

Old Testament Reading:
Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

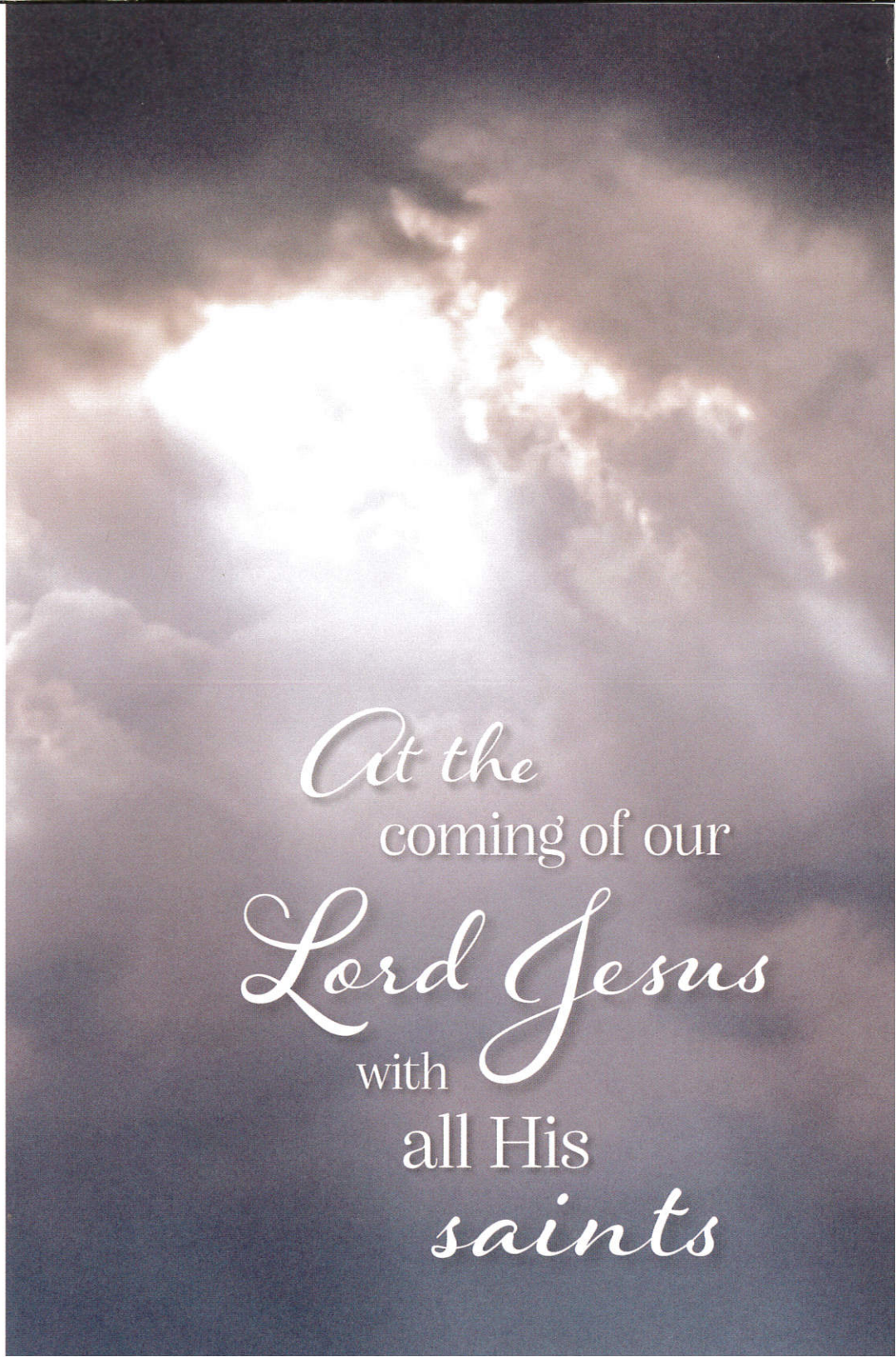
Holy Gospel: Luke 19:28–40

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going

up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”



About the Cover: As a cloud once obscured the disciples’ view of Jesus’ ascension into heaven, a day is coming when He will return in the same way (see 1 Thessalonians 4:17). The world shall see Jesus coming with all of His saints on the Day of Judgment. Though we do not see Him with our natural eyes today, we see Him by faith in His Word and Sacrament, where He delivers the benefits of all that He accomplished in His ministry, death, and resurrection. For in Christ, we have already passed through judgment and into eternal life through His forgiveness of our sins.



