

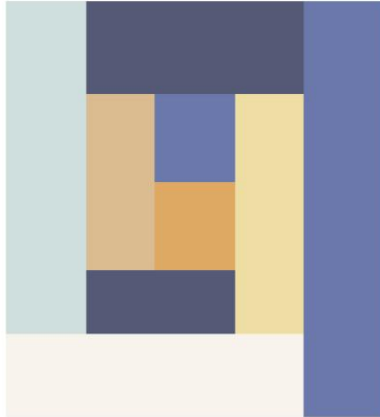
*St. John*  
**Lutheran Church**

Senior Pastor, Robin E. Caldwell  
Associate Pastor, Evan Mayhew



**FOR THE BEGINNING**

— RETURN WITH ALL YOUR HEART —



**DECEMBER 8TH, 2024 @ 11:00 AM**

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**LIGHT UP THE NIGHT:  
COCOA & CAROLS  
TREE LIGHTING**

**DECEMBER 8TH, 2024**

4:00 pm Sunday School Christmas Program, Sanctuary

4:30 pm Light Up the Night: Cocoa & Carols, Outside

5:00 pm Light Up the Night: Tree Lighting, Outside



## CRYSTAL LAWNS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ANGEL GIVING TREE



- 1** CHECK OUT STUDENTS' GIFT REQUESTS HERE:  
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# GIVING TREE

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These giftcards help provide assistance to many  
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We are looking for \$10-\$20  
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Walmart, Speedway, McDonald's,  
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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.*

*The flowers on the altar today are given by Cathy Hawkins in celebration of her daughter, Trish's birthday!*

*Coffee Hour is hosted by Monday Night Small Group today.*

*To sponsor altar flowers or coffee hour, sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*



## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, December 8, 2024 (11:00 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Sandy Smith
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Renee Lacivita
<b>Acolytes</b>	Isaak Johnson
<b>Greeter</b>	Carol Wortel
<b>Ushers</b>	Henry Bay, Tim Hay, Mike Smith
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Rob Doyle
<b>Counters</b>	Wendy Eklund, Pat Block-Hay
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Fry, Marge West

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*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Invocation

- P We are gathered today in the name of the Father, Son,  
and † Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

### \*Lighting of the Advent Candle

- D In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?  
Where do we start?
- C **Let us return to God.  
Let us return in self-reflection.  
Let us return in humility instead of self-righteousness.  
Let us begin with merciful words of peace.**
- D Yes, let us begin with peace. Today we light the candles of hope  
and peace.
- C **May these lights remind us of the dawn from on high that will  
break upon us.  
May the spirit of peace pour out on all flesh.  
May these lights mark a new beginning.**
- D With dreams and visions of a new day to come, may we begin  
again.
- C **Amen!**

### **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

**# 257, Vs. 2**

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### **Verse 2**

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Embracing all things far and nigh:  
In strength and beauty come and stay;  
Teach us your will and guide our way.

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

P There are times when the weight of the world can feel so heavy. But, when we come before God in confession, God lifts that weight. God sees our sin and offers us grace. So, join me in the prayer of confession.

Gracious God,

**There are days when the world can feel like it's too much. There are times when we doubt, we can make a difference. Yet, at every turn, you remind us that we are a blessing, made in your image, held in your love. Forgive us for forgetting this truth. Forgive us for measuring our worth by society's measuring stick instead of yours. Open up our hearts to risk hope, to dream dreams, and to not be afraid. Amen.**

P Friends, no matter how many times we lose momentum, doubt our own ability or tell ourselves that the problems of the world are too big, God calls us by name, surrounds us in grace, and invites us to begin again. Trusting in this good news, join me in proclaiming these words of forgiveness:

C **We are loved. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God for this new beginning. Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn

### **"He Shall Reign Forevermore"**

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**Verse 1** In the bleak mid-winter  
All creation groans  
For a world in darkness  
Frozen like a stone.  
Light is breaking  
In a stable for a throne.

**Chorus** And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
Unto us a Child is born,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords.  
He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

**Verse 2**            If I were a wise man,  
                         I would travel far.  
                         If I were a shepherd,  
                         I would do my part;  
                         But poor as I am  
                         I will give to Him my heart.    **Repeat Chorus**

**Bridge**            Here within a manger lies  
                         The One who made the starry skies.  
                         This baby born for sacrifice:  
                         Christ, the Messiah.  
                         Into our hopes, into our fears  
                         The Savior of the world appears;  
                         The promise of eternal years:  
                         Christ, the Messiah.    **Repeat Chorus**

### **\*Greeting and Prayer for Illumination**

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

**C**            **And also with you.**

**P**            Let us pray. Holy God, the words of this world whip around us like a  
                         mighty wind. But here on this day we remember - you too are  
                         speaking. Still the voices around us. Calm our minds and center our  
                         hearts so that we can hear your words above the wind. In the name  
                         of Emmanuel, we pray.

