

# SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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## **PREPARING TO WORSHIP**

The Prelude, Prayer, and Meditation

## **GATHERING TOGETHER IN WORSHIP: THE ENTRANCE RITE**

The Processional Hymn: #638 (WOV)      *"Holy Child Within The Manger"*  
The Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness      **Pages 94-96 (ELW)**  
The Invocation and the Kyrie      **Pages 138-139 (ELW)**  
The Hymn of Praise: *"Glory to God in The Highest"*      **Pages 139-140 (ELW)**  
The Salutation P) The Lord be with you.    C) **And also with you.**

### **The Prayer of the Day:**

Stir up Your Power, Lord Christ, and come. With Your Abundant Grace and Might, free us from the sin that would obstruct Your Mercy, that willingly we may bear Your Redeeming Love to all the world for You live and reign with The Father and The Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. AMEN

## **LISTENING AS GOD SPEAKS: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
The Psalmody: Psalm 89:1-9, 19-26  
**Special Music:**      *St John's Women's Chorus*      *The Angel Gabriel (2010)*  
The Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27  
The Gospel Verse:      *"Alleluia Lord, to Whom shall we go?"*      **Page 142 (ELW)**  
The Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38  
The Sermon: *A continuation of The Proclamation of The Gospel, "The Good News"*

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD: The Preparation for Holy Communion**

The Hymn of the Day: (*Holden Village Evening Prayer*)      *"The Magnificat"*  
The Confession of Faith: *The Nicene Creed*      **Page 104 (ELW)**  
The Prayers of The Church  
The Peace      **Page 143 (ELW)**  
The Announcements

The Offering: *"As God has given to us, so we give to one another. Blessed to be a Blessing"*  
The Offertory: *"Let The Vineyards"*      **Hymn #182 (ELW)**  
The Offering Prayer      **Page 107 (ELW)**

## **CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST: THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL**

The Great Thanksgiving      **Page 144 (ELW)**  
The Sanctus: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*      **Page 144 (ELW)**  
The Words of Institution      **Page 108-111 (ELW)**  
The Lord's Prayer      *(the right column)* **Page 145 (ELW)**  
The "Agnus Dei": The 'Lamb of God' Hymn      **Page 146 (ELW)**  
The Communion Hymns (*silently follow along during the distribution*)  
    **ELW #263, ELW #469, ELW #254**

**The Distribution:** *Welcome to The Lord's Table. Jesus The Christ is both The Host and The Feast; we come at His invitation and in obedience to His command. Children may commune according to their parents' wisdom and the custom of their home congregation. To receive Communion hold your hands out, palms upward. If for any reason, you cannot eat the bread or drink the wine be assured that Christ is fully present for you in, with, and under one element. The distribution is by Common Cup (the gold chalice), or Intinction (the gold chalice), or by individual glasses (the gold trays; wine and white grape juice provided). After receiving the bread and the wine, you may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."*

The Blessing      **Page 113 (ELW)**  
The Post-Communion Canticle: *"Thanks Be To You"*      **Hymn #208 (ELW)**  
The Prayer      **Page 114 (ELW)**

## **BLESSED AND SENT INTO THE WORLD BY GOD: THE CLOSING RITE**

The Benediction and Threefold Amen (*sung*)      **Page 114 (ELW)**  
The Recessional Hymn #295 (ELW)      *"Of The Father's Love Begotten"*  
The Postlude

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**GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD  
THANKS BE TO GOD!**



*...people coming together to be the Church, not just attend one.*

**FEBRUARY MINISTERS SERVING**

Presiding Minister	Rev. Jon Beake
Deacon Minister	Shannon Porath
Trustee Minister	Teri Kendall
Reader Minister	Pat Chase (internet)
Acolyte Ministers	Marie Christian Adam Christian
Altar Minister	Pastor Beake
Music Minister	Marita Poulson (internet)
Usher Minister	(self-serve)
Greeter Minister	(self-serve)
Sound Minister	Carl Rudeen
Coffee Hour	(none)

**UP-COMING DATES & EVENTS**

SUN WORSHIP SERVICES  
10:00 A.M.

**CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION**

**Altar Flowers** - Given to the glory of God



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**PAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS**

Date	Att.	Offering
12/13/20	28	\$5,843.45
12/06/20	35	\$7,440.55
11/29/20	0	\$7,839.04
11/22/20	0	\$4,085.73
11/15/20	0	\$3,311.74

**OFFERING ACCOUNTING**

Offering goal per Sunday		\$4,073.00
Offering Received	12/13/20	\$5,843.45
Current Operating	12/12/20	+\$15,301.92
Current Expenses	12/14/20	-\$2,909.63
Current Balance	12/15/20	+\$18,235.74

*CALLED TO SERVE THROUGH OUR GIVING  
BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING*

**Sunday Radio Transmission:** 106.9 FM  
**Internet Broadcast:** [stjohnsaf.com](http://stjohnsaf.com)  
**Email address:** [stjohns656@juno.com](mailto:stjohns656@juno.com)  
**December's 'Mission Partner' prayer emphasis** (*from our congregations list of the twelve Mission Partners whom we support with time, treasure, and prayer throughout the year*)  
 is the **Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency-SEICCA**, American Falls

Saint John's Mission Briefly Stated:  
**REJOICE:** *Gather, Worship, and Praise ...*  
**RENEW:** *Grow in Christ's Love ...*  
**REACH OUT:** *Go, Care for God's People ...*

**Read, Reflect and Meditate on THE READING FOR NEXT SUNDAY -12/20/2020**

First Sunday of Christmas Year B- Mark (*Liturgical color = White*)  
Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
The Fourth Sunday of the New Church Year, Year B - Mark  
December 20, 2020, 10:00 A.M.