



**St. John
Lutheran
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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all generations,
wherever they may be'*

5:00 pm -Advent

Prelude Opening Song

Sharing of the Peace and Welcome "The Advent of Our King" LSB 331

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

The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

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

Invocation

LSB 203

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P O Lord, open my lips,

G And my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

G Make haste to help me, O Lord.

G 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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalm

P To you, O LORD,

C **I lift up my soul.**

P O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C **Let not my enemies exult over me.**

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

C **They shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

P Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

C **Teach me your paths.**

P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

C **For you I wait all the day long.**

P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

C **For they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C **According to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

P Good and upright is the LORD;

C **Therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

P He leads the humble in what is right,

C **And teaches the humble his way.**

P All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

C **For those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

First Reading

Exodus 19:1-20

¹On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ²They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. ⁹And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever." When Moses told the words of the people to the LORD, ¹⁰the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments ¹¹and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ¹²And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, 'Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. ¹³No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain." ¹⁴So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. ¹⁵And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman." ¹⁶On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. ¹⁹And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. ²⁰The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-4

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father

and was made manifest to us—³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

LSB 230

C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

Men: For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

Women: For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

C: For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

P: And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

C: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Women: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

Men: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

P: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

C 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.

Offering

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Prayer

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

C Amen.

Closing Song

“Hark the Glad Sound” *LSB 349*

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.
He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.
He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.
Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy belovèd name.

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