**C**            **Amen.**

### **Responsive Reading            Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 (Inclusive Version)**

**D**            A responsive reading from the book of Joel, the second chapter.  
                         Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**C**            **Our hearts are open.**

“But know this,” says YHWH:

                         “Return to me with all your heart,  
**with fasting, weeping, and mourning.**  
                         **Tear open your heart, not your clothes!”**

Return to YHWH your God,  
                         who is gracious and deeply loving as a mother,  
**quick to forgive, abundantly tender-hearted—**  
                         **and relents from inflicting disaster.**

After that,

I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind.

**Your daughters and sons will prophesy,  
your elders will have prophetic dreams,  
and your young people will see visions.**

In those days, I will pour out my Spirit

even on those in servitude, women and men alike.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Special Music

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Geschke

*St. John Handbell Choir*

## Reading

**Luke 1:67, 72-79**

D A reading from the book of Luke, the first chapter.

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our hearts are open.**

Then John’s father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

“Thus, the Lord God of Israel has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

**# 253, Vs. 2**

### “He Came Down”

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## Verse 2

He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
Hallelujah forevermore.

## \*Gospel

**Luke 3:1-6**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, 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, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as 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.  
Every 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,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

P The gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children’s Sermon

**Sermon**

Pastor Robin E. Caldwell

## \*Hymn of the Day

### “Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)”

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**Verse 1** All things bright and beautiful You are.  
All things wise and wonderful You are.  
In my darkest night You brighten up the skies.  
A song will rise.

**Chorus 1** Sing a song of hope, sing along,  
God of heaven, come down;  
Heaven come down.  
Just to know that You are near is enough.  
God of heaven, come down;  
Heaven come down.



**Verse 2** All things new, I can start again.  
Creator God, calling me Your friend.  
Sing praise, my soul, to the Maker of the skies;  
A song will rise.

**Repeat Chorus 1**

**Chorus 2** Oh, sing a song of hope, sing along,  
God of heaven come down;  
Heaven come down.  
Just to know You and be loved is enough,  
God of heaven, come down;  
Heaven come down.

**Bridge** Hallelujah, sing! **(3x)**

**Repeat Chorus 1 & 2**

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

**Prayers of the Church**

*Your prayer requests may be spoken when invited during  
today's prayers, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew  
or filling out the Prayer Request form at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org).*

**P** As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all  
people and places that long for God's presence.

*Congregation sings this response:*

**“Come and Fill Our Hearts”**

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**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the  
pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**C** Amen.

**\*Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **And also with you.**

*You may share the peace of Christ with others.  
Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.*

**Offertory**

**Commitment to Community  
Giving Out of Gratitude**

*In this season of giving, we remember that all we are and all we have  
are gifts from God. When we offer back a portion of our time, possessions,  
and money, we trust that God will reach our neighbors in need right here  
and throughout the world through what we gratefully give.*

*The Offertory is an invitation to be a part of the mission, ministry,  
and outreach of Christ through St. John Lutheran Church.  
Together, there is enough for everyone.*

*Please place any financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer  
concerns in the offering plate when it comes to you  
and pass it on to the person next to you or behind you.  
Thank you for your generosity!*



Now Accepting



## Offertory Response

### “Offering”

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#### **Chorus**

I bring an offering of worship to my King.  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due.  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

O Lord, I bring an offering to You.  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.  
I bring an offering to You.

#### **\*Offertory Prayer**

D Let us pray.  
C **God of new beginnings, bless the gifts we offer back to you that they may reach the world with the fullness of your love. And now, as we gather at your table, pour out your spirit upon us, that your Word and your presence may reignite our faith. Amen.**

#### **\*Great Thanksgiving** *(spoken)*

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*Holy

### “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Pow - er and  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

might. Heav - en and earth are full  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes

of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry and  
in the name, who comes in the name of the

1. light. Ho - Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the  
2. high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na in the high - - - est.

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## \*Words of Institution

### \*The Lord's Prayer

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.

### \*Invitation to Communion

P All are welcome at this joyful feast.  
C Thanks be to God!

## Distribution

*We believe Jesus Christ is the host of this table,  
his true presence is in this meal, and you are welcome here!*

*St. John provides an introduction to First Communion in the spring to third graders and anyone else who is interested. Younger children typically receive a blessing at the altar rail, but any people with open hands will be offered bread and wine/juice. If you or your child prefer a blessing instead, keep hands folded and head bowed.*

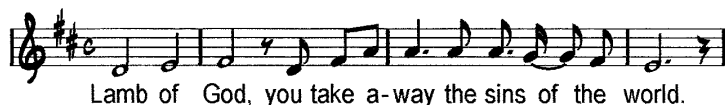
### **Communion Instruction**

- You will be invited forward by the usher or pastor.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.
- Red wine is on the outer rings of the tray; white grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.
- After receiving communion, place the communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.

*If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, communion pods are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion.*

## Lamb of God

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# Communion Music

## “We Adore You”

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**Verse 1** Holy Child, Emmanuel;  
Hope of all the ages, and the cry of every heart.  
Bowing down, we lift You up;  
You're the one we worship, You're the one we love.