At the
coming of our
Lord Jesus
with
all His
saints

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December 1, 2024

First Sunday in Advent

Divine Service Three (Lutheran Service Book, p. 184)

Hymn of Invocation 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Invocation and Versicles (p. 184)

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸**Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Gloria Patri and Kyrie (p. 186)

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent

Collect of the Day

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. (*sung*)

Readings (on back of bulletin)

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

**Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Nicene Creed (p. 191)

Hymn of the Day 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

Sermon

Offertory (p. 192)

Presentation of the Offering

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayer concludes:

P ...one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament (p. 194)

(Please see the Communion statement in the pew pads for receiving the Sacrament at St. John's.)

Distribution Hymns:

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

513 The Clouds of Judgment Gather

Nunc Dimittis (p. 199)

Hymn to Depart 335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

Silent Prayer

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WE PRAY: Our excitement leaps unbounded, heavenly Father, Giver of every good and perfect gift, for Your unspeakable generosity which assures us peace in time and hope for all eternity in our Lord, Jesus Christ; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

WELCOME TO ALL!

We are anxious to share with you the Christ-centered ministry at St. John's. Our Liturgy follows closely the pattern of Word and Lord's Supper handed down from the ancient Church. It is our hope that you will make the Church's life of prayer your own. If you have difficulty following our order of service, please ask someone sitting near you for assistance. We pray that you will receive rich spiritual blessings from your presence here. May the peace and power of our risen Christ be yours always.

OFFICE HOURS

Terri's hours (Monday—Friday, please call ahead) 8 am—12 pm
Pastor's hours (Monday, Pastor's day off)
(Tuesday— Friday) please call ahead

STREAM SERVICES <https://www.facebook.com/St.Johns.Geneseo/> and on the website: www.stjohnsgeneseo.org.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES - use this website (www.lhm.org) to receive daily devotions sent to your email or phone. You never have to be without God's word.

All bulletin announcements need to be in the Office by Wednesday mornings.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Sunday school—67 Adult Bible Class—9 Worship—46

OFFERING

Offering last Sunday \$2,050.00
Weekly giving needed per 2024 Budget \$4,481.54

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST JOHN'S

Today 8:45 am SS, Adult/Youth Bible Study
10:00 am Divine Worship/Holy Communion
11:30 am Elders' meeting
Wednesday 7:00 pm Advent Service 1
Next Sunday 8:45 am SS, Adult/Youth Bible Study
10:00 am Divine Worship

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
Psalms 122:1*

LUKE 19:31 – "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it," and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities we live in). In each calling we have good work to do, which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

ATTENDANCE BOOK—We ask everyone attending this morning to sign the red attendance book found at the end of each pew, then pass it back.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—We don't have much time to get our order in. Please mark the sheet on the table next to the coat room no later than Dec. 5th. Please pay Terri Hock no later than Dec. 15th. Cost is \$10. Thank you.

THE GIVING TREE—You are invited to participate in this mission project. See the insert for directions. Bless others with your gifts of love this season.

FOUND—Gold hoop pierced earring in West parking lot close to entrance door. Check with Terri if you think it is yours.

LIFE THOUGHTS— "The Lord is our righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6b). What comforting truth for hearts troubled with sin's guilt that keeps resurfacing. Sometimes a past sin can be so haunting that we do not always feel forgiven, or we cannot forgive ourselves. The sin of abortion is a prime example. But our righteousness does not depend upon us or our feelings. Our righteousness is Christ! *Prayer: O Lord our Righteousness, may my comfort and hope be anchored in You and not my feelings. Amen.*

WITNESS & OUTREACH—Luke 19:28-40: “Blessed is the King that comes in the name of the Lord!” The Pharisees tried to silence those shouts of great joy. Jesus responds to the Pharisees, saying, “If these were silent, the very stones would cry out.” May we never let the rebukes of this world lead us into silence, but rather may the Holy Spirit equip us and give us the opportunity to cry out with the Good News that Jesus Christ comes to save us.

MESSAGE FROM LCRL—December 1 is celebrated as “Eat a Red Apple Day.” Students have often placed a polished apple on the teacher’s desk in hopes of influencing report card grades. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty does not condone bribery, but does advocate for Educational Freedom! See www.LCRLFreedom.org for more information.

DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS contributions are now being devoted to necessary infrastructure at University Lutheran Church in Champaign (UniLu). New toilets will be installed in a men’s room, and a new water heater installed for the building.

