

St. John's Lutheran Church

1107 14th Street, Clarkston, WA

10:15 am Sunday School and Bible Class – 11:00 am Worship Service

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Organists: Jessica Buck and Sue Martin

Peace Lutheran Church

13946 1st Ave, Orofino, ID

7:30 am Bible Class – 8:00 am Worship Service

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Valley Bible Academy (K-8)

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3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 27 (front of the hymnal p. 109)

The Hymns: 712, 66, 709, 76

Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, send Your Son into our hearts by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we, being strengthened by the Sun of Righteousness, may walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Watch over our little flock, and by faith make us ready at all times for the second coming of Your Son. Forgive us our sins, strengthen our faith, and renew in us a rejoicing spirit in our Advent and Christmas worship. In Jesus name, Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 712

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation sings:

A - men.

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

The Introit

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving.
This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: Rejoice in the Lord always:

C: **And again I say, Rejoice!**

P: Let your moderation be known to all men:

C: **The Lord is at hand.**

P: Be careful for nothing: but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

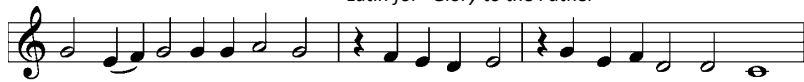
C: **Let your requests be made known to God.**

P: Lord, You have been favorable to Your land:

C: **You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.**

The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The Kyrie

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - all sing)



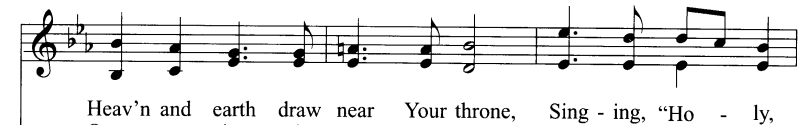
I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

The Salutation (Greeting)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The Collect for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



A - men.

THE BIBLE READINGS

God speaks to us.

The Epistle Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil. 23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

The Gradual

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: You who dwell between the Cherubim, shine forth:

C: **Stir up Your strength and come.**

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel:

C: **You who leads Joseph like a flock. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Stir up Your strength:

C: **And come and save us. Hallelujah!**



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Gospel Reading is from John 1 beginning in the 6th verse.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Gospel Reading:

John 1:6-8, 19-28 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the LORD," ' as the prophet Isaiah said." 24 Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. 25 And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. 27 "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose." 28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Pastor: Here ends the Gospel Reading. Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

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Congregation stands for:

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal page 12)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 66

The Sermon

Isaiah 61:1-3 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

Theme: "THE CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE"

I: Our gift to Christ (I have made You what you were not)

II: Christ's gift to us (You have declared me to be what I was not)

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of, the Holy Spirit..

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

By faith we offer the Lord our gifts to support the Gospel, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. We sing the offering hymn 127:3:

As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,

So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!

Prayers - (Pastor)

The Lord's Prayer - (All)

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.

Hymn 709

The Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Closing Hymn 76

*** *Silent Prayer* ***

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, confess, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

IN OUR PRAYERS Desirae Naumann is on home-hospice care as she awaits the LORD's good timing to take her to her heavenly home. Bob Jensen, that he might soon receive a heart and kidney transplant.

THANK YOU Pastor Dave and Desirae Naumann would like to thank all the members and friends of the congregations for their prayers, words of comfort and encouragements, as Desirae in faith follows God's gracious plan with terminal brain cancer. Due to Pastor Naumann's responsibilities at home, Sunday morning Bible Class and Sunday School are suspended at both congregations. Midweek Advent worship services are also suspended.

At Peace in Orofino, Ken Martin is conducting worship services.

At St. John's, Pastor Naumann is conducting worship services.

St. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE TREAT BAGS Today and next Sunday a box is in the church entry to receive donations for the children's treat bags that are handed out after the Christmas Eve service. Candy, goodies, & fruit (next Sunday), etc. are welcome!

CHURCH & SCHOOL CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. JOHN'S.

Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFERINGS LAST SUNDAY

Needed: \$2,215. Received: \$1,075 (- \$1,140). To-date: -\$3,727.

Teacherage Fund – Received: \$10. Total to-date: \$14,065

PEACE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE DEC. 22ND

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES Peace in Orofino at 8:00 am.

St. John's in Clarkston at 10:30 am.

NEXT SUNDAY'S BIBLE READINGS To help you prepare your hearts:

2 Samuel 7:8-11 16 – God's Promise to David (the sermon)

Romans 16:25-27 – To God Be Glory Forever

Luke 1:26-38 – The Angel Appears to Mary

2021 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal - With an application deadline quickly approaching and still so much uncertainty concerning international travel, vaccination requirements and availability, and government restrictions on gatherings in Nepal due to the pandemic, the decision has been made to cancel the 2021 trip that was tentatively scheduled for July with the prayer that things will be back to normal enough by this time next year to make plans for 2022.

Nominations for Immanuel Lutheran College Professor (Eau Claire, WI):

The following nominations have been received to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor John Reim at the end of the 2020-21 academic year: Pastors Paul Krause, Neal Radichel, Rob Sauers, and David Schaller. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 29, 2020 (letters postmarked December 24, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

CLC Project KINSHIP - On the Rise! As endeavors to spread the Gospel overseas continue to increase, so do our opportunities to support these endeavors. Of the current 113 overseas seminary students, there are currently five students that do not have stateside sponsors. Please consider becoming a sponsor through the CLC KINSHIP program. The cost for this particular sponsorship is \$35/month (\$420/year). There will also be sponsorship opportunities for the overseas orphan population in the near future, and KINSHIP would welcome folks who are willing to be put on the "wait list" for those sponsorships. These sponsorships require a similar financial commitment. Contact is Dan Roehl (danroehl@hotmail.com or 507-381-2042).

CLC NEWS <> Pastor Terry Stringer, recently colloquized, will be installed today at Trinity Lutheran Church, Spokane WA as the Assistant Vacancy Pastor for one year. <> Pastor Del Maas, Gift of God, Mapleton, ND has **returned** the call to Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Teacher Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. has **received** the call to serve as principal and upper grade teacher by Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has **received** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Redemption, WA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI to be their upper grade teacher/principal. <>

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand." James 5:8

The Epistle Reading for the 3rd Sunday in Advent

Our spiritual Christmas shopping list has already been filled out by our loving God. Through His saving Word, our Savior has preserved us for His coming again. We read the Word that gives us the ability to do it...

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