

# St. John Lutheran Church of Prairie Hill

## Advent 1

November 27, 2022



### Worship Assistants

**Pastor:** Rev. Norman Sulaica, Jr.

**Accompanist:** Linda Pieper

**Acolytes:** Hunter Janner

**Communion Bread:** Deanna Giese

**Lay Reader:** Charles Gaskamp

**Altar Preparations:** Sherry Randermann, Diana Williams

**Screen Crew:** Barnay Glaesmann, Steve Skrla

**Church Ministers:** St John Members

**Ushers:** James Schawe, Billy Wellmann,  
Josh Clay

**Council Members:** Janice Fairlie,  
Josh Clay

**Tellers:** Charles & Deanna Giese

**Sanctuary Prep:** Sandy Janner, Carol  
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## PRELUDE

### CHOIR HYMN

Love Came Down

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### THE PEACE

*ELW Pg. 152*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Peace be with you.

R. Peace be with you.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*ELW Pg. 94-96*

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✙ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (v. 1, 2, 4)

*ELW #244*

### INTROIT with Zechariah 9:9b

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation is he,**

humble and mounted on a donkey,

**on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

Come, let us worship the Lord.

**Let us wait and watch for the Messiah's return among us.**

He will come in the clouds with power and glory.

**He will gather the elect from the four winds and form all corners of the heavens.**

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.**

## **ADVENT KYRIE**

As the season of Advent begins we celebrate hope.

**We know that through the birth of a tiny and helpless child, God is coming to save the world.**

While we watch and wait for Jesus to arrive, we join in God's mission by bringing grace and mercy to those who need it most.

**We engage the poor and the poor in spirit, letting Christ's light shine through us.**

We speak words of comfort and love to a world in need of healing as we share our stories of God's transforming Spirit.

**Together, we are a sign of God's hope for the world.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **ADVENT HYMN**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1, 4)**

**ELW #257**

*The first candle is lit.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

God of surprising grace, when we least expect it you bring fresh new life; and where we feel that all is lost, you bring redemption. Give us courage as we share all you have done, all you are doing, and all you will accomplish through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM:****Psalm 122**

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

<sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing  
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
 that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment,  
 the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
 “May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
 and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For my brethren and companions’ sake,  
 I pray for your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
 I will seek to do you good.”

**SECOND READING:****Romans 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia****ELW Pg. 151****GOSPEL:****Matthew 24:36-44**

<sup>36</sup>{Jesus said,} “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**“The Christmas Joy of Prophecy” (Isaiah 7:14)**

Pastor Norman Sulaica, Jr.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry (v. 1, 2, 4)**

**ELW #249**

**CREED**

**Nicene Creed**

**ELW Pg. 104**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition of the prayers ends with the following response:*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING HYMN****Create in Me a Clean Heart***ELW #186***OFFERTORY****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***ELW #884***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**DIALOGUE***ELW Pg. 152*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS***ELW Pg. 153*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**EUCCHARIST PRAYER**

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.

## AGNUS DEI

### Lamb of God

*ELW Pg. 154*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION HYMNS

What Feast of Love  
Fling Wide the Door  
Hark, the Glad Sound!

*ELW #487*

*ELW #259*

*ELW #239*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World (v. 1, 2, 4)

*ELW #267*



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace and bring the hope of Jesus to others.  
Thanks Be to God!



Flowers this week are given to  
the glory of God by  
Linda & Larry Pieper

### Contact Information for Pastor Norm

Pastor Norm can be reached in either of the following ways:  
Cell Phone Number: (361)362-9108 OR  
Email: [pastornorm2003@yahoo.com](mailto:pastornorm2003@yahoo.com)



### **BIBLE STUDY SERIES**

On Mondays, at 10:00am, Pastor Norm is leading a weekly Bible study based on Luther's Small Catechism.

## **NALC Disaster Warehouse**

There is a need for health kits for the NALC Disaster Warehouse. Our warehouse in Rosenberg, assists families dealing with disasters such as hurricanes, floods, tornados, etc. We have the materials to make these needed kits. Please join us on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00AM to assemble the kits. Your help will be a Christmas blessing for each family receiving one of the kits.



