



PRELUDE

“Sleepers Awake” by J.S. Bach, organ

WELCOME

HYMN

“Come Now, O God”

- 1 Come now, O God, when our love is forsaken.
Come, when our bedrock of faith has been shaken.
Come, when our deepest of hopes are mistaken.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.
- 2 Come, when we squander the freedom you gave us.
Come, break the systems of sin that enslave us.

Come, though we wonder if you can still save us.

Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

- 3 Come, put an end to our self-serving madness.
Come, while the world is enshrouded in sadness.
Come, turn the tears of our mourning to gladness.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.

You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.

You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.

We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,

you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen.

ADVENT SONG

“Light One Candle”

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE/HYMN OF PRAISE


PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 64:1-9


PSALM 80

Please join the choir on the refrain.

Refrain



Advent: Lord, come soon; come to
Ordinary Time: God of love, come and

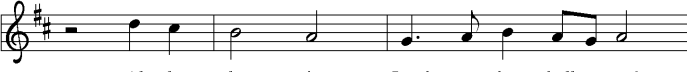


save us. Lord, come soon.
help us. Lord, hear our prayer.


SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

Pastor Brian Halverson

SERMON SONG

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!
- 2 God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing: Refrain
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: Refrain
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God.
receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SONG

"Advent Meditation" Patrick Liebergen, choir

OFFERING

Offering is an act of worship – giving back to God in response to the blessings, grace, and love received.

Offering may be given by:

- Going to our website makedisciples.com and clicking on "Ways to Give"
- Scanning this QR code.
- Texting to Give to 844-605-2105
- Mailing to St. John's Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045



OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful Lord"

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

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

Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

Distribution Music

*Please self-serve your communion.
Whatever you have to represent the bread and wine is acceptable.*

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace,
make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 2 Come now, O God of love,
make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

- 3 Come now and set us free,
O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
- 4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming", flute

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See last page)

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

- 3 The saints, who here in patience
their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Following Jesus, making disciples, serving the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers were not sponsored.

Please use the sign up on the website to sponsor flowers to honor a loved one or to celebrate an event.

On the Calendar:

Dec 3	Advent Meditation Hour (5:00p)
Dec 10	Music Sunday (8:30 & 10:45a) Musician Breakfast (9:45a) Advent Meditation Hour (5:00p)
Dec 17	Advent Meditation Hour (5:00p)

Worshipful Giving

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Advent Meditation Hours

When chaos and emotions of December are too much - and you find yourself needing to refocus - come to St. John's for sanctuary. The sanctuary will be open. Lights will be low. Candles will be lit. Soft music will be playing. Come for the whole hour or just a few minutes, whatever works best for you. You may sit and quietly meditate on supplied material, or you may just sit.



Sundays | December 3, 10, 17 | 5:00-6:00p

Advent Devotions

Advent begins today! We are sending a daily email with a recorded devotion during Advent to everyone who receives our Happenings emails. If you would like to receive the devotions, but do not currently receive the Happenings, contact Pam or stop by the Welcome Desk.



We are looking for five more readers for the Advent devotions. If you are interested, contact Pam to schedule a time to record this week ... or today!

Musician Breakfast on December 10

December 10 is Music Sunday at St. John's. In support of our musicians, who will lead worship at both services, we are serving brunch between services. All are welcome to share the meal. *If you would like to contribute food or to help with the brunch, please sign up online.*

Poinsettias for Christmas

Our sanctuary looks amazing when it is filled with poinsettias for Christmas. You can contribute a poinsettia as a tribute to a loved one! How?

1. Go to www.makedisciples.com
2. Click on Sign Up Genius.
3. Click on the Poinsettia tab.
4. Select the size of poinsettia(s) you wish to contribute.
5. Pay for the poinsettia(s) online or by putting cash or check in the offering with a memo indicating poinsettias.

December Outreach Offering Focus

The outreach offering focus for December is GIVING! Giving food through the Christmas Food Drive and giving needed items from the Giving Tree. Check the Advent Opportunities page on the website under Resources and the narthex for details.

Pave the Way

Thank you for your prayerful support of the Pave the Way campaign. We have received nearly \$260,000 in pledges and are close to our goal. Pledges of all sizes make an impact! Pledges for financial support of the campaign may be mailed to the office, put in the offering, or given online.



<h1>December 24</h1>	
<h2>Advent 4</h2> <p>8:30 a.m.</p> 	<h2>Christmas Eve</h2> <p>11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.</p>