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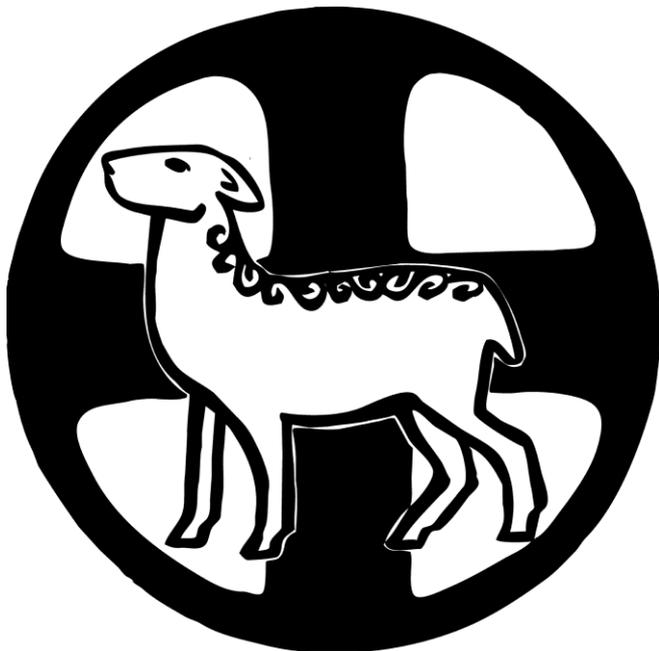
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

January 15, 2023

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Second Sunday after Epiphany**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Almighty God, in the quietness of these moments enable us to feel Your presence around and within us. Your awesome power and unconditional love overwhelm us. Thank You for being our God and for calling us to be Your people. Through Jesus Christ the Lamb of God we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern”

Buxtehude

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness.

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

“Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult”

LBW 494

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***KYRIE**



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Ⓑ** Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.

*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal



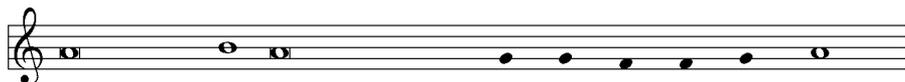
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

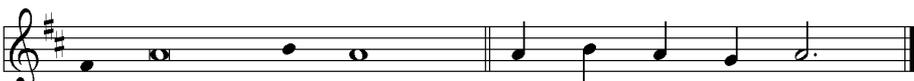


let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

P Lord God, You showed Your glory and led many to faith by the works of Your Son. As He brought gladness and healing to His people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

A The First Lesson is from the forty-ninth chapter of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

⁴ But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”

⁵ And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM

Psalm 40:1–12

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "I love to do your will, O my God." The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes), rests, and dynamic markings (accents) over the words "Kings" and "princes".

I waited patiently up- | on the LORD;*
he stooped to me and | heard my cry.

**²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the | mire and clay;***

he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my | footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;*
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!*

They do not resort to evil spirits or turn | to false gods. R

⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!

How great your wonders and your | plans for us!*

There is none who can be com- | pared with you.

⁶Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!*

But they are more than | I can count.

⁷In sacrifice and offering you | take no pleasure;*

you have given me | ears to hear you;

⁸burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,*

and so I said, "Be- | hold, I come. R

⁹In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:*

'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep | in my heart.' "

¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congregation;*

behold, I did not restrain my lips;

and that, O | LORD, you know.

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;*

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness

from the great | congregation.

¹²You are the LORD; do not withhold your

com- | passion from me;*

let your love and your faithfulness keep me | safe forever. R

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

A The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of First Corinthians.

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were

enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Here ends the reading.

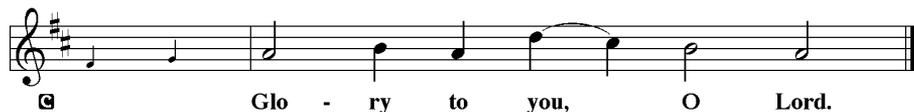
***VERSE**



***GOSPEL**

John 1:29–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

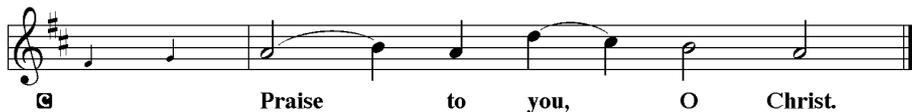


²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So, they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the

two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

LBW 82

SERMON

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Thank you, Father, for Jesus, for making him our doorway into your heart. Thank you for making him your dear Lamb, the sacrifice for our sin. Thank you for making him the light of the world, and of our lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

