



**Joy Lutheran Church**  
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## Third Sunday in Advent



*Joy Lutheran is here to welcome all people,  
 celebrate Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior,  
 nourish spiritual growth for all and  
 serve human needs in every way.*

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
 Traditional Service 8 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m.

**Welcome** to Joy Lutheran Church. **If you are visiting us today, please fill out a white Visitor Information card in the pew.** If you have a prayer request, please use the reverse side of the Visitor Information card and hand it to an usher.

**Communion** Joy Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion at each regular worship service. This is a special meal that celebrates our unity of faith in Jesus who is our Lord and Savior. In this meal, Jesus gives us His body and blood, in, with and under the bread and the wine to forgive our sins and to strengthen our faith. Confessing this oneness of faith, we invite you to share in this special meal.

**Children in Worship** We encourage children to participate in worship services. We have children’s bulletins available for small children.

## Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. <sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

## John 1:6-8, 19-28

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>19</sup>And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” <sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even He who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**COVID 19 PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS WILL BE FOLLOWED.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** I wanted to let you know that there is an opportunity for everyone connected to our church community to participate in weekly Sunday School, done virtually. On our Website - Facebook - Youtube, you will find a weekly message and activity that focuses on God's word and faith in Jesus. At our church, you will find a Sunday School basket with craft activities. Go ahead and pick those up! Right now, we are looking at the characters of Christmas. Questions or ideas? Email Gary on the link below. Hope everyone is well and that we can ALL grow in Christ together.  
 God's blessings this Christmas, *Gary Steffenson* [garysteffenson@gmail.com](mailto:garysteffenson@gmail.com)

**VISITING OUR NEIGHBORS** We have been knocking on doors to cheer people up with music and take prayer requests this Fall. **For updates about current plans, please talk to Michelle Gillard.**

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING** This *Tuesday*, 7 p.m.  
**CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY SERVICES** will be determined at this meeting.

**LAST ADVENT SERVICE** This *Wednesday*, 7 p.m. No Advent supper

**NEXT SUNDAY** The Gillard family and John Ellsworth will perform and lead the music at both services.

**JOY VOLUNTEERS** will be on the road with Home Delivered Meals this week—M, T,W, F.

**HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY, WOMEN OF JOY!** Please take a “50 Years of Joy” ornament from the basket in the narthex. Use it as a reminder to pray for our congregation and thank the Lord for all His blessings over the years.

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** for December is in the narthex.

**ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING** will probably be in February depending on COVID rules. Three board positions will be open: 2 members-at-large and Leadership Team secretary.

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS** If you are willing, able, and available, the Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to “ring the bell” in Isanti County. The locations are Coborns, Cub, Fleet Farm, and Walmart on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays this week and next for two-hour shifts. **If interested please call Bev Pettit at 612-501-6662.** If you haven't done it before, it is really fun and usually well received. Masks and gloves are required. You don't touch anything but the bell. All money raised stays in Isanti County to help the needy.

**YOU CAN WATCH** Concordia University's (St. Paul) 2020 Fine and Performing Arts Christmas Concert, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, on Youtube for free through January 15, 2021 at: <https://www.youtube.com/concordiauniversity>

**December 13—December 20, 2020**

<b>Today</b>	Traditional Service	8 AM
	Contemporary Service	10:30 AM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Volunteers at Shalom	12:30—4 PM
	Leadership Team Meeting	7 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Last Advent Service (no supper)	7 PM
<b>Sunday, December 20</b>	Traditional Service	8 AM
Fourth Sunday in Advent	Contemporary Service	10:30 AM
	<i>Music at both services by the Gillards and John Ellsworth</i>	

**Christmas Eve and Day services will be determined at this Tuesday's Leadership Team Meeting.**

<b>Sunday, December 27</b>	Traditional Service	8 AM
	Contemporary Service	10:30 AM

**Sunday, January 3, 2021 ONE SERVICE led by Elders 9 AM**

**Assisting in Worship**

Service	Reader	Ushers	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ELDERS</u></b>                      Greg Thompson                      Rod Elmstrand                      Ken Wing                      Robert Severson                      Hugh Gibson</p>
Today 8 a.m.	Pat Jaeger	<i>Ministry opportunity</i>	
Today 10:30 a.m.	Sandy Wing	<i>Ministry opportunity</i>	
Next Sunday 8 a.m. December 20	Warren Kamps	<i>Ministry opportunity</i>	
Next Sunday 10:30 a.m. December 20	Mark Krueger	<i>Ministry opportunity</i>	

**TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT: Laurie Hoheisel, 763-689-4893. If Laurie is unavailable, please call the church office—763-689-4355.**

***In our prayers we remember:*** Gordon Cell and family; Kay Weber; Laurel Sonnabend; Mary Avre; Emerald Cramsie; Sheri Lundeen

***Keep these military personnel and their families in your prayers:***  
 Eric Bjorklund; Marcus Bjorklund; Pat & Tricia Cassidy; Kent & Jen Reichle