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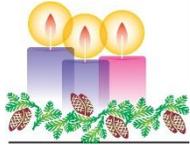


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WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church! May you know God's grace, peace, joy, and love as we hear the Holy Scriptures read, hear the Word of God preached, and worship together this morning (in-person, via Live Stream or You Tube) in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Pastor Liz Polanzke
and the people of St. James*

**(We will be using this service outline for the Sundays of Advent, Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th and Dec. 12th.
At the conclusion of this service please return your copy to basket at the door.)**



THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD SUNDAYS OF ADVENT



PRELUDE

First Sunday: Creator of the Stars of Night

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Second Sunday: Emmanuel

(words/music Michael W. Smith, arr. by Shackley)

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Third Sunday: I Need a Silent Night

(Eaton & Grant) © 2008 Here's to Joe

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God for whom we wait,

**C in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen**

P Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✝ your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.
God strengthens you anew to follow the Prince of Peace. **Amen**

HYMN AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

First Sunday The Becker Family **ELW 436**

Second Sunday The Drawbaugh Family **ELW 264**

Third Sunday The Rutkowski Family **ELW 246**

KYRIE

The St. James Christmas Service

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
 mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
 mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer - cy up-on us. God the
 Lord, the Sav-ior gave us, Je-sus Christ is born to save us; Lord, have
 mer - cy up-on us. Lord, have mer - cy up-on us.

GLORIA

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Glo - ry be to God on high,
 Je - sus Christ, we now de-clare
 Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,
 To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds
 Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,
 Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er
 draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.
 hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.
 and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.
 Glo - ri - a
 1. in ex - cel - sis De - o! 2. in ex - cel - sis De o!

INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

First Sunday in Advent

Stir up you power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Second Sunday in Advent

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Third Sunday in Advent

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS PROPHETIC READINGS

First Sunday

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

Second Sunday

MALACHI 3:1-4

Third Sunday

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

CHOIR ANTHEM

First Sunday

My Lord, What a Morning *(Men's Chorus) (public domain)*

Second Sunday

Where Once There Lay Dragons *(McClure)*

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Third Sunday

Light One Candle

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EPISTLE READINGS

First Sunday in Advent

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

Second Sunday in Advent

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

Third Sunday in Advent

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

GOSPEL READING

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C **Glory to you, God.**

First Sunday

LUKE 21:25-36

Second Sunday

LUKE 3:1-6

Third Sunday

LUKE 3:7-18

P Word of God. Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

First Sunday

There Is a Mighty Question (insert page)

Second Sunday

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (public domain)

ELW 249

Third Sunday

Joy to the World (public domain)

ELW 267

NICENE CREED

L We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Together we confess our faith.

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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

Each petition will conclude with the words, "God of Light and Life," and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer."

P God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

DISTRIBUTION

Once invited, the congregation may usher themselves forward to receive the sacrament. Communion will be distributed by pilgrim style, that is, communicants will process to the front to receive bread and proceed to the wine station. Each communicant will pick-up a cup from the tray of cups. White grape juice is available in each tray along with empty glasses for wine. (Reminder! – please complete a communion card and place in the offering plate.)

HYMNS SUNG DURING DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

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O Lamb Of God

Fraction Anthem

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Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
son of Ma - ry.

First Sunday

Away in a Manger

ELW 277

Second Sunday

Angels from the Realms of Glory

ELW 275 (public domain)

Third Sunday

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270 (public domain)

Live-streaming ends during distribution.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

<i>First Sunday</i>	Rejoice, Rejoice Believers	<u>ELW 244</u>
<i>Second Sunday</i>	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	<u>ELW 254</u>
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<i>Third Sunday</i>	People Look East	<u>ELW 248</u>
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BLESSING

P May God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with favor and give you peace. † **Amen**

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

<i>First Sunday</i>	Lo, He comes with Clouds Descending	<i>(Chesterton) © 2004 Lorenz Pub. Co.</i>
<i>Second Sunday</i>	Watchman, Tell Us of the Night	<i>(Arr. Leatherman) © 2018 Lorenz Pub. Co.</i>
<i>Third Sunday</i>	Magnificat in G Major	<i>(Guilmant) © 1978 Lorenz Pub. Co.</i>

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