

A New  
Beginning  
with

# God

Be made new in the attitude of  
your minds; and to put on the  
new self, created to be like God

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*Ephesians 4:23-24 (NIV)*

# St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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**Services:** Sat. 5:30pm – Sun. 8:00am & 10:30am

# Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> floors. Those on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

## Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's .....	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp .....	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Ms. Jerry Starner .....	12:15pm Organist
Ms. Jerry Starner .....	6:30pm Organist
Evan & Aleece Lotz .....	Acolytes
Mr. Fred Bray.....	12:15pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis.....	6:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis 217-821-6728.....	Elder on Duty for Dec. 20 – Dec. 22
Chatelain School & Baja School .....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins.....	(773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott .....	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions .....	through our District and Synod

December 31, 2023 5:30pm

New Year's Eve &

The Eve of the Name of Jesus

### Holy Communion

Welcome! When the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord's Supper we confess the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26) We believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present "in, with and under" elements of the Holy Supper. Please register your intent to commune on the pew card after prayerfully reading it. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

### DIVINE SERVICE ONE



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #900

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

### Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**Hymn #380 Hark!**

**The Herald Angels Sing v. 3**

**3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 6:22–27*

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 8; antiphon: v. 9*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

**to still the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

<sup>4</sup>what is man that you are mindful of him,

**and the son of man that you care for him?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

**and crowned him with glory and honor.**

<sup>6</sup>You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

**you have put all things under his feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,

**and also the beasts of the field,**

<sup>8</sup>the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

**whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

## Epistle

*Galatians 3:23–29*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn #380

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing st. 2**

2 **Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

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### Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:21*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

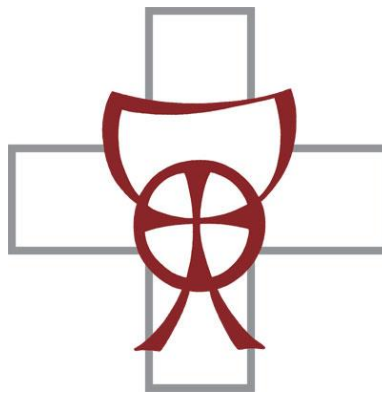
Sermon

*Pastor Michael Koschmann*

Prayer of the Church

Offering

**Service of the Sacrament**



**Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**



## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.**

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*

**C** 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.

**Distribution**

Hymn #393	<b>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</b>
Hymn #376	<b>Once in Royal David's City</b>

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**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.

**C Amen.**

<b>Hymn #898</b>	<b>The Ancient Law Departs</b>
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