



Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 13:14

First Sunday of Advent
December 27, 2022 | 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, LCMC

We pray through this time of stillness and song, prayer and proclamation, you may experience the Spirit of God at work in your life. Your presence is a blessing to us, and we hope you will return to worship with us again soon.

We have **Children's Bulletins** available. Ask a greeter!

Large print bulletins and listening devices for the hearing impaired are located in the back of the church. Just ask a greeter/usher for assistance.

Family Room is located at the bottom of the steps in the room straight ahead before entering the basement. Please feel free to use this room for the personal needs of your children.

Please fill out the **connect card** located in the pews and drop it in the offering plates on your way out. The plates are located near the elevator and at the end of the middle aisle near the back of the church.

All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and are baptized are **welcome to commune with us**.

Ministry Worship Team

November 27 9:30 a.m.

Usher/Greet Todd & Micki Carlson
Read Doug Yahnke

Musicians

Wayne Strei
Rachel Knueppel

November 30 7:00 p.m. (Advent Service)

Usher/Greet Miles & Donna Winkler

Sound

Dan Wright

December 4 9:30 a.m.

Usher/Greet Jerry & Sharon Luther, Clara Luther,
Jr. & Sydnie Patzer
Read Amy Myrick
Communion Jerry Luther, Jim Wicker, Amy Myrick

Please feel free to join us every Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
There is Sunday School, refreshments, and fellowship for all ages!

WELCOME

(Please stand as you are able.)

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ for whom we wait, the love of the Father who will never let us go, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G And also with you.

DEDICATION OF ADVENT WREATH

P The Psalmist sings, "As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever. We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness."

And again, "How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

P Designed by human imagination, fashioned by human hands, we dedicate this Advent Wreath Candle Stand in memory of Rachael Peterson Janssen for use in our corporate worship of the Triune God. May its use serve as a visual reminder of God's presence with us whenever we gather together in his holy name.

G Amen. Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN **Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates** (pg. 9)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P The days are coming, says the Lord, when God's promises to Israel and Judah will be fulfilled. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. *(Jeremiah 33:14)*

G Amen.

P The Lord proclaimed, "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me." Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected. *(Malachi 3:1)*

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P God of grace,

G **we confess that we have not been attentive to the urgent call to prepare for the coming of your Son. Prepare our hearts to follow Jesus in doing your holy will. Forgive us, we pray, and shape our lives according to the cross of Christ who has called us to walk in his ways. Restore us to a right relationship with you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the name of Jesus, God's only Son who came to do the will of his Father, you are forgiven. By Christ's holy sacrifice your sins are wiped clean and you are made right with our heavenly Father. Rejoice in this free gift and take it to heart.

G Thanks be to God! Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P Today we begin our celebration of Advent. On these four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we will rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ.

To help us celebrate, we will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World.

The evergreens remind us that He is life and brings life to us. All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

Each Sunday we will light an additional candle. Then on Christmas Eve, we will light all the candles, including the center one, the Christ candle. As we do, we will rejoice that Christ has come to us. He is Immanuel...God with us.

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope.

Hope is our assurance that God will finish all He has started. Hope is our confidence that He will do all He has promised.

All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is our hope, today and forever!

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

O Come, O Come Emmanuel *(verse 1)*

Verse 1 **O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

Chorus: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

- P The Lord be with you.
 C **And with your spirit.**
 P Let us pray,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Majesty

Maj - es - ty, wor-ship his maj - es - ty. Un - to
 Je - sus be all glo - ry, pow - er and praise.
 Maj - es - ty, king-dom au - thor - i - ty flow from his
 throne un - to his own, his an - them raise. So ex -
 alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus. Mag - ni -
 fy. come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the King.
 Maj - es - ty, wor-ship his maj - es - ty. Je - sus, who
 died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV) *Page 673 in the pew Bibles*

After the reading . . .

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

👤 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122 (ESV)

(Please read responsively.)

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

²**Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

³Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

⁵There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"**

⁷Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

⁸**For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

SECOND READING Romans 13:8-14 (ESV) *Page 1127 in the pew Bibles*

After the reading . . .

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

👤 **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Be Still and Know

The musical notation is written on two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1:
 Treble staff: Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that
 Bass staff: I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

System 2:
 Treble staff: I am God. Be still and know that I am God.
 Bass staff: I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44 (ESV) *Page 986 in the pew Bibles*

P The Holy Gospel is from the 24th chapter of Matthew

G Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading . . .

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

P May the peace which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and your minds in the one true faith, Jesus Christ.

G Amen.

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY **Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn** (pg. 10)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

(During the Prayers feel free to sit, stand, or kneel)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*St. John's Clock Church Prayer Warriors to pray
Nation, World, Church, Missions, People*

(Please stand as you are able.)

THE 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.

(Please be seated.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able.)

