

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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**January 22, 2023**

**11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**

## THE Calling of the First Disciples

Matthew 4:18-22



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North America Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Third Sunday after the 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:*

*Lord Jesus, You have asked us to follow You, but often we go our own way. You call for our allegiance, but we allow our own desires and plans to keep us from serving You. Help us through this time of worship to be more obedient to You and faithful to our calling. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"*

Olsson

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

**P** Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

LBW 526

**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



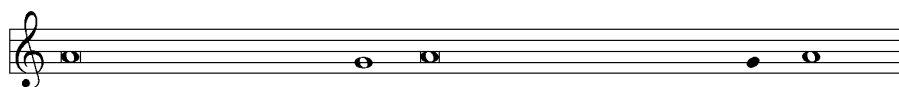
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



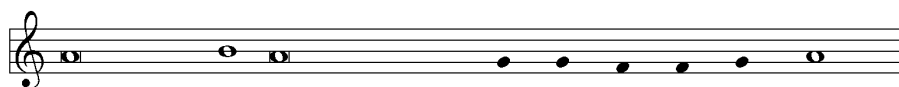
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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

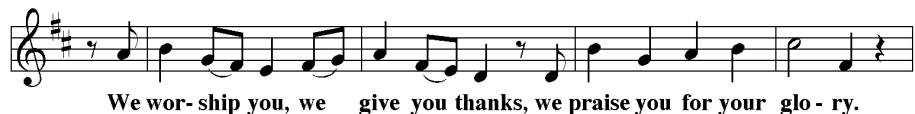


**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

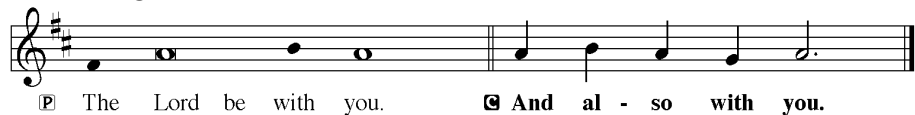
## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

**FIRST LESSON:****ISAIAH 9:1-4**

**A** The First Lesson is from the ninth chapter of Isaiah. But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
 have seen a great light;  
 those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
 on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
 you have increased its joy;  
 they rejoice before you  
 as with joy at the harvest,  
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
 and the staff for his shoulder,  
 the rod of his oppressor,  
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**PSALM:****PSALM 27:1, 4-13**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
 The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
 all the days of my life;**

<sup>6</sup>to behold the fair beauty of the LORD  
 and to seek him in his temple.

**<sup>7</sup>For in the day of trouble  
 he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
 and set me high upon a rock.**

<sup>8</sup>Even now he lifts up my head  
 above my enemies round about me.

**<sup>9</sup>Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
 with sounds of great gladness;  
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>10</sup>Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
 have mercy on me and answer me.

**<sup>11</sup>You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
 Your face, LORD, will I seek.**

<sup>12</sup>Hide not your face from me,  
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

<sup>13</sup>You have been my helper; cast me not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10–18**

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

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE**




Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12–23**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by

the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,  
on them a light has dawned.”

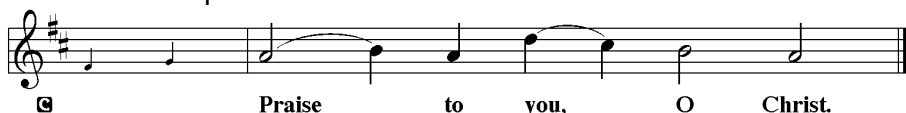
<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

<sup>18</sup> While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

## **P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“They Cast Their Nets”*

*LBW 449*

## **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.**

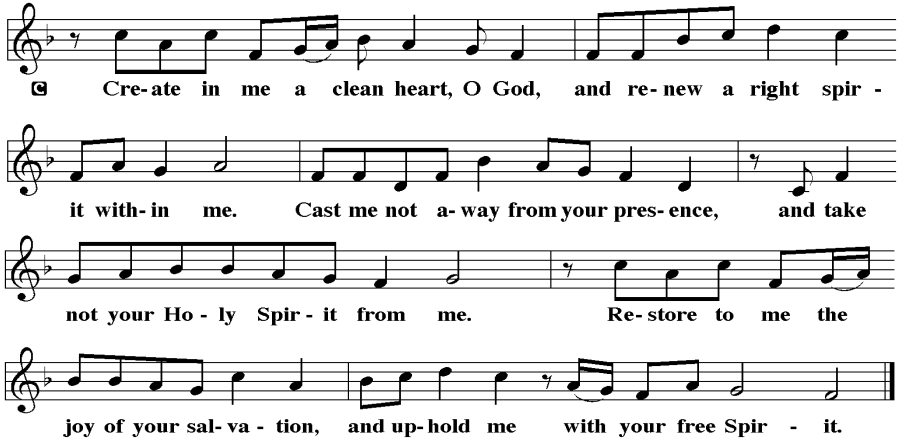
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**ANTHEM**

*“Shine, Jesus Shine”*

*arr. Fettke*

**\*OFFERTORY**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*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*

Lord, sometimes we think you see us only "From a distance." Sometimes that's right where we want you! But in Christ, you have promised to be God-with-Us, Emmanuel. Be gentle, Father, as you shed your holy light on our sin-darkened world! Thank you for the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit, who helps us to repent and to delight in your "joyous light of glory." 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

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**\*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.





**\*CLOSING HYMN** "God Whose Almighty Word" *LBW 400*

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** "O Nata Lux De Lumine" *Peeters*

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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!*

*Kind words are like honey...*

## **The Ladies Banquet is Today @ 1:00 p.m.**

**Inviting all the ladies ~ young and old to join us for a "sweet" time today, 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").

**Please 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



**QUAKE PITTSBURGH 2023  
PITTSBURGH AIRPORT MARRIOTT  
STUDENTS GRADES 6-12**

**RSVP DUE BY JAN. 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

We register as a group, so please let Julie Smith know if you would like to go by January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

**Information letter and Permission Slips will be mailed,  
as well as available at the church.  
See Julie with any questions.**

**COST:**

Cost: is approx.. \$200 per student, including, registration, hotel rooms, and food. BUT, St. John's pays over half the cost per student, if they're a member of St. John's. \* Non-members pay full price, \$200 per student.

**YOUR Cost: before Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$95 per student**

**After Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$120 per student.**

**\*\$225 per non-member**

**\*\*\*SCHOLARSHIPS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED ONE. PLEASE SEE JULIE SMITH, IF YOU NEED ONE.**

**Time: Friday Jan. 27th. Departing from St. John's around 4:30p.m.**

**We will be returning around 12:30p.m. on Sunday Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>.**



**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.

Price of altar flowers is \$50.00.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

<b>Sunday 1/22</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ladies Banquet</b>
<b>Monday 1/23</b>	6:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music
<b>Wednesday 1/25</b>	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
<b>Thursday 1/26</b>	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Friday 1/27</b>	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
	4:30 p.m.	Youth leave for Quake Event
<b>Saturday 1/28</b>		Youth at Quake Event
<b>Sunday 1/29</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Annual Congregational meeting</b>
	12:30 p.m.	Youth return from Quake Event

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Congregational Meeting**



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

## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Assisting Minister  
Lector  
Acolyte  
Welcome Team  
Camera Operator

Deb Bouch  
Jerah Wranich  
Mitchell Wranich  
Jack & Debbie Griffin  
Nick Wranich

## **STAFF MEMBERS**

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry  
Secretary  
Sexton  
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music  
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith  
Christine Lettrich  
Michael Craft  
Rebecca Veith  
Elizabeth Cramer

## **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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