

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 #34 (LBW) "O, Come, O, Come Emmanuel" Page 56 (LBW)
The Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 56 (LBW)
The Invocation and the Kyrie Pages 57- 58 (LBW)
The Hymn of Praise #58 (LBW, vs 4&5) "Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming"
And the lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Angels' Candle
The Salutation Page 62 (LBW)

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 binds us, that we may receive You in joy and serve You always; for You live and reign with The Father and The Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. AMEN.

Special Music: "First Noel" & "Carol of the Bells" Saint John's Bell Choir

LISTENING AS GOD SPEAKS: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a Page 252 (LBW)
The Psalmody: Psalm 80 Page 252 (LBW)
The Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
The Gospel Verse: "Alleluia Lord, to Whom shall we go?" Page 62 (LBW)
The Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-55
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: # 35 (LBW) "Hark the Glad Sound!"
The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed Page 65 (LBW)
The Prayers of The Church
The Peace Page 66 (LBW)
The Announcements: by the Deacon

The Offering: "As God has given to us, so we give to one another. Blessed to be a Blessing"
The Offertory: "Let The Vineyards" Page 66 (LBW)
The Offering Prayer Page 67 (LBW)

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST: THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving Page 68 (LBW)
The Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Page 69 (LBW)
The Words of Institution Pages 69-70 (LBW)
The Lord's Prayer (the right column) Page 71(LBW)
The "Agnus Dei": The 'Lamb of God' Hymn Page 72 (LBW)
The Communion Hymns (sung during the distribution)
LBW #60, LBW #71, LBW #50

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 72 (LBW)
The Post-Communion Canticle: "Thanks Be To You" (Bulletin Insert)
The Prayer Page 74 (LBW)

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

The Benediction and Threefold Amen (sung) Page 74 (LBW)
The Recessional Hymn #39 (LBW) "Joy To The World!"
The Postlude

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



... the Church is a gift from God. Assembly required.

**SAINT JOHN'S
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

Patricia (Pat) Tiede, President
 Gary Ferguson, Vice President
 Marion Hudnall, Secretary
 Shannon Porath
 Teri Kendall
 Dale Morrival
 Clay Erickson
 Annette (Ann) Brumfield
 Joseph Gallegos
 Dustin Allen
 Patricia (Pat) Lute
 Calvin Dyer

PAST SUNDAYS' STATISTICS

12/15/18 Att.....124; Off.....\$8,053.00
 12/09/18 Att.....73; Off.....\$4,923.00
 12/02/18 Att.....75; Off.....\$6,409.22
 11/25/18 Att.....50; Off.....\$1,893.94
 11/18/18 Att.....56; Off..... \$2,203.00

OFFERING ACCOUNTING

Offering goal per Sunday\$4,093.56
 Current Operating Balance
 12/14/18+\$10,089.04
 Offering Received last Sunday
 12/16/18.....+\$8,053.00
 Current expenses last week
 -\$3,591.42
 Current operating Balance
 12/21/18.....+14,550.62
Called to Serve Through Our Giving!
BLESSED TO BE A BLESING!

MINISTERS SERVING THIS MORNING

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| Presiding Minister | Rev. Jon Beake |
| Deacon Minister | Shannon Porath |
| Trustee Minister | Teri Kendall |
| Reader Minister | Pat Chase |
| Acolyte Ministers | Daxton Poulson |
| | Dayton Poulson |
| Altar Ministers.. | Edith Kopp & Marita Poulson |
| Music Minister | Marita Poulson |
| Usher Minister | Jim & Norma Halderson |
| Greeter Minister | Roy & Betty Ruff |
| Sound Minister | Jon Kress |
| Coffee Minister | Angela Quinn |
| | Chuck & Sharon Strom |

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Altar Flowers – Given with thanks to God for His multitude of gifts to us, especially His Son Jesus, who was given for our salvation by the Jerry Kress family.

Sunday Radio Transmission: 106.9FM

Internet Broadcast: stjohs.afalls.us

The Dec. 'Mission Partner' prayer emphasis from our congregation's list of the twelve Mission Partners whom we support with time, treasure, and prayer is
SEICAA , American Falls, Idaho

St. Johns 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 – 12/30/18

The First Sunday of Christmastide, Year C – Luke

1 Samuel 2:18-20; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Fourth Sunday in the New Church Year, Year C-Luke

December 23, 2018, 10:00 A.M.