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## St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

We come together to love God and one another, Serve others, and Share God's Word.  
We do these things by God's Grace that comes through the death and  
resurrection of His son, Jesus Christ.

**Worship 10:00 am**

**Holy Communion**

**Pastor Tim Swanson**

**January 22, 2023**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Ministers Members**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **GATHERING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798**

### **GREETING**

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

## KYRIE (*spoken*)

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-4** <sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make 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 lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I <sup>1</sup> be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one <sup>1</sup> thing I seek;**  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God <sup>1</sup> in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will <sup>1</sup> give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- <sup>1</sup> on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies <sup>1</sup> who surround me.**  
**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music <sup>1</sup> to the LORD. R**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> when I call;  
have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message—<sup>1</sup> “Seek my face.”**  
**Your face, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-<sup>1</sup> vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of <sup>1</sup> my  
salvation. **R**

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the  
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-18** <sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and  
sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that  
there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same  
purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among  
you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,”  
or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ  
been 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 can 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 proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of  
Christ might not be emptied of its power.

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

*Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.*



**GOSPEL** The Gospel according to St. Matt. the 4th chapter. **Glory to you O Lord.**

**Matthew 4:12-23** <sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked 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 fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    **I Love to Tell the Story**    **ELW 661**

## **CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance.

Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere.

Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. (*Especially we pray for . . .*) Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community (*Vision Team, WACOCA*). Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share God's Peace.

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERING SONG**



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
 of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
 lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
 We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.  
 Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power,  
 and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
 You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and  
Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly  
blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your  
holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and taste the joy of God!

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG      We Are Marching in the Light      ELW 866**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, **To LOVE, SERVE, and SHARE** God's word.

### **Worship Assistants**

**Musician – Jenny Dawson**

**Lay Reader – Stephanie Cotterman**

**Communion Assistant – Steve Stockslager**

**Altar Guild – Steve & Cindy Dafler**

**Ushers – Dave Weaver and Buzz Wright, Fred Boebel, Al Souleyrette**

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***Altar flowers are given in honor of Lorey Collins' birthday.***

### **Church Records**

In order to LOVE, SERVE and SHARE God's Word in 2023, we commit to regular attendance at worship and Sunday school, to time spent in service to others, and daily Bible reading and prayer. As God blesses us with what we need, we respond with gifts that support God's work at St. John's. In order to meet current expenses, we have committed to monetary gifts totaling almost \$2096 a week.

***Statistics for January 15, 2023***

***Attendance: 37***

Current	\$1391.00
Benevolence	360.00
Disaster	25.00

Missionary	50.00
TVS	25.00
World Hunger	75.00
Total	\$1926.00

## Announcements

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship today!

**Food Bank Needs** – Green beans, ramen noodles, and egg noodles.

**Bible Study** – Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Pastor Tim is leading a study on Paul's triad use of "Faith, Hope, and Love" in his letters.

**January Birthdays & Anniversaries** – 16<sup>th</sup> Steve & Cindy Dafler (A), 22<sup>nd</sup> Julie Dafler (B), 26<sup>th</sup> Lorey Collins (B)

**Homeless Shelter Meal** – Tuesday, January 24. Darlene & Becky S.

**WACOCA Meeting** – Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 pm at Community Christian Church.

*In less than one year multiple church council seats will be open. Please take some time and envision how your active leadership on St. John's council might impact the life of this congregational.*

### **GOSPEL MESSAGE Worth the Risk**

Perhaps Peter, Andrew, James, and John had heard rumors of this wandering preacher Jesus. Maybe they had been growing restless for some time in their lives as fishermen. It's possible they sensed that something was shifting in the world around them. They could have been fed up with the brutality of the Roman Empire and were looking for a leader to bring about change. Maybe they longed for something more, for a better way of living and loving and being. Maybe they were just so taken aback by this invitation to drop everything and follow that they couldn't help but say yes. We don't know their reasons for joining the Jesus movement that day, but there was clearly something so compelling about this kingdom of heaven (Matthew 4:17) that they were willing to drop their nets, risk everything, and not look back.

Perhaps we too hear in the gospel today a renewed invitation to get swept up in this kingdom, a call to drop old ways of being and embrace a life of following Jesus. Maybe this vision of the kingdom catches us when we witness ancient scripture finding new life in our hurting world. Perhaps we glimpse the possibilities of the heavenly kingdom when communities of unlikely people gather to share bread and wine at the same table, and when we see the hungry being fed, the suffering being cared for, the lonely finding welcome, the oppressed finding freedom. Suddenly, we know that this is God at work.

As Jesus reminds us, the kingdom of heaven is not a far-off kingdom. It draws near to us, breaking in around us perhaps in the moments when we least expect it. And when we catch sight of it, we just might never be the same. A world where the sick are healed, the hungry are fed, the outcasts find belonging, and ordinary days are filled with holy purpose? That's a kingdom worth risking everything for.

**PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF January 16, 2023**

Donele Rice, A.J. Hatfield, Kelly Coffman, Phyllis Warner, Eleanor Steele, Pastor Mary and Tikkun Farm in Cincinnati, Don Voge, Diane Harry, Sue Johnson, Amy Leedy, John DeVilbiss, Dan McKinley, AJ McKinley, Dottie, Dolly Shelton, Terry & Connie Wysong, Andrew Obst, Pat Collins, Maxine Ingram, Eric Walker.

**GRIEVING:** Family of Dane Stockslager

**MISSIONARIES:** Jonathan & Michelle Voge & Family

**ST JOHN FAMILY:** Nancy Wright, Lynn Voge, Fred Boebel, Judy Erbaugh, Paula Schiml, Cindy Dafler, Amy Stockslager, Glen Behnken, Bruce Sams & family, Bob Combs, Marna Beneke, Mark McKinley.

**SHUT-INS:** Butch Spitler, Janet Ferguson, Reenie Halsey, Catherine Dafler.