BENEDICTION

☩ May the Christ who walks on wounded feet, walk with you to the end of your road. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands, teach you to serve one another. May the Christ who loves with a broken heart, be your love forever. And may you find the face of Christ in everyone you meet and may everyone you meet find the face of Christ in you.

☩ Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding** (*pg. 11*)


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Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12


Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates




1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates,
 2 O blest the land, the cit - y blest,
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart,



Be - hold the King of glo - ry waits!
 Where Christ the rul - er is con - fessed!
 Make it a tem - ple set a - part



The King of kings is draw - ing near,
 O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes
 From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy,

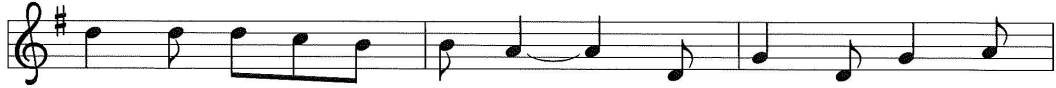


The Sav - ior of the world is here.
 To whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

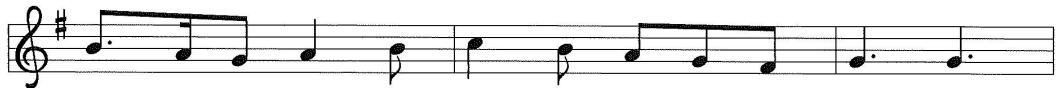
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
 3 Lo, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
 4 So when next he comes in glo - ry, And the

nigh," it seems to say, "Cast a - way the
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, her sun, all
 par - don down from heav'n; Let us haste, with
 world is wrapped in fear, With his mer - cy

works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."
 ill dis - pell - ing, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, One and all to be for - giv'n.
 may he shield us, And with words of love draw near.

ROLL OF HONOR

Active Duty

Victoria Loberger, Army Reserves
 Doug Schneekloth, Air Force,
 Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota
 Nathan Shriver, Air Force, South Korea

First Responders

Kari Gandt, AEMT, Gillett
 Kurt Hicks, Fire Chief, City of Gillett
 Victor Loberger, Fire, Gillett
 Sammi Morgan, AEMT, Mountain
 Ed Patzer Jr., Assistant Fire Chief,
 Town of Gillett
 Tracy Ondik, AEMT, Gillett
 Trisha Ondik, AEMT, Gillett
 Dale Reichwald, Fire Chief,
 Town of Gillett

Veterans

Leonard Block, Army
 Bill Bublitz; Air Force
 Ken Butzin: Army
 Everett Carlson: Navy Air Corps
 Andrew Cornelius: Army
 Jim Cornelius: Army
 Scott Genke, Navy, Iraq
 Karl H. Hensel, Navy
 Tyson Hensel, Navy
 Jon Hertwig, Military Police, 1980-2002
 Lloyd Kirsch: Marines
 Ricky Klatt, Navy, KBR Iraq
 Lloyd Kruschke: Army
 Jerry Linzmeyer: Army
 Gary Lisowe: Army, Viet Nam
 Frank Meunier: Navy, WWII
 Dennis Olesewski, Army, Korean
 Willy Pecha: Army
 Jim Petersen: Army
 John Severson: Army
 Bob Schindel: Marines
 Daniel Schmidt: Navy
 David Schmidt: Air Force
 Jim Schmidt: Army
 Mike Stark: Army
 Jerry Winkler: Army

Memorial

Robert Asplund, Army, Korean War
 Kenneth Brehmer, Army, Korean War
 Ray Carlson, Army
 Norman Collins, Army, WWII
 Raymond Cornelius, Army, WWII
 Bob Cornelius, Army, Vietnam
 John Cornelius, Army, Vietnam
 Bill Cornelius, Army, Vietnam
 Martin Dicke, Army, Korean War
 Warren Eiseth, Navy, WWII
 George Frank, Army, World War II
 Morton R. Gentz, Army Air Corp,
 World War II
 Dan Hensel, Army
 Karl O. Hensel, Army
 Bob Hicks, Army, Korean
 Muryl G. Kalous, Army, WWII
 Ambrose Milhans, Army,
 WWII & Korean War
 Reuben Mickle, Army, Vietnam
 Norbert Novitski, Navy
 Norbert "Nubby" Richert, Army
 Herb Reichwald: Army Airborne
 Bill Rusch, Army
 David Schmidt, Air Force, Korea
 Don Wagner, Army, Vietnam
 Allan Wilke: Army WWII

THIS WEEK AT SJL

SUNDAY 27

8:30a Sunday School (all ages!)

