

**St. John’s Ev. Lutheran Church & School**

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Advent 3 + + + December 16 & 19, 2018

**Prayer** “O Advent King, our sins forgive; Come in our lives and hearts to live, And let our humble souls become, A temple worthy of Your name. “ Amen. (Hymn #21, v. 3)

**Divine Service II**

(Christian Worship - Supplement, page 28.)

**The Hymns:** 13 – 14 – 4, v. 3 – 5/11 – 6.  
Organist: Donna Schmitz.

**Service Note:** After the opening hymn we will follow the “Advent 3: Joy” gathering rite (printed on an insert sheet) and have the lighting of the Advent wreath. After that we will follow the regular liturgy, starting on page 29 in the front of the hymnal.

**The Old Testament Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-17 – As we prepare to celebrate our Savior’s birth joy and expectation fill our hearts – and rightly so. Our King is with us! That’s cause for great joy and confidence.

**Psalm 130**, page 114.

**The Epistle Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7 – Advent isn’t just a season – it’s a way of life! Because Jesus will return soon we can rejoice. We don’t have to worry about anything because we can take everything to God in prayer. We also have that indescribable peace of sins forgiven.

**The Gospel Reading/Sermon:** Luke 3:7-18 –

**Rejoice in Your Advent Lord!**

- I. Rejoice in His call to repentance.
- II. Rejoice with the fruits of repentance.
- III. Rejoice in His coming again.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Since the Sacrament is also a public declaration of a unity of faith we practice Communion Fellowship. We ask that only members of our congregation or the Wisconsin Synod receive the Sacrament. Thank you.

**This Week at St John’s**

Today	9:15 a.m.	<b>Christmas Practice</b> and Bible Class
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Education Committee meet to fill bags
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Choirchimes practice
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship (Holy Communion)
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Friday	12:00 p.m.	Early Release 4K-8
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship (Installation)</b>
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Christmas practice</b>

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**Our greeter** is Rodney Binder (late).

**Last Week:** 225 (150+75) (no Wednesday “repeat” service due to the icy roads) gathered around God’s Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior. There was no Sunday School due to Christmas practice. 44 came to Bible class. Offerings received:

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>Budget year to date</u></b>
Needed:	\$7,941	\$190,584
Received:	\$7,272	\$176,488

We also received \$27 for Madison chaplains, \$100 for the Christmas bags and in memory of Janice Rabehl \$55 for the new sound system.

**Hospital Report:** The Lord blessed Adam and Amanda Messer with a healthy baby girl (Berkley Elaine) early, early last Tuesday. Sharon Pillsbury is home. Shirley Mullin is back home at her apartment in Beaver Dam. John Bubolz is scheduled to have back surgery tomorrow at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

**Next Sunday** we will have only one service at 9:00 a.m. We are planning to have some caroling for 10-12 minutes before the service. If you would like to suggest some hymns (only doing a couple of verses vs. full hymn) there is a ballot box and slips of paper in the fellowship hall on the table in front of the mailboxes. Please limit yourself to 2 suggestions.

**Holiday Services:** Please plan now to use the following opportunities to publicly praise and grow closer to your Savior:  
Dec. 24 – Our children’s service at 7:00 p.m.  
Candlelight Worship at 10:00 p.m.  
Dec. 25 – Worship at 9 a.m. with Holy Communion

**Calendars and Envelopes:** January calendars and 2019 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes. Please take yours home today!

**Counters schedule:** If you are a counter, the 2019 counting schedule is in your mailbox.

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