



ADVENT II
MIDWEEK



Witness Days

SAINT JOHN
APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

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✠ St. John, Apostle & Evangelist ✠

PRELUDE

Magnificat
Creator of the Stars of Night

Jakob Praetorius and Charles Callahan
Georg Andreas Sorge and Charles Callahan

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Creator of the Stars of Night

Hymn 351

△ *Stand for the doxology*

SERVICE OF LIGHT

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PSALMODY

PSALM 141 — *sung by all*

PRAYER

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OFFICE HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate

Hymn 523

READINGS

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FIRST READING

John 21:20–25

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1—2:2

ANTHEM

O Emmanuel

Charles Callahan

Solo

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Savior:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

THIRD READING

Revelation 1:1–6

<u>SERMON</u>	'That Which Was from the Beginning ... Which We Have Seen'	
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<u>POSTLUDE</u>	<i>Magnificat</i>	Matthias Weckmann

SERVICE LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist.....	Pastor Michael Penikis
Organist.....	Kim Schuler
Kantor.....	Dr. Louis Schuler
Acolyte	Josh Fratzel (4:00); Lily Heimsoth (7:00)
Video	Dominic LaBelle

John 21:20–25 ESV

²⁰Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” ²¹When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” ²²Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!” ²³So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

²⁴This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

1 John 1:1–2:2 ESV

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Revelation 1:1–6 ESV

¹The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

About the Icons & Illustrations — The shields on the cover show symbols for John in his two main offices, Apostle (serpent in chalice) and Evangelist (eagle). His apostolic symbol concerns the tradition that John drank a poisoned cup but was unharmed (cf. Mark 16:18). The eagle, based on the four living creatures in Ezekiel, signifies the height John’s Gospel reaches even from the first chapter. The woodcut shows John in exile on the isle of Patmos, where he received and wrote the Revelation. The doves, symbol of the Holy Spirit, also symbolize God’s grace, as the name *John* (Hebrew *Yochanan*) means *the LORD is gracious*.