9:30a Worship Service with
Advent Wreath Dedication**MONDAY 28**

6:00p Adult Study: The Christ Key

6:30p Boy Scouts

TUESDAY 29

6:30p Cantata Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY 30

11:00a Bulletin Deadline

4:00p Confirmation Class

6:00p Potluck & Bible Study

7:00p Advent Service

DECEMBER**THURSDAY 1**

11:00a Office opens late today

5:30p Girl Scouts

6:00p *City of Gillett Council Mtg*

6:30p Cantata Rehearsal

FRIDAY 2

REM Cookie Decorating

7:00p Thurmont Christmas concert

SATURDAY 3

Christmas in the Park

7:00p Thurmont Christmas Concert
at Bethel Lutheran Church**SUNDAY 4**

8:30a Sunday School (all ages!)

9:30a Worship Service with
Holy Communion (R)11:00a Family Christmas Cookie
Decorating**CHURCH NEWS**

A **NEW ELECTRONIC PIANO** has been added to the memorial list. For more information, please call the church office or Wayne Strei.

The deadline for ordering **SCRIP CARDS** is December 12 to insure delivery before Christmas. Scrip cards will be sold today after service. You can order them today or afterwards through the office.

The deadline for the **GIVING TREE** is today! If you didn't bring your items today, you can drop them off tomorrow at the office.

NOVEMBER'S MISSION OF THE MONTH is We Believe.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 7	6:00p	Potluck and Advent Bible Study
Dec 7	7:00p	Advent Service
Dec 14	6:00p	Potluck and Advent Bible Study
Dec 14	7:00p	Advent Service
Dec 15	9:00a	Community Prayer Breakfast at Primal Eats
Dec 16	7:00p	Cantata Performance with Dessert Reception
Dec 17	7:00p	Cantata Performance with Dessert Reception
Dec 18	2:00p	Cantata Performance with Dessert Reception
Dec 18	3:00p	Christmas Caroling with the Gillett Area Ambulance Service

Thank you to the family of Rachael Peterson Janssen for the donation of a new Advent candle stand in her memory.



A Thurmont Christmas

St. John's Lutheran Church
"The Clock Church"
101 W Main St. Gillett, WI

Friday, December 2, 2022
at 7:00 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church
Church Rd & County BB,
Oconto Falls, WI

Saturday, December 3, 2022
at 7:00 p.m.

There is no charge for admission
but a free will offering will be gathered
for "We Believe"



Cookie Decorating

December 4th

Fellowship Hall

11:00 – 1:00

If you would like to donate unfrosted sugar cookies,
please drop them off at the Church office
on or before Dec 1st

PRAYER LIST

Illness Members

Brenda Kadlec	Dick Block
Gary Friedman	Jean E. Ruege
Bill Pecha	Carolyn Block
Dale Coopman	Bob Schindel

Homebound

Lorraine Giese
Bob & Dorothy McDowell
Joyce Vizelka

Please call the church office if you would like a pastoral visit or if you'd like to start the prayer chain. We will keep names on the weekly prayer list for 6 weeks unless otherwise specified. If someone on the list has had prayers answered, please let us know so we can take their name off of the list and give a praise report for the answered prayer!

Assisted Living/Care Centers

Gillett

Lorraine Gentz, Serenity Gardens
Merlin Lintner, Serenity Gardens

Oconto Falls

Cynthy Bourgeois, Meadowlands

Suring

Jean J. Ruege, The Bay

Wrightstown

Judy Genke, Matthews Assisted Living

Illness—Friends

Jim Dobberphul, waiting for a new heart, friend of Farran Korth
Joe Doering, brain cancer, friend of Erik Knueppel
Jamie Bratz, breast cancer, niece of Donna & Carl Asplund
Amber Williams, niece of Chris & Dawn Byars
Rick Wollin, husband of Maureen Wollin
Connie Dahlstrom, cancer, daughter-in-law of Vern & Annette
Linda McGraw, friend of Nancy Stark
Jean Farley, cancer, friend of Nancy Stark
Bonnie Juza, sister of Judy Wagner, thyroid cancer
Lori Skarban Sobiesczyk, stage 4 metastatic breast cancer, friend of Laura Koenig
Lori Schultz, Lyme's disease, niece of Emma Schultz & cousin of Sharon Raatz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

28	Brooke DeBauch
30	Tracy Ondik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Date	Years
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DECEMBER

4	Dan & Carol Brown	51
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DECEMBER

1	John Lockstein
2	Joan Hansen
4	Gerri Hansen



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Thank you!

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Around the Clock!**

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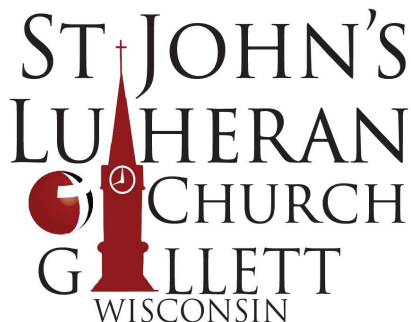
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday
Office closed 12:30-1:30 p.m.

By Appointment Friday

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