“Items like these seem far from glamorous,” said CID Mission Executive Ken Schurb. “They do not capture our senses until problems arise in connection with them. Then their importance stands out.” He added that plumbing as well as painting and many other such “background” elements help UniLu offer Christ in Word and Sacrament to University of Illinois students, faculty, and staff.

On October 24, CID President Michael Mohr declared complete the previous DFM project, which had been furnace replacements at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb. This project ended up requiring only about half of the \$25,000 originally set aside for it.

The Macomb furnace project was the last on the list approved by CID Board of Directors for this year. Under discretionary authority within guidelines that this board adopted for DFM, Pres. Mohr opened the current project to address known needs at UniLu.

For the third consecutive year, CID mission stations have been assembling a list of their projected repair and upgrades for the next 10 years. “The list makes it easy to look up needs at CID mission properties,” Pres. Mohr said. District congregations will see the total updated list prior to next summer’s CID convention. **Amount to be funded:\$5,000. Project:** Replace toilets in basement men’s restroom and replace water heater at University Lutheran Church, Champaign

ALTAR FLOWERS—**The 2024 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board next to the restrooms.** Cost for weekly flowers are \$30 for two arrangements. We greatly appreciate those who help with providing flowers for Sunday worship services. **Please sign up for a Sunday.**

PRAYER MINISTRY

The Church waits for the Second Comin in repentance, hope and faith. For the following, we pray “Lord, have mercy.”

MISSION—*We pray for hearts that imitate the generosity and graciousness of*

Jesus. Pray that God’s people would be eager to show forth the love of God through their good works for their neighbor.

ST JOHN’S—Mr. Nathaniel Helg—We offer before You our common request for the well-being of Your church throughout the world that it may be so guided and governed by Your good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace, and the righteousness of life. Specifically, we pray for Nathaniel and Payten asking Your blessings upon them.

ST. JOHN’S FAMILY—O Lord, You are the great Physician of soul and body. We pray that You would show mercy to Your servants:

Elizabeth Bjork	Paula Chapa	Joyce DeFauw
Betty Firch	Arlyn Helke	Jessica Johnson
Lynne Johnson	Linda Lundquist	Aaron Raschke
Drew Schillinger	Carolyn Wildermuth	Marilyn Woods
Dawn Daebelliehn		

Brandon & Shaeli Streeks & family (Adopted Seminarian)

Jon/Anita Clausing (missionaries in Kenya)

Don Eggers (son of friend of Marilyn Woods)

Jodi Martins (daughter of Gary & Darla Johns)

Shandel Loenser

Paul Werner (brother of Dan Werner)

Justin Rittenhouse (grandson of John/Nancy Wickwire)

Marty Cavato (cousin of Mary Jo Gehn)

Ellen Bauer (grandmother of Joel Werling)

Don Lutz (husband of an LWML friend of Liz Neumann)

Gary Kilstom (friend of Brad Gehn)

Shirley Nerud (mother of Pastor Nerud)

MILITARY—We pray for those serving in our military and their families:

Mandy Davila (daughter of Linda Aper)

Luke/Nicole Thompson (son/daughter-in-law of John/Kindra Thompson)

Karl Flynn (son of Mr/Mrs Paul Flynn)

Casey Powers Jr. (step son of Lisa Powers)

Brittany Loenser (daughter of Gabe Loenser)

Rylie Hallendorff (grand-daughter of Carolyn & Dan Werner)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just ‘looking for love in all the wrong places,’ if you’ll pardon the expression. Don’t look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God’s love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas ‘God so loved the world that He gave ...’” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Lutheran Church East Side Mission

The Mission collects some new and gently used items as gifts for siblings, parents and grandparents, kind of like at a rummage sale, and then the kids will pick out items they think are special for each person on their list. Once they have selected their gifts, they wrap and tag them, with supervision. When finished, they take them home to be opened on Christmas morning, or whenever their family celebrates. There are also food and drinks provided for the kids to enjoy.

It is one of the kids' favorite times of the year – they get sooooo excited! If you have some nice, new/gently used items that would make nice gifts for someone and you'd like to donate them.

This Mission is located at 805 Tremont Avenue, Davenport, IA 52803 .

We will gather your gifts now through December 11. Place them in the box under the Office Window. Thank you for your generosity.

The Giving Tree

Would you like a simple way to share the 'Good News' with others?

In the Narthex you will see 'The Giving Tree'. On this tree are several different opportunities for you to reach out to others with the love of Christ and the message of His salvation.

Choose the ornament/ornaments you desire and follow the instructions on the back of the each.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Phil's Friends

Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

Your love and gifts will be greatly appreciated this holiday season.