## **This Week's Events**

**Monday, November 28th**

**10:00AM Bible Study**

**Tuesday, November 29th**

**9:00AM Quilting**

**Wednesday, November 30th**

**5:00PM Confirmation Class**

**Thursday, December 1st**

**10:00AM Naomi Circle**

**Saturday, December 3rd**

**10:00AM Disaster health kit assembly**

**Sunday, December 4th**

**Deadline for ordering Poinsettias**



## **November Worship Notes:**

The new church year begins November 27 with the Advent Season. The Advent wreath is brought out of hiding. Three purple candles, a pink candle, and a white candle crown the Advent Wreath. Each Candle gives us focus on Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Christ. The pink candle is our “Joy” candle. Using the theme of “Joy”, our Sunday Advent Sermon Series will concentrate on the following themes”

Advent 1	November 27	The Christmas Joy of Prophecy (Isaiah 7:14)
Advent 2	December 4	The Christmas Joy of Bethlehem (Luke 2:12)
Advent 3	December 11	The Christmas Joy of Shepherds (Luke 2:8-11)
Advent 4	December 18	The Christmas Joy of Angels (Luke 2:13-14)
Christmas	December 25	The Christmas Joy of Christ (Isaiah 1:18)



Please come and experience the Joy of Christmas with your St. John family.



**Remember in Prayers Our Church Family:**

Mavis Smith	Janice Cordova	Sydney Wagner	Florence Bentke
Ella Ruemke	Gilbert Spinn	Helen Gaskamp	Cynthia Wilson
Verna Mae Sefcik	Linda King	Jerry Randermann	Mary Ann Luce
Connie Seward	Justin Reuter	Dorothy Wiesepepe	Mark Marburger
Tom Bentke	Earline Moody	Allene Holtkamp	Ruth Finke
Peggy & Milton Bosse		Donald Lange	Emery & Helen Schulze
Carol Crosby	Mike Altman	Dennis Moehlmann	



**Those celebrating baptismal anniversaries:** Keith Kroll, Chad Westerfeld, Kenley Hernandez, Donna DeLeon, Reece Knebel, Robert Spinn, Mia Davis, Janice Fairlie, Darren Huckert, Dianne Smith, Don Holtkamp, and Brandy Moehlmann

**Those celebrating wedding anniversaries:** Connie & Glenn Mueller, Larry & Linda Pieper, Emery & Helen Schulze and Michael & Cereann Chaney

**Our Family and Friends:**

Aaron Batot	David Lange	Nicole Clark
Amanda Gurka	Dorothy Bowles	Patty Addicks
Ann Fogt	John Teufel Family	Roger Ellermann
Barbara Richter	Kennedy Altman	Shannon Wellmann
Brandon Crumpley Family	Marilyn Lange	Sue Maass
Carol Lieber	Mark Hundemer	<b>Please notify the church office of prayer requests by writing a note on the back of your attendance card. Thank you!</b>
Christy Dallmeyer	Marvin Surret	
Corrie Newland	Missy Goldmith	

**Member offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you have not picked up your 2022 box. The Flower Chart is posted in the Annex. Please sign up to place your altar flowers!**



## REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

Linda Crabtree [prairiehillsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:prairiehillsecretary@gmail.com) Church Office Phone: 979-836-8666

Office hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00am-4:00pm Website: [www.stjohnnprairiehill.org](http://www.stjohnnprairiehill.org)

Church Council President Kenneth Seeker (512) 801-8663

# Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 18th

Sunday School Christmas in the Country

Saturday, December 24th

4:30PM Christmas Youth Program with  
Communion

7:00PM Candlelight Service with  
Communion

Sunday, December 25th

9:15AM Christmas Day Service



**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE  
SONG PRACTICE DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL. ALL  
CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.**

To sign-up, go to:

<https://bit.ly/stjohnph>

**CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM**

*Please let the church office know if you have had a change of address or phone number so that we may keep all of our records up to date. Thanks.*



**2022 ST JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President..... Kenneth Seeker  
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Worship & Music ..... Mary Longhofer



Choir Practices will resume in  
January. There will be no practices in  
December.



**CHOIR**  
*Practice*

*Ladies NALC Christmas Luncheon*

*December 14, 2022 at*

*The Cannery in Brenham*

*11:00-1:00, \$12.00*

*Tickets will be available soon.*





Forms for Christmas Poinsettias are located in the entry of the church and are available for \$12.00 each. Please place the form and your gift of money in the basket. Checks for payment should be made payable to St. John Lutheran Church.

In lieu of purchasing a plant, you can donate to the Prairie Hill Food Pantry  
Please make checks payable to St. John Lutheran Church - on memo line write Food Pantry.

Collection basket in Narthex or

**Mail to:** Glenda Stegent  
4508 Prairie Hill Rd  
Brenham, TX 77833

**Deadline for Ordering:** December 4<sup>th</sup>

# Christmas Progam

## December 24th

### at 4:30PM

