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December 5, 2021; 2nd Sunday of Advent



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Luke 3:1-6

Prelude:

“The Advent of Our God”

Welcome

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

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

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

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

“Hark, the Glad Sound!”

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1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading:

Luke 1:68-79

Read by Scott Hansen

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

“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:



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6



3In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; 6and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



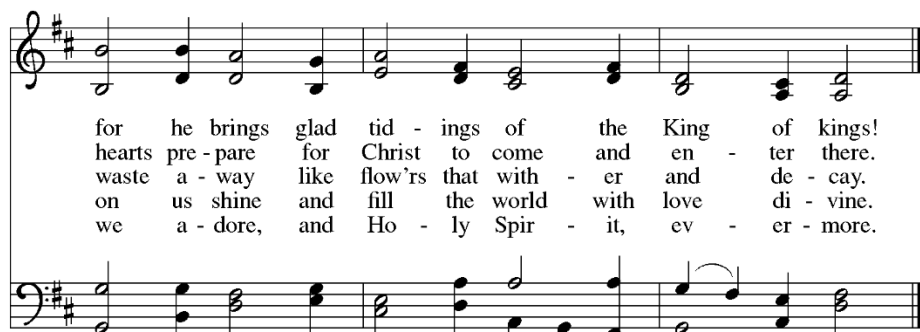
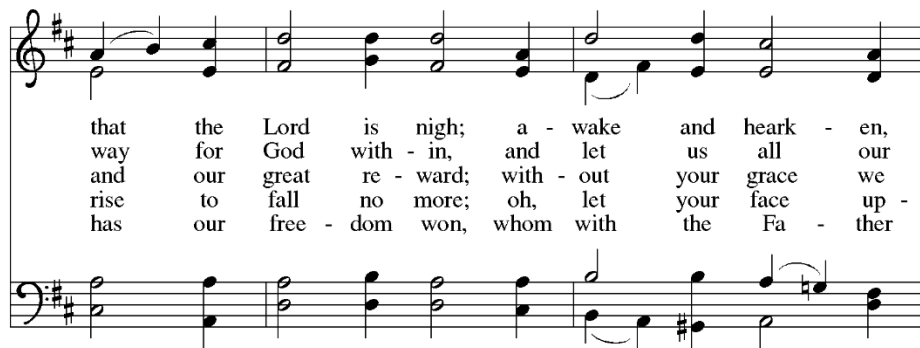
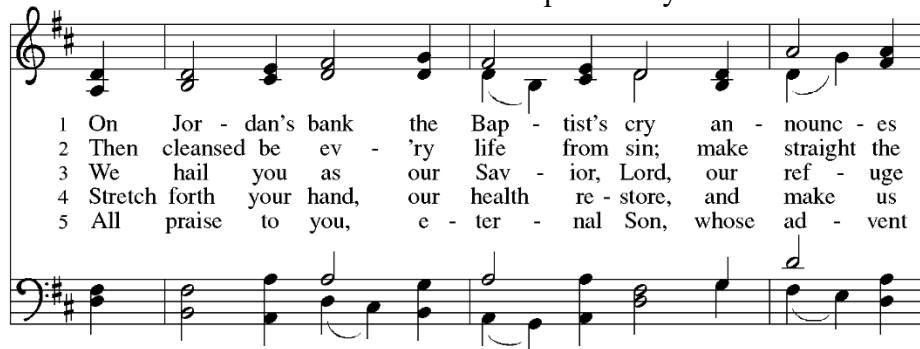
Sermon

Pastor Anita Nuetzman

Hymn of the Day

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

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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 Keep the following in prayer:

Kathy Crooks Sandra Link Skip Ward
James Grob Al Manning Marilu Wohlers
Jim Jensen Betty Manning Bill Wohlers, Jr.
Dale Lamprecht Leon Mulford Cal Wood

Family of Herbert Eric Hinz

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

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

"What Feast of Love"

#487



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

*Response

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in.
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

The Communion

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer:

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The Distribution

“In the Singing”

#466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - spect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

“Come to the Table”

#481



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system is for the lyrics 'Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.' The second system is for 'Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C).

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“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

#608

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
 calling for you and for me.
 See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
 watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home!
 You who are weary, come home.
 Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
 calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
 pleading for you and for me?
 Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
 mercies for you and for me? **Refrain**

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
 Promised for you and for me!
 Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
 pardon for you and for me. **Refrain**

“He Came Down”

#253

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn:

“The King Shall Come”

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1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri-um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit-tle child, to bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris-ing morn when Christ, vic-to-rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo-rious morn shall dawn up-on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau-ty brings.

when beau-ty gilds the east-ern hills and life to joy a-wakes.
 but crowned with glo-ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
 and left the lone-some place of death, de-spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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December 5 - December 12

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
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Compassion Fund meeting
	5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds
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
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Finance
Sunday	3rd Sunday of Advent
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Sunday School
	Christmas program
	10:00 a.m. Cookie reception - Parish Hall
	11:00 a.m. Youth board

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

Our 9:00 a.m. worship service is now live! To watch the service go to www.stjohncharlescitiy.org. On the front page click on the Live Streaming Link post or go to the Worship & Sermon tab & click on YouTube. You can also go to YouTube and in the search box type St. John Charles City IA to find our channel. You can subscribe to the channel (free) & you will get alerts when something new is posted. The service is recorded as it streams & will be available after 10:00 a.m. to watch at any time.

St. John Books will close
December 29th at 3:00 p.m.

After Worship Social Time
Stop and enjoy some coffee & a treat after worship in the Narthex!

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.

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

The Sunday School Christmas program will be on **December 12, 2021, during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.** A Cookie Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve Worship services
Will be at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
The 6:30 service will also be live streamed!



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

**Wednesday Night Supper
Supper Menu**

December 8th: BBQ meatballs, French fries,
scalloped corn, cake

Adults \$4.00

Students - Preschool - 12th grade

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

The St. John office will be closed
December 27, 28 & 31st.

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast

Call the office at 641-228-3397 to sign up to
sponsor altar flowers &/or radio broadcasts
in 2022

**Offering from the week of
November 28, 2021**

General Receipts \$ 4,766.70

Designated offering 350.00

*General receipts of \$9,757.00 are needed
weekly to meet the approved budget.*

Attendance:124

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).

**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).**