



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Christian Preschool
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Sunday, January 14, 2024
Second Sunday after Epiphany



John 1:43-51

Key: L = Leader, C = Congregation

Prelude:

“Just As I Am”

Robert Thygerson

Welcome

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Ron James in memory of Sue James.

****Extra flowers**** are sponsored by Kay Tjaden’s Family in Honor of Kay’s 85th birthday

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Karen Streich in memory of Loved Ones.

Invocation

Gathering Hymn:

“Dearest Jesus, At Your Word”

#520

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Apostolic Greeting:

L: 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.

Prayer of the Day:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Read by Saeli Chase

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the 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. ⁴Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and 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. ⁶The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up 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.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev’rywhere I go, I’m goin’ a let it shine
Ev’rywhere I go, I’m goin’ a let it shine
Ev’rywhere I go, I’m goin’ a let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I’m goin’ a let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I’m goin’ a let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I’m goin’ a let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Song:

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia:

L: The Holy Gospel according to John 1:43-51



John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon:

Pastor Russ Leeper

Song of the Day:

“My Lighthouse”

Video

Affirmation of Baptism

The Prayers (L): Lord in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

Sawyer Schultz	Marilyn Isakson	Linda Girken	Gloria Frerichs
Connie Swant	Bill Wohlers Jr.	Imani Sande	Carol Bauer
Ruth Farmer	Noa Mulholland	Don Knowlton	Scott Aspholm
Lorna Scrimger	Skip Ward	Marilu Wohlers	Axel Heller

Prayers and condolences to Brian Watkins and his family upon the passing of his father.

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Kaleb Bilharz, Mackenzy Bilharz, Tanner Evans, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Drew Roethler, Robson Shankland, Ben Hauser



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

**Response:*

“Take Our Lives”

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;
Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

The 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.

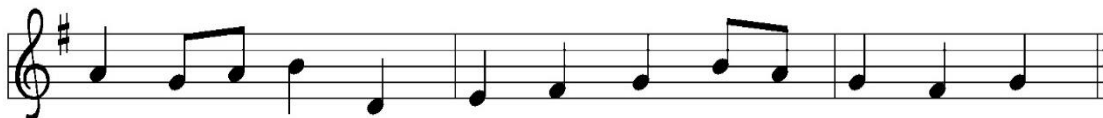
The Benediction



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!



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NEW OFFICE HOURS!! (Monday thru Friday)

OPEN 9 AM TO NOON
CLOSED NOON TO 1 PM
OPEN 1 PM TO 3 PM

January 14--January 21

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship Adult Affirmation of Baptism *Possibly* Installation of Stephen Ministry Leaders 10:00 AM After Worship Social Time 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Schedule 10:10 AM Deacons Annual Report Distribution
Monday	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	2:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Stewardship Board SM Training Preschool Board
Wednesday	9:00 AM 3:30 PM	Do Day Quilters Wednesday Night Supper & Activities
Friday	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Girl Scouts Wedding Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Worship/Communion Sunday Morning Schedule

Offering from the week of:

January 7, 2024

General Receipts:	\$12,157.28
Designated:	\$637.00
Total	\$12,794.28

General Receipts of \$9,580.03 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Sunday Attendance: 185

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

HELP NEEDED

in the kitchen during the month of March

To Volunteer...

Contact: Shirley Holm
OR
Sandie Quade

Wednesday Night Supper

****January 17****

Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches,
Mashed Potatoes, Carrots,
Ice Cream

Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults
Children through 12th grade
free thanks to
Kans for Kids
(Menu subject to change)

Wednesday Night Schedule

3:30 pm	After School
5:00 pm	Supper
5:30 pm	Kids Choir
6:00 pm	Confirmation
6:00 pm	Tone Chime Choir
7:00 pm	Trinity Choir
7:00 pm	Dartball

Annual Meeting: January 28th Parish Hall @ 10 AM

Annual Meeting Breakfast - Everybody Loves a Potluck!

As in the past, a meal will be served at the annual meeting on January 28. Eggs, biscuits and gravy, and caramel and cinnamon rolls will be provided. Church members are invited to bring sides to share if they are able. There are no rules - whatever you like to eat, others will enjoy, too! Some ideas are muffins, coffee cake, quick bread, yogurt, fruit, and salads. If it doesn't work for you to bring something, please don't let it deter you from attending - there will be plenty of food. The potluck items are just a bonus!



GriefShare is a 13-week grief support group that is beginning again at St. John. Join us to find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

Tuesdays at 6:30***January 23 through April 16
Register at GriefShare.org or call the church office at 228-3397.
See Susan Leeper for more information.

After Worship Social Time

Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday!!

*****Special Note*****

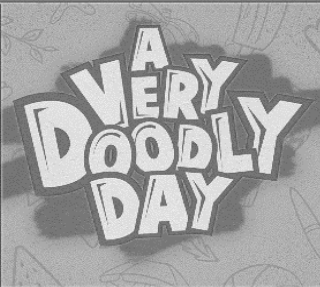

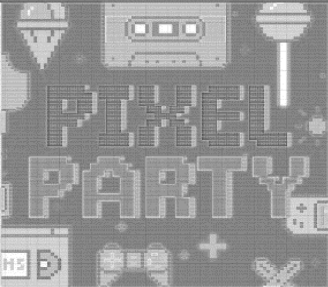
We need volunteers to sign up to bring treats. There is a sign-up sheet by the Narthex doors.

(To assist in planning for this...we currently plan for "approximately" three (3) dozen treats.)

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast 2024

On the glass case in the Narthex are the 2024 sign-up sheets for Altar Flowers and the Radio Broadcast.

The radio broadcast is enjoyed by many of our St. John members who cannot watch it on YouTube or attend in person.



**JOIN US
FOR
AFTER
SCHOOL
PROGRAM**

Wednesdays from 3:15 to 5:00pm
The St John bus picks up at IC, Lincoln,
Washington and the Middle School
Join anytime!



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM Needs Your Help!

We need adult & youth volunteers to help with snacks, crafts, and games on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 PM. If you're interested please contact Pastor Russ, Sarah Kendall, or the church office