



**Lutheran Church**

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December 13, 2020

11:00 am



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

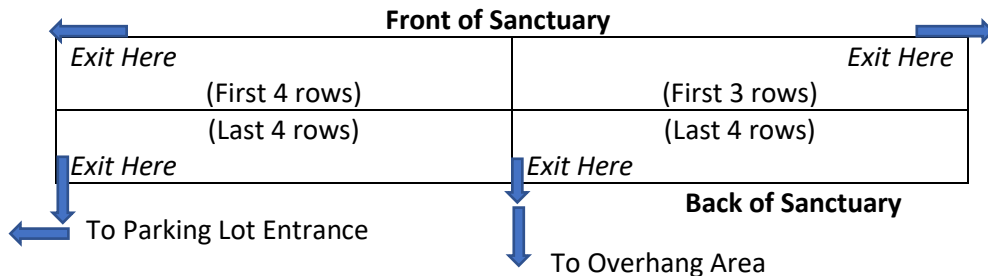
We accomplish this by:

**RELY**(ing) on God; **RELATE** (ing) to each other as Christ taught;  
**RESPOND** (ing) to His grace with the help of the Holy Spirit

## COVID-19 Worship Guidelines

Welcome to St. John! During these challenging times we have tried to create a worship experience that helps us worship in a safe manner and is considerate and loving of our fellow believers in Christ. We do ask that you adhere to a few guidelines that are in place for your safety as well as the safety of others around you. We ask, regardless of your opinion on these difficult issues, to follow the guidelines listed below:

- Please use hand sanitizer when entering the building.
- Please wear a mask for your safety and others.
- Please stay socially distanced in your selection of seating and please allow room for others who arrive later, by moving toward the middle section of the pew.
- We ask that you don’t sing, but hum or mouth the words as they are sung by our music leaders. If you do want to sing, please wear your mask in consideration of others.
- For Holy Communion make sure your used all-in-one communion cup and any other trash is placed in your baggies and discarded in the trash can when you exit the building.
- Please adhere to our exit strategy below:



Thank you for following these simple guidelines. We appreciate your understanding and your consideration of others as we navigate through these trying and difficult times.

## If You Are a Visitor:

We thank you for worshipping with us today! If you would like to be part of our daily distribution of devotions and prayers from our Elders, 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, we do have 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](mailto:pstrcosgrove@comcast.net)



**THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT**  
December 13, 2020  
11:00 am



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING**

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

*Congregation stands*

**INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES**

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

**C** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Behold, the true light has come into the world. Let us enter into His presence, confessing our sins and receiving His forgiveness.

**C** **Lord God, our heavenly Father, hear us as we confess the darkness of our waywardness and sin, especially our reluctance or refusal to rejoice, pray, or give thanks amid the troubles we have brought upon ourselves. Make us truly repentant, that we may receive the holiness of faith in our Savior Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.**

**P** The true light has come. To all who receive Him, He makes to be the children of God. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I declare to you the 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**

*Congregation is seated*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**EPISTLE READING**

Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation stands*

**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.**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 2:8-20

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Congregation is seated*

**WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

“Prepare Him Room”

*(words on screen)*

**MESSAGE**

Finding Peace in Our Struggles

**WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*(words on screen)*

*Congregation stands*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**✠ LORD’S SUPPER ✠**

**PREFACE**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*(words on screen)*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*(words on screen)*

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

*(words on screen)*

*Congregation is seated*

*As the Pastor leads you, reveal each portion of the communion cup and partake of God’s grace and forgiveness to you.*

## ✠ WE DEPART IN PEACE ✠

*Congregation stands*

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING SONG**

“Waiting Here For You”

*(words on screen)*

### **DISMISSAL**

*(words on screen)*

### **POSTLUDE**

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**St John** Lives the  
**W.I.T.**  
**Principle**

*“Whatever It Takes” for the sake of God’s Kingdom!*

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