cereal,
individual easy-to-prepare meals.
Bread & peanut butter. Cake mix &
frosting. Pancake mix & syrup. Hot
chocolate & marshmallows.**

**Personal care items (bar soap,
toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo),
toilet paper, tissues. Dish soap,
laundry detergent (small
containers).**



The Sunday School Christmas
program will be on **December 12,
2021, during the 9:00 a.m.
worship service.**

If you would like to donate
to the **Poinsettias**
for Christmas, call the office at
641-228-3397



Music Sunday

"We are Waiting for a Savior" Joint music program with St. John and
Messiah.

Features: choir, instrumentalists, piano/organ duet, scripture readings

Sunday, Dec. 19 at 9:00 am

Interested in serving your St. John congregation with your time in 2022? Please contact the church office or a member of the nominating committee (Carol Brahn, Kathy Waldorf, Kurt Hoeft, Ann Prichard, or Craig Begemann) if you are willing to serve on church council or one of our boards (building & grounds, deacons, family, finance, parish ed., stewardship, youth, or executive).