# Welcome!

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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#### **Office Hours**

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**Christian Education**Sun. 9:15 am

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Sat. 5:30 pm Sun. 8:00 am Sun. 10:30 am

Proclaim the Christ.

Grow the Family.

Love the Neighbor.

**Pastors** 

Mike Burdick Trey Dille

**Feb. 23, 2025**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



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.

- Offerings are placed in the boxes at the doors, before or after worship.
- Little Children's Worship bags are available by the elevator door.
- 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.
- 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 <u>yellow</u> cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us	
Each Member of St. John's	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick	Pastor
Rev. Trey Dille	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier	Preschool Director
Ms. Jerry Starner	Organist
Mrs. Holly Adams	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music
Mackenzie & Madison Stuemke, Paisley Bloemer, & Cloie BaileyAcolytes	
Mr. Dave Worman	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Ray Hartman (217-240-8178)	Elder on Duty for Feb 23 – March 1
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

**Altar Flowers** are in celebration of Jerry & Vernabelle Lankford's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until

He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. Thank you.

## You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.

## "How Great Is The Greatness Of God"

Preservice #1

How faithful the Father above How wondrous the work of the Son How sweet is the Spirit given to us How great is the greatness of God

Morning by morning with every dawn My soul with a new song awaits Even in evening my praise goes on Forever my God is the same

How faithful the Father above How wondrous the work of the Son How sweet is the Spirit given to us How great is the greatness of God

When my heart gazes on Calvary At all of your mercies arrayed Oh that my Savior would die for me I sing out with infinite thanks How faithful the Father above How wondrous the work of the Son How sweet is the Spirit given to us How great is the greatness of God

Oh what a comfort in every trial
His presence is all that I need
Power that brought resurrection life
That power is living in me
That power is living in me

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<sup>&</sup>quot;How Great Is The Greatness Of God" written by Bryan Christopher Fowler, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa© Getty Music Hymns and SongsScripture Reference: Psalm 145:3, Psalm 48:1, Deut. 32:3-4CCLI Song: 7245983CCLI License: 51072

"All My Tears" Preservice #2

When I die, don't cry for me
In my Father's arms, I'll be
The wounds this world left on my soul
Will all be healed and I'll be whole

Sun and moon will be replaced With the light of Jesus' face And I will not be ashamed For my Savior knows my name

It don't matter where you bury me
I'll be home and I'll be free
It don't matter where I lay
All my tears, be washed away

Gold and silver blind the eye Temporary riches light Come and eat from Heaven's store Come and drink, and thirst no more

So weep not for me, my friends When my time below does end For my life belongs to Him Who will raise the dead again

It don't matter where you bury me I'll be home and I'll be free It don't matter where I lay All my tears, be washed away

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#### **DIVINE SERVICE ONE**



**Prelude** 

**Call to Worship** 

Welcome

Hymn #569

In Adam We Have All Been One

Come dear Lord, be our guest, as we gather together.

May our hearts glow with love, keep us close to you ever.

Friendship and joy, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever,

Bless our homes, bless our friends, Bless our common endeavors.

May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and Keep You Forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you forever!
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#### **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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

#### Service of the Word



## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 45:3–15

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

#### **Epistle**

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought

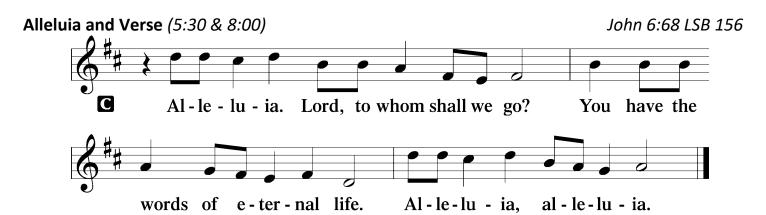
with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Children's Sermon



Holy Gospel Luke 6:27–38

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sermon

"The Power of Mercy"

Genesis 45:3-15

Hymn #843

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

## "O Church Arise" (Arise Shine)

(10:30) **Sermon Song** 

O Church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of Truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Arise shine for your Light has come Arise shine for the risen Son Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride Arise O Church arise

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues 'til the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride Give grace for every hurdle That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful As saints of old still line the way Retelling triumphs of His grace We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in Glory

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#### **Prayer of the Church**

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

## Offering Presentation / Collection of Cards

#### Service of the Sacrament

#### **Preface**

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- 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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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:

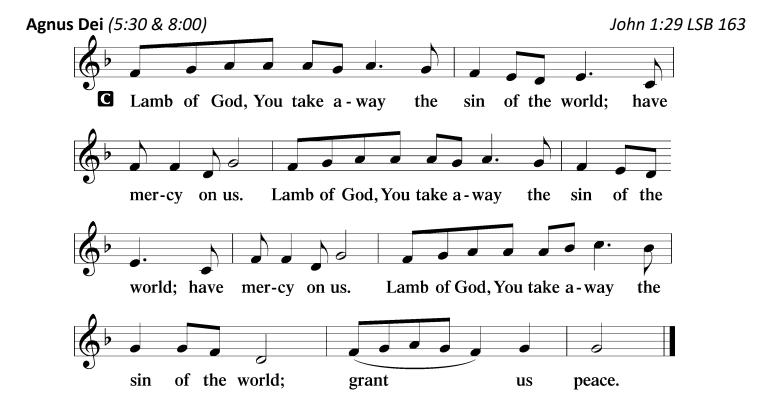
## **Lord's Prayer**

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 LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



#### Distribution

Hymn #409	Hail, O Source of Every Blessing
Hymn #696	O God, My Faithful God

# "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

(10:30) Communion Song

Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand Ponder nothing earthly minded For with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords in human vesture
In the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food
Rank on rank the host of heaven

Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light descending
From the realms of endless day
Comes the powers of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away

At His feet the six-winged seraph Cherubim with sleepless eye Veil their faces to the Presence As with ceaseless voice they cry Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Lord Most High Alleluia Lord Most High

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.

## Hymn #814

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

## "We Want to See Jesus Lifted High"

(10:30) **Closing Song** 

We want to see Jesus lifted high A banner that flies across the land That all men might see the truth and know He is the way to heaven

We want to see Jesus lifted high A banner that flies across the land That all men might see the truth and know He is the way to heaven

We want to see, we want to see We want to see Jesus lifted high We want to see, we want to see We want to see

Step by step, we're moving forward
Little by little, taking ground
Every prayer a powerful weapon
Strongholds come tumbling down and down and down

We want to see Jesus lifted high A banner that flies across the land That all men might see the truth and know He is the way to heaven

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We want to see Jesus lifted high A banner that flies across the land That all men might see the truth and know He is the way to heaven

We're gonna see, we're gonna see We're gonna see Jesus lifted high We're gonna see, we're gonna see We're gonna see Jesus lifted high

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#### **Postlude**

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