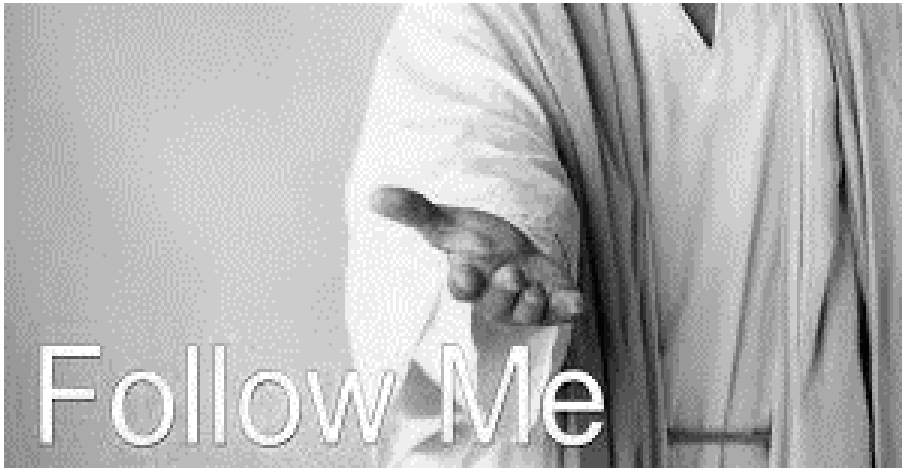




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**Sunday, January 21, 2024**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



**Mark 1:14-20**

*Welcome*

The flowers on the Altar are sponsored by Susan Shankland, in memory of Steve Shankland.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Nadonne & Lenis Buseman, in memory of their son, Steve Buseman.

*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:*

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

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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 forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

*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.

Hymn of Praise:

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord”

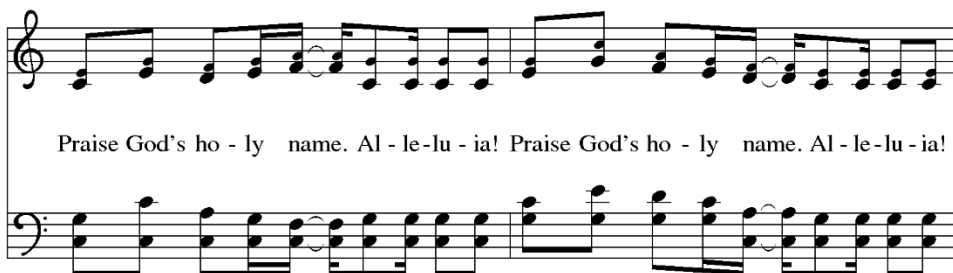
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Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



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*Prayer of the Day*





## **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 (L):* Lord in your mercy,  
Response: **hear our prayer.**

### ***Please keep the following in prayer:***

Sawyer Schultz	Marilyn Isakson	Linda Girken	Sherman Loudermilk
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
Marian Hoeft	Deb Watkins		

**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

*The Offering Hymn:*

**“Light Shone in Darkness”**

#307



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,  
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;  
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,  
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,  
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, “Praise for the light. A - men!”  
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!  
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

**\*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 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.

*Communion Invitation*

**“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”**

**#484**



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

#515

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

# “Christ, Be Our Light”

#715



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.

*Communion Blessing & Benediction*

*Sending Hymn*

**“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

**#543**



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

**L:** Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

*Postlude:*

**“Make a Joyful Noise”**

**Franklin Ritter**



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**NEW OFFICE HOURS!! (Monday thru Friday)**

<b>OPEN</b>	<b>9 AM TO NOON</b>
<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NOON TO 1 PM</b>
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>1 PM TO 3 PM</b>

***Annual Meeting: NEXT SUNDAY!! January 28<sup>th</sup>  
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!***

**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"**

## January 21--January 28

Sun	1/21/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Worship &amp; Communion</i>
		10:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday Morning Schedule</i>
		<i>Annual Report Distribution</i>	
Mon	1/22/2024	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Tue	1/23/2024	6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Grief Share (Chapel)
Wed	1/24/2024	9:00 a.m.	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
		5:00 p.m.	<i>Wednesday Night Schedule</i>
Sun	12/28/2023	9:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>
		10:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday Morning Schedule</i>
		No Sunday School	<i>Annual Meeting</i>

### 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

Offering from the week of:

January 14, 2024

General Receipts:	<b>\$14,571.17</b>
Designated:	<b>\$735.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,306.17</b>

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

**Sunday Attendance: 69**

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS**

**HELP NEEDED**  
in the kitchen during the  
months of  
**March.**

**To Volunteer...**

**Contact: Shirley Holm OR Sandie Quade**

### Wednesday Night Supper

**\*\*January 24\*\***

Tater Tot Casserole, Applesauce,  
Cookies

Supper is from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults

Children through 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
free thanks to

Kans for Kids

(Menu subject to change)

# GriefShare®

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](http://GriefShare.org) or call the church office at 228-3397.


See Susan Leeper for more information.

*As precautionary steps for safety and security, we would like to ask all attendees and visitors of St John, to make sure you are locking your vehicles anytime you are inside the church or away from your vehicle.*

## 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



## Please help support...

### St. John Christian Preschool

Purchase Kwik Star gift cards and the preschool receives 5% of the face value!!  
Please contact Whitney or Toni if you are interested.

St John gets requests for coats all winter long  
We are currently in need of:

**Boys and girls size 7 through 12 coats**  
**Gloves and mittens of all sizes**  
**Larger sizes of hats**

Donations can be dropped off at the office.  
Monetary donations can be made out to Coats for Kids.



