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February 13, 2022

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



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 **Sixth 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:

Our Father in heaven, grant that we may find our joy in those things that are good and right; but especially grant that we may find our real joy and satisfaction in knowing and experiencing You. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Wie Schön Leuchte”

Pachelbel

***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**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LBW 250

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.



☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

JEREMIAH 17:5–10

A The First Lesson is from the seventeenth chapter of Jeremiah.

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

¹⁰ “I the LORD search the heart
and test the mind,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his deeds.”

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 1

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND LESSON:**1 CORINTHIANS 15:12–20**

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

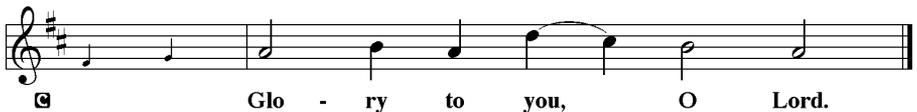
¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

A Here ends the reading.

VERSE****GOSPEL:*LUKE 6:17–26**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

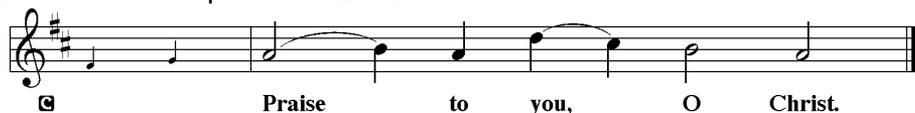
24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

26 "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

LBW 492

SERMON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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ANTHEM

"Blessed Are They"

Haas

*OFFERTORY

Musical notation for the Offertory. The melody is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Create 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	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
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday 2/14	7:00 p.m.	No Council meeting
Wednesday 2/16	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Junior Choir/Children's Chimes
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 p.m.	NO Pastor's Bible study
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 2/17	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	Noon	Women's Bible Study at King's
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 2/20	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	Noon	Habitat Luncheon
	12:30 p.m.	Youth Group



The flower chart for 2022 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. Flowers are \$50.00.



Women's Bible Study

will be held at King's restaurant on Thursday, February 10th at noon. Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at rosetrix_38@comcast.net. All are welcome!

St. John's March Meltdown Party

All Ages Winter Blast At the Falcon's Club in Ford City

Friday March 25th 7:00-10:00 pm

Everyone bring an appetizer to share...

music, games, bowling, prizes and more!



Habitat Luncheon
Next Sunday,
February 20, 2022

St. John's Habitat Luncheon
Social Ministry & Fellowship Committee
will be holding a luncheon
On Sunday, February 20 following worship
to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

Please place your donations to benefit Armstrong County Habitat for Humanity by marking your offering envelope "Habitat Luncheon" in the space marked "other" and place in the offering plate during worship.

Our menu is: pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, vegetable, applesauce, cake and beverages.

The Genevans choir
from Geneva College presents a concert
"The Word became Flesh and Dwelt among us"
at 7:00 p.m.

on Sunday evening, March 6.

At St. John's Lutheran Church Admission is free;
a love offering will be received.



Men's Bounty of the Earth Banquet 2022
SUNDAY -March 20, 2022 5:00pm

Help! We need donations of game in order to serve game at our Bounty of the Earth Men's Banquet. We will also be serving beef for those less adventurous

palettes.

ADULT
Sunday School

Anyone who wishes to join the **Ladies of the Von Bora Sunday School class** every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. is welcome. We meet in the Church chapel on the second floor of the Education building. Contact person is Nancy Pierce and all are welcome!

Katie's Cupboard needs your help!

Open - no questions asked, **Katie's Cupboard** fills gaps in services provided by organizations with operating hours and/or requiring paperwork/documentation. **It also encourages community and love for neighbor.** Join us in supporting Katie's Cupboard project in two ways. Purchase items when grocery shopping and place inside the cupboard. Volunteer to work on the "keep it stocked committee" to find ways to sustain this outreach through the congregation and community



Kentucky Disaster Response

We have all seen the terrible devastation from the aftermath of the tornadoes that ravaged Kentucky. Please keep them in prayer as they deal with the destruction.

NALC Disaster Response has sent truckloads of supplies to Kentucky and is on the ground. Pastor Pamela Thorson is preparing House of Prayer in Elizabethtown KY to be the staging area for work teams and disaster supplies.

Our Mission District has sent \$2,000 and truckloads of supplies.

Supplies continue to be collected and sent. A Mission Trip is being organized for one of the weeks in May.

St. John's has sent \$600 and supplies, including toys for Christmas.

We are collecting Health Kits, Flood Buckets, Gift Cards and donations to be sent.

To send money contributions to the NALC Disaster Relief mark on your envelope or in the Memo line - KY tornadoes

Reminder - 100% goes the tornado response.

St. John's is a drop-off spot for relief items.

Social Ministry Collection for Kentucky Tornado: Health Kits

Items for health kits are as follows:

- One hand towel: 15 x 25 or 17 x 27
- One metal nail file or nail clipper with file
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- One gallon sized zip lock bag.



- One washcloth
- One comb
- Six band-aids

\$1 to purchase toothpaste

All items must be new! If you prefer, financial support may be given to be used for the purchase of kit items and/or shipping costs

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Julie Smith (E) Nancy Pierce (L)
Lectors	Lori Young (E) Roger Mechling (L)
Comm Assistants	Lori Young, Jill Wranich (E)
Acolyte	Colvin Adkins (E) Kendall Bailey (L)
Greeters	Mitchell & Jill Wranich(E) Christine & Lance Whiteman(L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich (E) Keith Livengood (L)
Ushers	Ryan Shafer, Todd Mechling, Brett & Megan Taylor

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 with the left vase in deep, abiding Valentine's Day love and honor of Auntie Boo, Nana, MeeMaw, Grammy, Great-Grandma and Mommy and the right vase in celebration of Grammy's 61st birthday by Mr. Erik John Repak.

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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