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January 15, 2023; Second Sunday after Epiphany



John 1:29-42

Prelude:

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Welcome

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

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Harold Begemann in memory of Shirley Begemann

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

“Christ, be Our Light”

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1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Apostolic Greeting:

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading:

Isaiah 49:1-7

Read by Whitney Franke

49 Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

“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.

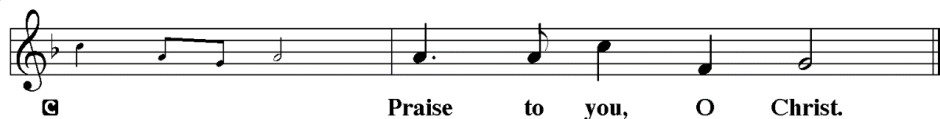
P: The Holy Gospel according to **John 1:29-42**



²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Song of the Day

“My Lighthouse”

Video

The Creed

The Apostles’ 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.**

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy,
 Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please keep the following in prayer:

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| Sue Ayers | Dave Hagen | Randy Kreger | Leon Mulford | Ron Venz |
| Joyce Boehmer | Helen Hagen | Jerry Meader | Duane Ortmyer | Marilu Wohlers |
| Rodney Ellis | Shirley Hall | Kathy Michael | Calvin Schultz | Bill Wohlers Jr. |
| Ruth Farmer | Linda Hoy | Larry Milleson | Beverly Hinders Trost | Carmen Wolf |
| Linda Girken | Donald Knowlton | | | |

Family of Carl Raymond Johnson

Mary Jean Zilm on the passing of her daughter

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

The Offering

The Offering Hymn

“We are an Offering”

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "We are an Offering". It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line of music has a 3-measure rest at the end. The second line has a 3-measure rest at the end. The third line has a 3-measure rest at the end. The fourth line has a 3-measure rest at the end. The fifth line has a 3-measure rest at the end. The sixth line has a 3-measure rest at the end. The lyrics are: "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."

*Response

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in.
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

The Communion

The Words of Institution

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 Distribution

“As the Grains of Wheat”

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

“We Will Glorify”

We will glorify the King of Kings;
We will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of Lords,
Who is the great I Am.

Hallelujah to the King of Kings;
Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords,
Who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty;
We will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness;
We will worship Him alone.

“All Hail King Jesus”
All hail, King Jesus. All hail, Emanuel.
King of kings and Lord of lords, bright morning star.
Throughout all eternity, I’m going to praise Him;
And for evermore, I will reign with Him. **2 Times**

Communion Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn:

“My Life is in You”

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it’s in You;
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it’s in You. **REPEAT**

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
with all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it’s in You;
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it’s in You.

Postlude:

“Abide with Me”



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January 15 - January 22

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Comm
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Stewardship board
	6:30 p.m.	Preschool board
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Do Day Quilters
	3:30 p.m.	After School
	5:00 p.m.	Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Dartball at St. John
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:05 a.m.	Education Hour

**ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE CONGREGATION
JANUARY 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
IN THE PARISH HALL**

The St. John youth will serve a breakfast of scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, ham & cinnamon rolls during the Annual Meeting on January 29th. Free will donation goes to youth working at the brunch.

After Worship Social Time! Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, there is a signup on the treat table!

Adult Bible Study is at 10:15 in the Chapel each Sunday. Each week we will be taking a closer look at the Bible readings for that Sunday. It's a chance to go deeper in the scriptures for that week and have conversation about them.

2023 Giving Envelopes can be picked up in the Narthex!

Wednesday Night Supper
Menu for January 18:
Chicken bake with corn, salad, dessert
Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00 for adults, children through 12th grade free thanks to Kans for Kids

**Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast
2023**
On the glass case in the Narthex are the 2023 signups for Altar flowers and radio broadcasts! The radio broadcast is enjoyed by many of our St. John members who cannot watch it on YouTube or attend in person.

**Offering from the week of
January 8, 2023**

Attendance:	176
General Receipts:	\$18,529.46
Designated:	\$585.00
Total	\$19,114.46

REMINDER: Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1st**.
St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1st**.

Do Day Quilters are now meeting the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.! All are welcome to join them!