

St. John's Lutheran Church

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January 14, 2024

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 Word and Sacrament this morning as we celebrate the **Second 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:

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"* *arr. Manz*

***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** *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* *WOV 650*

***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.**

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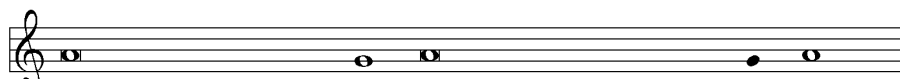
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



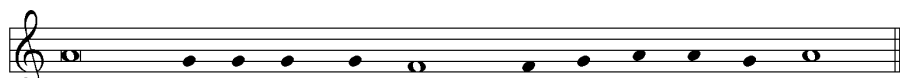
Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



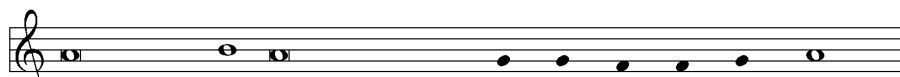
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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


*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



☩ 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,

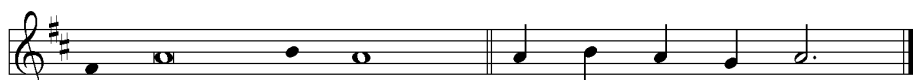


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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, 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

A The First Lesson is from the third chapter of First Samuel

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶ And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am."

¹⁷ And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹ And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

Psalm 139:1–5, 12–17

LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**²You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

³Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**⁴You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

⁵Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**¹²For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

¹³I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**¹⁴My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

¹⁵Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

**¹⁶How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!**

¹⁷If I were to count them,
they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

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

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the

members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!
¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.”
¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.
¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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:

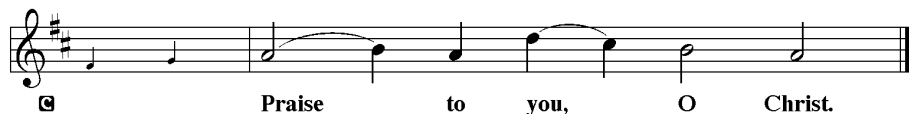
John 1:43–51

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”
⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN** "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" LBW 492

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.

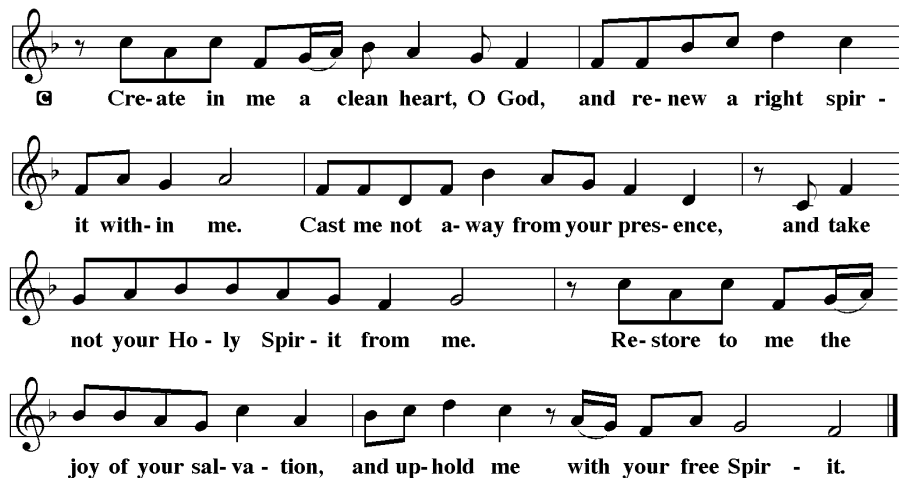
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

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

ANTHEM "Here I Am, Lord" Schutte

***OFFERTORY**



***THE PRAYERS**

With gratitude for the gift of Christ, let us draw near to our heavenly Father in prayer, asking His mercy for the Church, the world, and all who need His loving-kindness.

Father, thank You for being patient with us! Thank You for calling us to be Your disciples, prophets, teachers, servants, saints, and even fools for Christ. Thank You for using simple words to reveal profound truth. Help us to do the same as we share Your Word with those who don't know You well.

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 Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***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**

***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.



G A - men

***CLOSING HYMN**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

LBW 503

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"March"

Clark

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

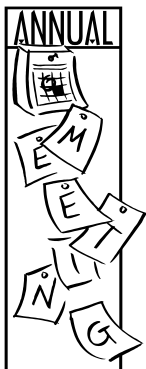


Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space after worship.

Flower Calendar

The flower chart for 2024 is in the narthex. Please sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

The price of altar flowers is \$50.00. Thank you!



Annual Congregational Meeting

Scheduled for
January 28th, 2024

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 28th. We will review the Bulletin of Reports, approve a budget for 2024 and elect an endowment trustee.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today 1/14	8:30 a.m.	Rock of our Salvation Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 to 11:00 p.m.	Youth Group Half-Lock In
Wednesday 1/17	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	5:30 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 1/18	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 & 7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Friday 1/19	6:00 p.m.	Winter Jam
Sunday 1/21	8:30 a.m.	Rock of our Salvation Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion

Childrens Hour, 9:30am-11am, weekly.

We will provide a safe and clean environment for the kids to gather in small groups and learn amazing Bible Stories, cute Crafts, preschool concepts and fun activities! As we grow up in faith!

Katie's Cupboard Winter Supply List

Personal Care Items

- Shampoo/conditioner, Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
- Moisturizer, Pads/tampons, Diapers/wipes
- Deodorant, Chapstick, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Handwarmers

Paper Products

- Paper towels, Toilet paper, Kleenex

Nonperishable Foods

- Peanut butter and jelly in plastic
- Boxed/bagged grains/beans: rice, couscous, quinoa, red beans, white beans
- Pasta: dry pasta, bagged pasta meals, mac n' cheese
- Pasta sauce in plastic, Cereal: cold and hot
- Peanut butter and other snack crackers
- Applesauce, Dried fruits, Granola bars
- Canned complete meals (Dinty Moore, Lasagna, Spaghetti O's)
- Canned vegetables, Canned fruits
- Dry Goods (coffee, hot chocolate, tea, flour, powdered milk, sugar), Cake mixes, cornbread mixes, muffin/pastry mixes
- Canned meats (SPAM, Vienna sausage, tuna, chicken)



We have a Texting App!

Mojo texting was created FOR churches! It is safe and doesn't sell your number to anyone else!

If you would like to receive schedule changes, updates, reminders and announcements from St. John's, please text the word **GRACE** to 7242765321. It will send you a welcome message.

You will now receive important messages via text about what's going on at St. John's!

Messages will only be sent out on occasion and when important changes need to be communicated.

Thank you so much!

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Smith.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Rebecca Swanson (E) Cheryl Mechling (L)
Lectors	Jerah Wranich (E) Deborah Bouch (L)
Communion Assistants	Nick Wranich ,Jill Wranich (E)
Welcome Team	Smoyer Family (E) Jazwinskis (L)
Acolytes	Mitchell Wranich (E) Kendall Bailey (L)
Camera Operator	Robert John (E) Keith Livengood (L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	TBA
Sexton	Colin Toy
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 memory of Gaye Hughes by 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.

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