***PEACE**

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANTHEM

“Here I Am Lord”

Schutte

***OFFERTORY**



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

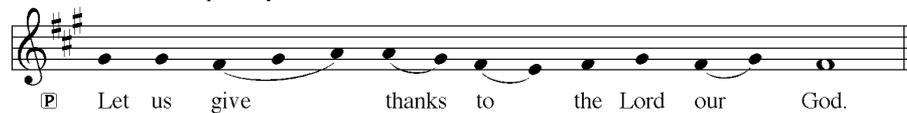
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

A Merciful Father,

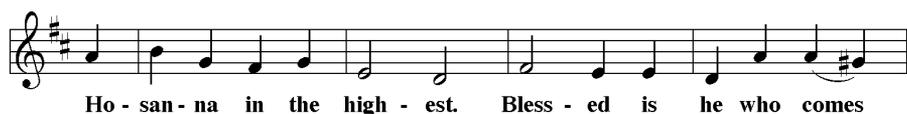
C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the

salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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**



☉ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 203, 562, 212 WOV 710, 709

***COMMUNION**

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present

In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

(Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available, please inform the Pastor of your needs)

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C Amen**

*CANTICLE



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray....Pour out upon us the spirit of Your love, O LORD, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

*BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C A - men

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

LBW 390

*DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Exaltation”

Mansfield

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A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.



Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space!

The flower chart for 2023 has been posted in the narthex.

Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. The price of altar flowers will be \$50.00.



Annual Congregational Meeting
January 29th, 2023



Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 29th. We will review the Bulletin of Reports, approve a budget for 2023 and elect an endowment trustee.

Pastor’s Study

Wednesday, January 18th @ 7:00 pm



STUDY GROUP

We are looking at the Book of Revelation. The study will follow the book, “Power and Purpose,” a book written by Pastor Russell Lackey who says that we have been asking all the wrong questions and therefore losing our focus on what the book is really trying to say. Come explore this very misunderstood book of the Bible. ***This study is for entry level students!***

You do not need to know anything about the Bible in order to attend!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday 1/15	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group ½ Lock-In
Monday 1/16	7:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry
Wednesday 1/18	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible study
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 1/19	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 1/22	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

YOUTH GROUP

ONE HALF LOCK IN

NO SCHOOL 1. 16. 23

SO... WE ARE STAYING UP LATE ON SUNDAY NIGHT

SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH 7 TO 11PM

RIDES HOME PROVIDED IF NEEDED

GLOW GAMES PIZZA MAKING GAGA

REVERSE CHARADES PRIZES

SERVICE PROJECT MOVIE



Katie's Cupboard

More than 38 million people—including 12 million children—in the U.S. experience food insecurity, leaving families to make hard choices between paying bills or buying groceries. Together, let's help everyone get enough to eat!

Suggested food pantry items:

- Canned tuna, ham or chicken
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pasta sauce and spaghetti
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Beef stew, chili, hearty soups
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Cereals
- Toiletries Cleaning & paper products

Donations to Katie's Cupboard can be left in the church parlor or in the outside cupboard at any time. Also, St. Johns accepts your donations of monetary gifts to buy items to stock the cupboard. For more information, please contact Tammy Fleeger @ 724-664-1773.

Thank you for your support!

*Kind words are
like honey...*



*Sweet to the soul
and healthy for the
body.*

- Proverbs 16:24

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Ladies Banquet

Inviting all the ladies ~ young and old to join us for a “sweet” time on **Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 1pm** for an afternoon of fellowship, food and some “bee-attitude” fun!

Matthew 5: 3-12 will be our scripture for the day

Join us as we share time together, learn about bees and have some silent auction fun. (Donations raised will help support the “lemon lift ministry”).

Return this flier in the offering plate with an envelope marked:

Ladies Banquet \$8.00/each Ages 12 and under free.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____ # under 12 _____ Total enclosed

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Julie Smith(E) Kay Thorell(L)
Lectors	Melissa Venesky(E) Richard Thorell(L)
Comm. Assistants	Melissa Venesky, Lori Young(E) Tabitha Bowser, Deb Bouch, Kyle & Patty Kirkpatrick(L)
Acolytes	Brody Hodak(E) Camryn & Lucas Bowser, Kendall Bailey, Noelle Smoyer(L)
Welcome Teams	The John family(E) The Smoyer family(L)
Camera Operators	Robert John(E) Keith Livengood(L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Christine Lettrich
Sexton	Michael Craft
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gaye Hughes from Gene Hughes.

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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