

**2nd Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER 9-10, 2023**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm

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Call to Worship
Confession & Forgiveness
Litany of Praise
Prayer of the Day
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Message
Creed, Prayers and Peace
Offertory
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Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Blessing & Sending

Sunday Liturgical - 10am

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**WEEKLY WORSHIP
BULLETIN FOR
ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

Today's Bible Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11 Pew Bible p. 581
2 Peter 3:8-15a Pew Bible p. 988
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Pew Bible p. 473
Mark 1:1-8 Pew Bible p. 812

Today's Message

"Prepare to be Prepared"
by Rev. Owen Rhodes

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Righ - teous - ness shall pre -

pare a path - way for God.

Psalm 85:13

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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Lynn Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Sandy Alwens, and Nancy Varner.

Cancer treatments: Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, Vernon Thompson, Amy Nupp, Michelle S., Rev. Rhodes and family as they mourn the loss of Owen Jr., Natalie Zimmerly, and David Gaston.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Glicerica Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., and Ian Minner.

Other prayer requests: The congregation of St. John's to remain strong and faithful as we journey through the months to come.

Thank You: We would like to thank our Chancel Choir for their gift of music today.

POINSETTIA GARDEN: Poinsettia garden order forms are now available. Suggested donation is \$10 per plant. Forms and donations are due by Monday, December 11th.