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St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* *Paul Manz*
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(Please stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Canticle of the Turning* *ELW 723 (vv. 1, 4)*
 (Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat; Music: Irish traditional; Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.)

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.	7 pm	Council Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.		
Wed.	6:30 pm	Longest Night Service
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room)
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.	11 am	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
	4 pm	Family Christmas Eve Service
	8:30 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Counting our Blessings

Sun. 12/11	Attendance: 102	2022	
	Offering: \$6,260	September Offering Income	\$18,675
	Homebound: 20	September Other Income	\$ 553
		September Total Income	\$19,228
		September Expenses	\$34,562
		YTD Offering Income	\$183,710
		YTD Other Income	\$ 19,062
		YTD Total Income	\$202,772
		YTD Expenses	\$273,981

Save the Date for St. John's 4th Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast. Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, on the website and in the weekly emails.



Venmo is Here! We are happy to announce that you can give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Bill Spink, Raymond Miller, Matthew Miller, Bill & Bonnie Rogers, Jim Morrow, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Rebecca Hornbarger, Franny Burk, Livie Bach, Bob Murphy, Jen Schoenfliess, Pearl Johnson, Sharon Hunt, Lee Hall, Patricia Kuklinski, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Rejena Hartlove, Chuck Miller, Jeanne Edmunds, John Miller, Arlo Jones, Denise Ferguson, Mary Jo Rother, Bonnie Kellner, Kristin Weger, Linda Fliegel, Helen Bender and Doug Adams

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: David Healy, Alberta Nolder

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240

*Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.*

*Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.*

*Light three candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.*

*Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining!*

(Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954; Music: Yiddish folk tune; Text © 1984 Fortress Press)

(Please stand as you are able.)

WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Kyrie Eleison (Sung Twice)

♩=63 **INTRO**

F B \flat /F F C^{SUS} Gm B \flat ² F/A Dm C^{SUS}

VERSE 1

5 F B \flat /F F C^{SUS} Gm⁷ B \flat ² F Dm C^{SUS}

1. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Hear our cry and heal — our _land. Let

9 F B \flat /F F C^{SUS} Gm⁷ B \flat ² F C^{SUS}

kind - ness lead us to re - pent - ance; bring us back a - gain. —

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GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

Announcements & Upcoming Event

Next Week— Christmas Day, Deceember 25th

† **No Faith & Fellowship or Sunday School**

† **No Nursery Care will be provided**

† 10 am—**Worship in-person (no live streamed worship)**

† **The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26th**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Joshua Hills' birthday by his family.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: January 15th, February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, April 9th, 16th and 23rd, May 7th, June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



Food for Thought Program is in great need of: **Chef Boyardee single serving meals, peanut butter crackers, breakfast bars and cookies.** We pack two bags of food for the weekend for 18 children each week, therefore our supply is depleted quickly. Please help if you can!

Readers Needed.....We are in need of readers for the Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, January 1st. Please contact Martha at mrequard1@gmail.com if you can help.



Social Ministry is providing gifts for seniors in need in our community for Christmas. If you took a **snowman tag** from the tree, please return your **wrapped gift** with the tag attached. **Gifts are due today.**

We are excited to bring back our **Presents for Parkville Program** in partnership with Carney Elementary. If you are took a **present tag** from the tree, please return your **unwrapped gift** with the tag attached. **Gifts are due today.**



We will again be offering **The Longest Night service** this Wednesday, December 21st at 6:30 pm. We will gather to acknowledge our pain and to remember that Jesus Christ shines into our grief with hope, mercy and love.

SENDING

BLESSING

*The Lord now bless and keep you; God's love in you increase
By God's own face, with shining grace, grant you eternal peace
To Father, Son, and Spirit, eternal One-in-Three
Be thanks and praise through all our days, into eternity.*

Sing We Now of Christmas

Choir & Congregation

(Please sing as directed)

*The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the king of Israel.*

*O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the king of angels!
O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

arr. Lani Smith

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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Tony Jasinski
Crucifer	Emily R.
Acolyte (s)	Simon B., Gabby G.
Communion Assistant	Ed Ford

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“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Adult Choir

The Christmas Story
A Classical Carol Celebration
by Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi

The Awaited One

Rejoice and Be Merry

O Holy Night

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

A Midnight Clear

Rocking Carol

Offering Received as the choir sings:

A Spanish Carol Suite

(An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church)

Offering Brought Forward as the choir sings:

Wexford Carol

(Please stand as you are able.)

HOLY COMMUNION

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comfort your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

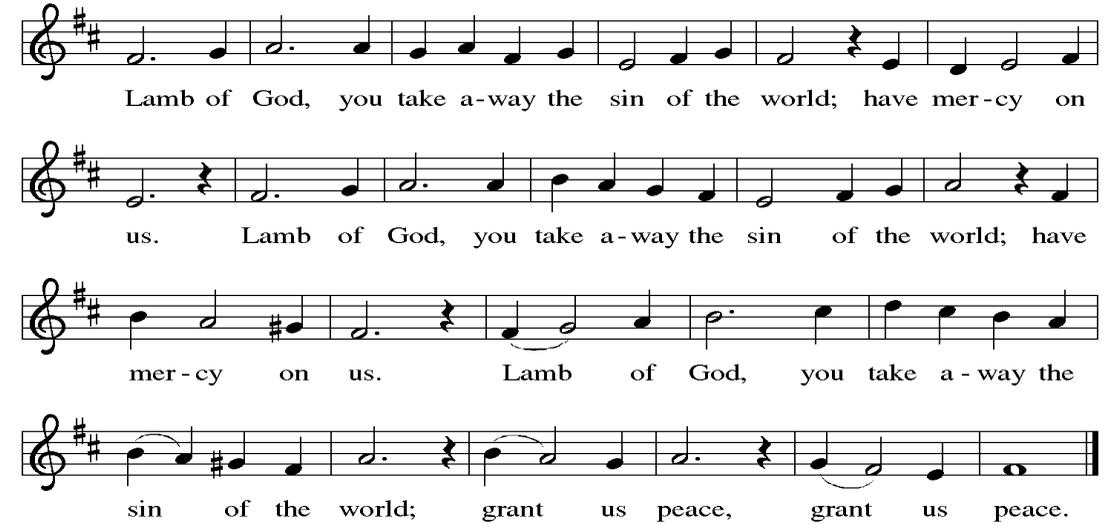
Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* *ELW 265*

(Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924; Music: Basque carol; arr. C. Edgar Pettman, 1865-1943, and John Wickham; Arr. © 1955, 1983 E. H. Freeman, Ltd, admin. Glenwood Music Corp.)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
In this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS