



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

December 8, 2019

The Second Sunday in Advent:
Populus Zion

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Prelude

HELMSLEY

LE FILS DE DIEU EST VENU
("The Son of God is Come")

R. Vaughan Williams

Marcel Dupré

Announcements

Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

LSB 350

Please stand for last stanza

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

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

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29

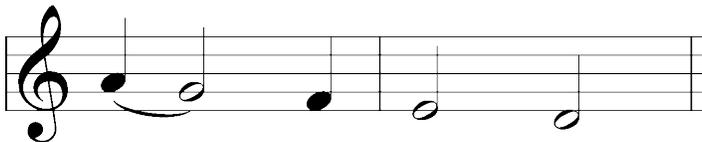


- L** Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”
- C** **The Lord will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.**
- L** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.
- C** **Restore us, | O God;*
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!**
- L** Turn again, O | God of hosts!*
Look down from | heaven, and see.
- C** **But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*
the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!**
- C** ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.***

Kyrie

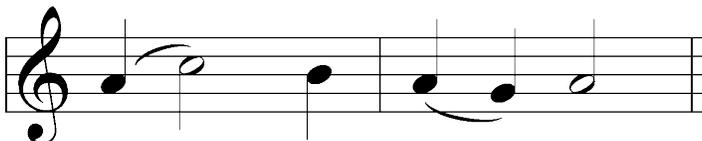
LSB 168

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



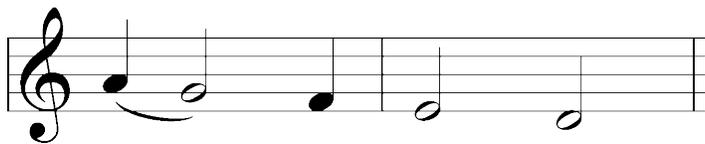
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the
Lord.



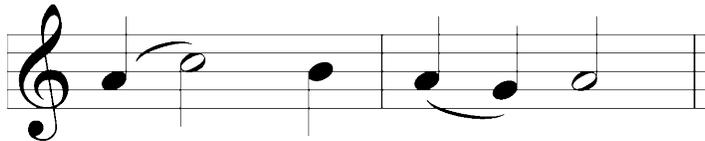
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** 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.



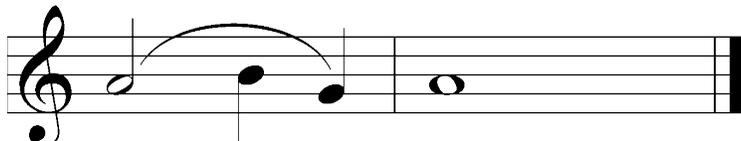
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1–6

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 50:2–3a, 5



L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.*
Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;

C “Gather to me my | faithful ones,*
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a half note B, a quarter note C, a half note D, a quarter note E, a half note F#, and a quarter note G. The second staff begins with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a half note D, a quarter note E, a half note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵[Jesus said:] “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.

Catechism – *The Ten Commandments*

P What is the Seventh Commandment?

C You shall not steal.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Sit

Children's Message

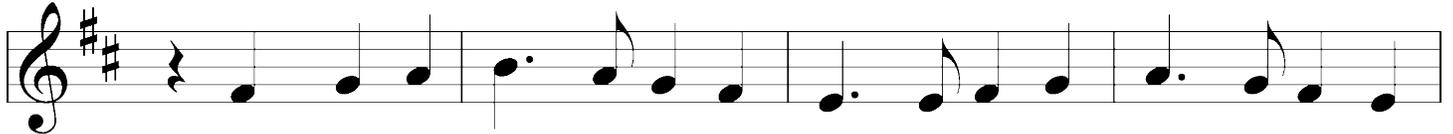
Hymn of the Day "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" *LSB 336*

Sermon *Judgment Day*

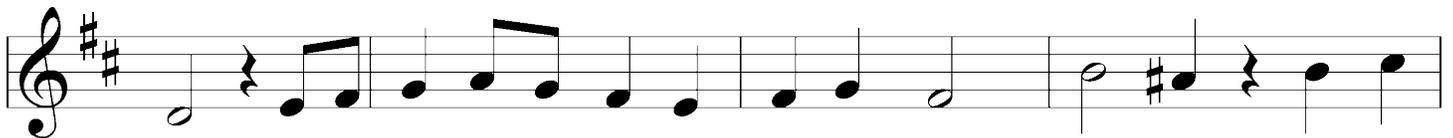
Stand

Offertory

LSB 176



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Sit

Anthem: “The Greatness of Our God” (All-School Sing)

(10:30 only)

Offering

Voluntary

MEINEN JESUM LASS’ ICH NICHT

J. S. Bach

Stand

Doxology

LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven . . .**

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Thanksgiving and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Once He Came in Blessing"

LSB 333

Postlude

Rev. Adam Jacobsen	Senior Pastor	714-1965	revjacobsen@stjohns-mattoon.org
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12/8

12/15

Preacher	Rev. Adam Jacobsen	Rev. Adam Jacobsen
Organist	Rev. Peter Eckardt	Rev. Peter Eckardt
Head Elder	Michael Martin	Michael Martin
Assisting Elder	Brock Montgomery	Brock Montgomery
Ushers	8:00am: Mark Uphoff 10:30am: <i>need volunteers!</i>	8:00am: Mark Uphoff 10:30am: <i>need volunteers!</i>
Acolytes	8:00am: Noah Lange 10:30am: Andrew Wetzel & Abigail Niemeyer	8:00am: Corbin Richey 10:30am: Josh Sipes & Aiden Cook
Altar Guild	Kim Shepard, Jennifer Warfel, Connie Elder	Kim Shepard, Jennifer Warfel, Connie Elder
Driver	Karen Stoll 258-6377	Bill Havlik 259-2494

****Numbers shown below are for Plate and Envelope offerings only****

OFFERING	Previous Bal	Last Week	Current Bal
Budgeted	\$439,392	\$9,154	\$448,546
Collected	\$401,890	\$7,392	\$409,282

MISSIONS: \$8,470

GATHERED IN WORSHIP LAST WEEK: 8:00 AM: 131 10:30AM: 134 TOTAL: 265

Those In Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery (Recently Added):

Clara Moore

Roger Tice

Heather Long – Granddaughter of Norma Schussler

Don Booher – Zschau Family Friend

Marlese Cook – Friend of the Ervin Family

Edith Creek

Dale Wheeler, Grandfather of Shantha Shepard

Tara Stortzum

Paul Morrison – Father of Barb Kirts

Jules Martin – Brother of Michael Martin

Shelby Waller – Granddaughter of Sharon Price

Church & School News, Events, & Announcements

Pecans: 2019 pecans are here! Pecan pieces and halves are \$12 and chocolate pecans are \$10. They will be sold on Sundays between church services. Please contact Jo Crackel (925-451-6189) if you would like to purchase pecans. Thanks!

Men's Club: There will be no Men's Club meeting on Thursday, December 12. The next meeting will be in January.

November Cancer Drive: Through the generosity of our church and school, we collected over 1,200 items for our November cancer center drive! The 4th and 2nd grades collected the most items and had a pizza party Friday. Thank you to all who donated!

Christmas Office Hours: On Monday, December 23 the office will be closed. The office staff will be in the office working, but we will be very busy getting ready for the Christmas week and services. If there is an emergency that requires our attention call the office. Thank you for understanding our busy time and have a very Merry CHRISTmas!!!

Church Doors/Windows: Please note: in order to protect the film we've had installed on the windows and doors at the church and school, please do not put anything on them without speaking to the church office first. Thank you!

2020 Giving Envelopes are out! Make sure to pick up your box outside the kitchen. If you do not see a box for your family, please call the church office at 234-4923. **Note: Please do not use these envelopes until January, as several numbers have changed.*

Snow Days: On days the school is cancelled for weather, the church office may open later than usual.

2020 Officers Listing:

President: Michael Gass

Vice President: Mark Ewald

Secretary: Jo Crackel

Treasurer: Alex Hagen

Asst. Treasurer: Robert Arnholt

Elders: Larry Miller

Michael Martin

Collin Richey

Michael Stortzum

Brock Montgomery

Andy Adair

Rick Shepard

David Moore

Bob Koelling

Bill Havlik

Scott Harris

Trent Duckett

Trustees: Tyler Shepard

Ron Curry

Board of Christian Ed: Melissa Wirth

Jennifer Smith

Teresa Lane

Andrea Walker

Linze Niemeyer

Brad Hughes

Chad Larson

Parish Life: Cynthia Bowen

Sarah Jacobsen

Shantha Shepard

Nicole Rincker

Lay Member: Larry Maxedon

Schedule for December 8 – December 15

Sun 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship (*2nd Sunday in Advent*)

