

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" LSB 334, vv. 1, 4-6

O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.

Love caused Your incarnation; Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling, That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing Eternal life in heav'n.

He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations And blessèd hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering, And guide us safely home.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise You, O God, for this circle of light, which marks the days of our Advent journey as we prepare for the coming of Christ. As we light the first candle, fill us with the hope that comes from You, that we may shine as lights in the darkness of our world.

Pour out on us the light of Your grace, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts to welcome Christ with joyful expectation. May we live as people of hope, trusting in Your promises and looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming is certain. Amen.

As we light our Advent wreath, we wait in hope for the One who is coming—Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

The first candle, representing hope, is lit.

SONG "We Light the Advent Candle"

We light the Advent candle And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior Who wins for us God's favor.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION LSB 151

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

KYRIE **LSB 152**
In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT **Isaiah 64:1-9**
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[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— [2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

[3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4]From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. [5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? [6]We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7]There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. [8]But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9]Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
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[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— [6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE **LSB 156**
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL **Mark 13:24-37**
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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

[24][Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, [25]and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. [26]And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. [27]And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. [28]“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32]“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. [35]Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—[36]lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB 332, vv. 1-4

Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh— Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.

Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.

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SERMON "Setting Up" Pastor Barry

+ Sermon Notes +

RESPONSE HYMN "Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB 332, vv. 6-8

For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.

From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY **“Create in Me”** **LSB 192**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the church, the community of God’s forgiven people, asking that our pastors continue to speak with power among us and that we all be engaged fully in service to God and in ministry to one another. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, that God work among us through their example and witness so that we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus’ name. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We also pray this day for the sick, the shut-in and all who are in need of our prayers, especially… that their prayers be answered soon and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God and Father, through Baptism you make us Your children and heirs of eternal life. As Wesley Roberts and Heath Krueger are made Your children today through water and Your Word in Holy Baptism, surround them and their parents with Your arms of mercy and with love and support from this congregation, that they may grow in their faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those for whom the season of Advent and Christmas may be sad or challenging, that we faithfully reach out to them with compassion and joy, keeping our focus always on the wonderful action of God on our behalf through the coming of Jesus, the King of glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "The Advent of Our King" LSB 331, vv. 1-2, 6

The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on To set His servants free.

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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+ Today's Worship Servants +

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Usher Team:	Jeff Rasmussen
Welcome Team:	Gayle Degler
Tech Crew:	Eickhoff Family
Coffee Hour:	Kuester Family
Banner:	Joan Bode

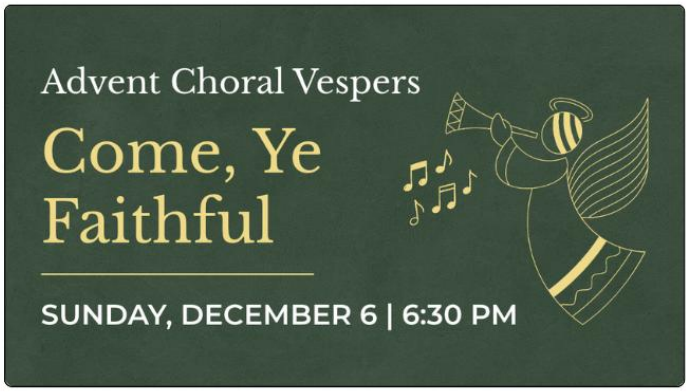
Today at St. John's
8:00 AM | Traditional Worship
9:00 AM | Coffee Hour
9:30 & 10:45 AM | Blended Worship
6:00 PM | Youth Night
7:00 PM | Sunday Night Basketball

Upcoming Week	
Monday, November 30	6:30 AM Monday Morning Men's Bible Study
	5:30 PM Monday Night Meal
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, December 1	6:30 PM Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, December 2	9:30 AM Moms in the Word
	4:15/6:30 PM Midweek Advent Service
	5:00 PM Midweek Advent Meal
	7:15 PM Rehearsal: Advent Choral Vespers
Thursday, December 3	11:30 AM Ladies Aid Luncheon
	6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting
Friday, December 4	6:30 PM AA
Saturday, December 5	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Rehearsal: Advent Choral Vespers
Sunday, December 6	8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 AM Traditional Worship
	6:30 PM Advent Choral Vespers

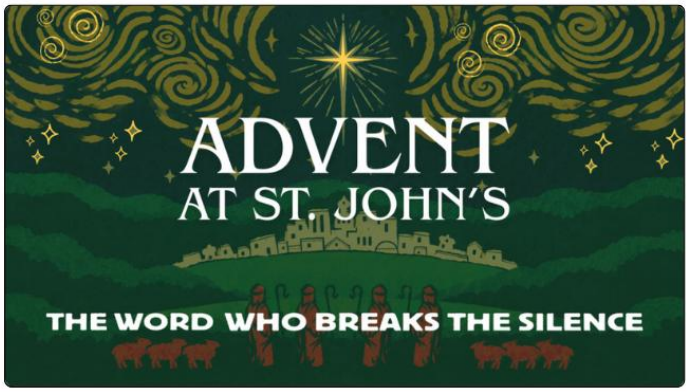
Thank you for worshiping with St. John's today!
If this is your first time at St. John's, we invite you to fill out a CONNECTCard located at the Welcome Desk or by using the QR code. We look forward to CONNECT-ing with you.

Weekly Word Preview

Read all these stories at **stjohnschaska.org/word**, scan the QR code, or pick up a printed copy at the back of the church.



Join us for Advent Choral Vespers: Come, Ye Faithful on Sunday, December 6, at 6:30 PM for a special evening of music and worship featuring St. John's church and school choirs, along with a string quartet, harp, flute, handbells, percussion, and organ.



Join us at St. John's this Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Through worship and time together in God's Word, we'll reflect on the hope and peace we have in Christ. All are welcome to worship with us throughout this special season!

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