**Chorus** We adore You, we adore You, we adore You, Jesus.  
We adore You, we adore You, we adore You, Jesus.

### **Repeat All**

**Bridge** We lift You up. We lift You up.

### **Repeat Chorus**

Holy Child, Emmanuel;  
You're the hope of all the ages, and the cry of every heart.

### **\*Blessing**

**C** Amen.

### **\*Prayer after Communion**

**D** Let us pray. Nourishing God, we have come to your table to get a glimpse of your kingdom. Thank you for the gift of all who surround it and for the fresh start you offer in ordinary bread and drink, reminders that your kingdom is here and wherever our faith is renewed.

**C** Amen.

### **\*Benediction**

**C** Amen. (*spoken*)

## \*Sending Song

### “Glory (Let There Be Peace)”

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#### Verse 1

One star burns in the darkness,  
Shines with the promise, Emmanuel.  
One child born in the stillness,  
Living within us, Emmanuel.

#### Chorus

We're singing Glory, Glory!  
Let there be peace; let there be peace.  
Singing Glory, Glory!  
Let there be peace; let it start in me.

## \*Sending

D Go in peace and prepare your hearts.  
C **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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**DECEMBER ADVENT**  
WORSHIP & EVENTS 2024

Sat/Sun 30-1 Advent 1: “You are a Blessing”  
Wed 4 Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Worship  
Sat/Sun 7-8 Advent 2: “Return With All Your Heart”  
Wed 11 Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Worship  
Sat/Sun 14-15 Advent 3: “Do the Good that is Yours to Do”  
Wed 18 Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Worship  
Sat/Sun 21-22 Advent 4: “Hope is Worth the Risk”  
Sun 22 The Longest Night Service at 7:00 PM Worship

**CHRISTMAS EVE** 3:00 PM WORSHIP  
TUESDAY, DEC 24TH 5:30 PM WORSHIP  
11:00 PM WORSHIP

**MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT  
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# December

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 *(Special Offering: Christmas)*

8:30am - 9:30am    Worship: Sanctuary  
 9:45am - 10:45am    Sunday School: Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing  
 9:45am - 10:45am    Beautiful Beginnings: (PDO Room)  
 11:00am - 12:00pm    Worship: Sanctuary (Sunday School Sings)  
 4:00pm - 4:30pm    Sunday School Christmas Program: Sanctuary  
 4:30pm - 5:00pm    Cocoa & Carols: Parking Lot  
 5:00pm - 5:30pm    Light Up the Night Tree Lighting: Parking Lot

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30am - 11:30am    Parent's Day Out (PDO)  
 12:00pm - 3:00pm    Staff Meeting  
 5:00pm - 6:30pm    4:12 The Next Chapter: Narthex  
 5:30pm - 8:00pm    A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall  
 6:30pm - 8:30pm    Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room  
 7:00pm - 8:00pm    Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4  
 7:00pm - 8:00pm    Handbell Choir: Sanctuary  
 8:00pm - 8:30pm    Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30am - 11:30am    Parent's Day Out (PDO)  
 11:00am - 12:00pm    Funeral: Michael J. Fuller: Sanctuary  
 5:30pm - 7:00pm    Boy Scouts Committee Meeting: Narthex  
 6:30pm - 8:00pm    Finance/Executive Committee: Pastor Robin's Office  
 6:30pm - 8:00pm    Martha Circle: Off-Site  
 7:00pm - 8:30pm    Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30am - 12:00pm    Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall  
 9:30am - 11:30am    Parent's Day Out (PDO)  
 7:00pm - 7:30pm    Advent Evening Prayer Service: Sanctuary  
 7:30pm - 8:30pm    Bible Study: Sanctuary  
 7:00pm - 8:15pm    Confirmation: (Recess)  
 8:15pm - 9:15pm    High School FIRE: Youth Room

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00am - 11:30am    Coffee with Friends (Women): Youth Room  
 9:00am - 1:00pm    Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall  
 9:30am - 11:30am    Parent's Day Out (PDO)  
 2:00pm - 7:00pm    Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall  
 7:00pm - 8:00pm    A.A. Men's Group: Zoom  
 7:00pm - 8:00pm    St. John Chorale: Choir Room  
 8:00pm - 9:00pm    Praise Team: Sanctuary

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30am - 12:00pm    Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall  
 9:00am - 11:00am    Quilters: West Wing 5  
 9:00am - 10:30am    Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost  
 9:30am - 11:30am    MOMCO: Nartahaex/West Wing

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00am - 11:00am    Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin John Hall  
 8:00am - 10:00am    Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot  
 5:30pm - 6:30pm    Worship: Sanctuary (Baptism-Hoeg)

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30am - 9:30am    Worship: Sanctuary (Cantata)  
 9:45am - 10:45am    Sunday School: Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing  
 11:00am - 12:00pm    Worship: Sanctuary (Cantata)  
 12:15pm - 2:30pm    Tween GO!: Karin Johnson Hall  
 6:30pm - 9:00pm    HS FIRE Christmas Party: Off-Site

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