9:15 am Education Hour

11:30 am Wetzel – Gym

2:00 pm Woelber – Gym

4:00 pm Rankin – Gym

7:00 Open Bball

Mon 8:00 am LOL

3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm

Tue 6:30 am Men's Bible Study @ Denny's

8:30 am Exercise Class

10:00 am Cards – Fam Rm

3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm

3:30–4:30 pm Children's Choir - Sanctuary

Wed 8:30 am Advent Worship Service

3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm

6:30 pm Christmas Cantata

Thu 8:30 am Exercise

9:15 am Thursday AM Bible Study – Canceled

9:30 am Tilford Visitation

10:30 am Tilford Funeral

3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm

Men's Bible Study @ Pastor Jacobsen's House

Fri 3-6 pm Study Group – Fam Rm

Sat

Sun 8:00 & 10:30 Worship w/Holy Communion (*3rd Sunday in Advent*)

9:15 am Education Hour

11:30 am Wetzel – Gym

2:00 pm Woelber – Gym

4:00 pm Rankin – Gym

7:00 Open Bball

2019 Advent/Christmas Notes

2019 Advent Services: The theme for Advent this year is “Behold the Child”. Please note that on account of school scheduling, all Advent services will now be held at **8:30 am and 6:30 pm**. There will no longer be a 12:30 pm service.

Caroling: On Sunday, December 22, we will once again go Christmas caroling. Pizza will be served at 4:30 pm, and we will group up at 5:00 pm. Meet us in the fellowship hall if you want to join us!

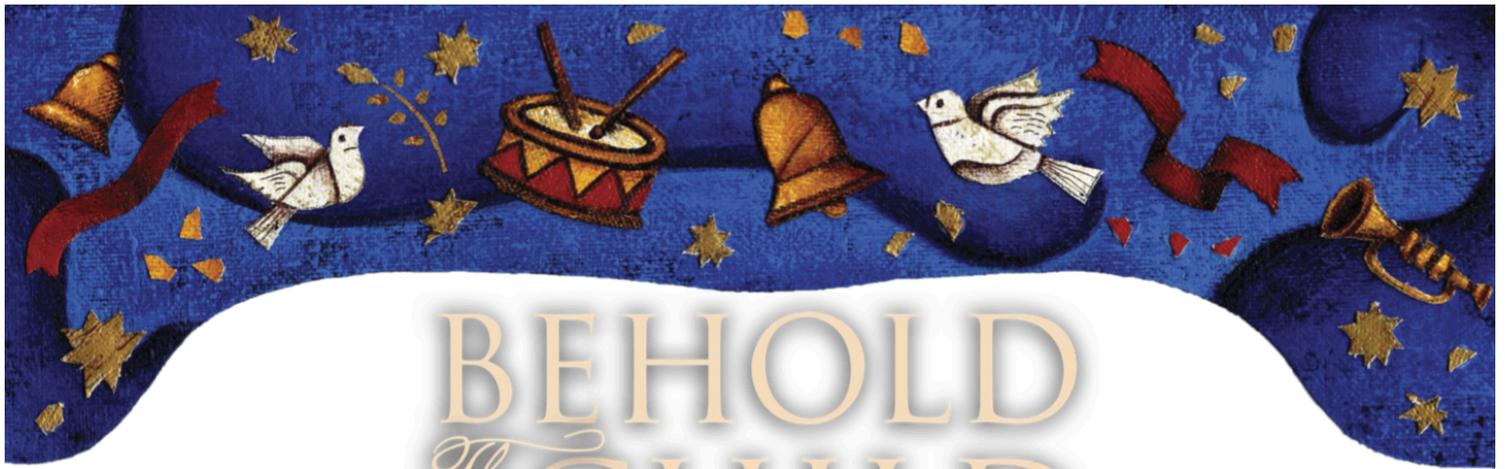
St. John’s School Christmas Program: The school Christmas program will be held on Friday, December 20 at the EIU Doudna Arts Center this year. We will still have 2 shows. One at 9:30 am and one at 6:00 pm. We encourage you to attend the morning play if you are able.

2019 Christmas Cantata: This year’s “Christmas Cantata” is a Lessons and Carols service featuring both the Children’s Choir and the Adult Choir. It will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm. Mark this beautiful service on your calendar! You won’t want to miss it!

Preschool Program: The St. John’s Preschool Christmas program will be December 17 at 6:00 pm in the gym.

Children’s Christmas Service: Be on the lookout for the sign-up for the 2019 Children’s Christmas service. This service will be held on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm. The dress rehearsal will be Sunday, December 22, from 2-4pm (before caroling).

Poinsettias: We will once again be ordering poinsettias. The order forms are on the ledge outside the church office.



BEHOLD *The* CHILD



Christmas Lessons and Carols

Featuring: St. John's Adult & Children's Choirs
St. John's Lutheran Church & School
200 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL

When: Wednesday, December 11, 2019
Time: 6:30 PM

Free Will Offering to Benefit:
Choices Pregnancy Center
Refreshments will be served after

