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November 28, 2021
8:30 am

**"THERE WILL
BE SIGNS."**

JESUS

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“St. John will do whatever it takes for the sake of God’s Kingdom.”

We accomplish this by:

RELY(ing) on God; **RELATE** (ing) to each other as Christ taught;

RESPOND (ing) to His grace with the help of the Holy Spirit

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We thank you for worshipping with us today! If you would like to be part of our daily email, please fill out the form at the back of this bulletin and leave it on your seat. If you do not have a writing implement available, there are some pencils located on a table in the Narthex. You can fill the form out there and place it in the basket when complete. Thank you; and you are always free to speak to the Pastor after the service, or you can email him any questions you may have considering the ministry of St. John at pstrcosgrove@comcast.net.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite baptized Christians who acknowledge their sinfulness, trust in Christ as their Savior, and recognize the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins, to join us for the Lord’s Supper. In **June**, we went back to offering communion at the rail with individual cups for those that want that option. The all-in-one communion cups can still be picked up in the Narthex when you arrive for those who do not yet feel comfortable coming to the rail to receive communion.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE VIDEO DISCLAIMER

Now that Children’s Messages are being offered each Sunday, parents should understand that the children that come forward will be on the Live Stream, which is also uploaded to YouTube. Being that there is no formal request for parents to sign a waiver for their child(ren) to be on the Live Stream, by virtue of parents sending their child(ren) forward for the message, consent for them to be on the Live Stream is assumed.

Large print bulletins are available upon request.

THANK YOU to all the Volunteers who served us this week.

If you have a special PRAYER REQUEST to be included on our prayer list, please fill out the blue “Prayer Request” card and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.



**FIRST SUNDAY
IN ADVENT**
November 28, 2021
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Thank you to Rev. Jim Banach for serving in Pastor Cosgrove's absence.

Thank you to Jennifer Noel for sharing her gift as an organist with us today.

PRELUDE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

David Cherwien
David Cherwien

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Congregation remains standing

Hymns selected by Al & Trudy Oesterreich

OPENING HYMN

"We Praise You, O God"

#785, vs. 1-3



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.





We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P The LORD says, “I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah.”

C We thank You, O Lord!

P The LORD says, “My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up.”

C We adore You, O Lord!

P The LORD says, “You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

C We praise You, O Lord!

P The LORD says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”

C We worship You, O Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One Advent candle is lit.

P Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A time of silence is observed.

- P** We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- C** **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection
- C** **we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins**
- P** and saved by Your mighty deliverance;
- C** **for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and



Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

Congregation stands

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength



to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Congregation is seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

#341, 1,2,3,5



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py





near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less



va - tion He doth bring; There-fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
 all our woe He brings; There-fore the earth is glad and sings.
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.

5 Redeemer, come and open wide
 My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
 O enter with Thy grace divine;
 Thy face of mercy on me shine.
 Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
 Until our glorious goal is won.
 Eternal praise and fame
 We offer to Thy name.

MESSAGE

Rev. Jim Banach
 Southeastern District LCMS Circuit Visitor, Circuit #2

SHARING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

St. John believes that the giving of Tithes and Offerings is an act of worship back to God for His great goodness to us. As a visitor, you are welcome to participate in this part of our worship service and we value your involvement. God's blessings and peace as you serve the Kingdom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

✠ LORD'S SUPPER ✠

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

#163

C 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.

Congregation is seated

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

✘ WE DEPART IN PEACE ✘

Congregation stands

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” #348, vs 1-5



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

DISMISSAL

P The worship is ended.

C The service now begins.

P As we enter the mission field, Relying, Relating, and Responding.

C Let us do whatever it takes for the sake of God’s kingdom. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” Benedetto Marcello

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