

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
(MEMBER OF WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
SYNOD) 36620 COUNTY 4 BLVD.
GOODHUE, MN 55027
WORSHIP SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.**

**December 10, 2023
Advent 3**

Welcome to our visitors! We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please do us the honor of signing our guestbook, providing your full address. We ask that you speak with Pastor before the service if you would like to take Holy Communion. Let us know if we can be of any spiritual service to you in the future.

**Opening Hymn: CW #308
"There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"**

Order of Service: Setting Two pp. 172 ff

Prayer of the Day

M: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-10

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call out to her.

Her warfare^[a] really is over.

Her guilt is fully paid for.

Yes, she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice is calling out:

In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD.

In the wasteland make a level^[b] highway for our God.

⁴Every valley will be raised up,

and every mountain and hill will be made low.
The rugged ground will become level,
and the rough places will become a plain.
⁵ Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all flesh together will see it.

Yes, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

⁶ A voice was saying, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry out?"

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty^[c] is like a wildflower in the countryside.

⁷ Grass withers, flowers fade,
when the breath^[d] of the LORD blows on them.
Yes, the people are grass.

⁸ Grass withers, flowers fade,
but the Word of our God endures forever.

⁹ Get up on a high mountain,
O Zion, you herald of good news.
Lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, you herald of good news.
Lift it up! Do not be afraid!
Say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

¹⁰ Look, God the LORD will come with strength,
and his arm is ruling for him.
Look, his reward is with him.
The result of his work is in front of him."

Psalm 71

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² This is how it is written in the prophet Isaiah:^[a]

Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare the way for you.

³ A voice of one calling out in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make his paths straight."^[b]

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. ⁶ John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He preached, "One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! ⁸ I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Children's Message

Hymn: CW #312

"Comfort, Comfort All My People"

Sermon

Nicene Creed, pg. 162

Offering Hymn: Koine Video

Lord's Prayer, pg. 168

The Sacrament, pg. 165

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Communion Hymn: CW #315-316

"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Blessing, pg. 170

Closing Hymn: CW #951

"The Nunc Dimittis"

Communion Schedule: The Lord's Supper will be offered today and Dec. 24th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vision Committee met after church Nov. 13th. Expect a call from the committee to see if you are interested in making a pledge towards a building project.

New or current members information needed- If you are a new or current member and we do not have your contact information, please email to stjohnsoffice4773@gmail.com Thank you!

Photo and contact information changes – please submit a photo for a directory and please notify the secretary of contact information changes. stjohnsoffice4773@gmail.com or put a picture in the mailbox at church.

E-GIVING NOW AT ST. JOHN'S -- Our congregation now offers electronic giving! Go to easytithe.com/stjohnswels and follow the easy instructions to set up, or text GIVE and an amount to 1-218- 304-7066 (ex: GIVE 250.00) and follow the easy directions.

Advent Caroling by Candlelight at Grace Lutheran Church 5pm Sunday, December 10. Hot-dish Supper and Christmas Goodies Served at 5pm. Caroling and Mingling Begin at 6pm Come and Enjoy!!!!

Happy Birthday

12/4 Ron Kahl, Jerod Thomforde

12/6 Tiffany Voth

12/8 Linda Breuer, Kristin Shrimp

12/11 Megan Ringeisen, Lori Luhman

12/13 Amelia Breuer

12/15 Autumn Peters

12/16 Abigail Brinkman, Max Lexvold

Calendar:

Dec. 12-Senior Fellowship Potluck and cards at Goodhue Living 12-2
Dec. 13- Midweek Advent Service 7:00 p.m., potluck 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Dec. 14-HS Breakfast at St. Peter's 7:15-7:45 a.m.
Dec. 17-Sunday School Christmas Service 9:00
Dec. 20-St. John's School Christmas Service 6:30, Preservice 6:00
Dec. 24-9:00 a.m. Worship Service and **5:00 p.m.** Candlelight Vesper
Dec. 25-9:00 a.m. Christmas Worship
Dec. 31-9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Jan. 21- Annual Voter's Meeting

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Today's Organist: Kaelyn Ryan

ST. JOHN'S ELDERS:

Scott Hinsch, Ken Schrimpf & Trevor Ryan

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD:

Jonathan Voth, Cameron Peterson & Brandon Lexvold

USHERS for December-Group 6

Jesse Luhman, Troy Hokanson, Gavin Hokanson, Kyler Hokanson,
Mason Voth, Dave Voth, Kyle Voth, Ryan Voth, Dave Peterson, Jake
Peterson, Darren Vieths, Mike Hinsch, Jacob Diercks, Ken Schrimpf,
Wayne Schilling

GREETERS

12/10 Arnie and Linda Breuer

12/17 Curtis and Marie Strutz

Acolyte: Charlotte Voth