

*Second Sunday After the Epiphany*

*St. John's Lutheran Church*

January 13-14, 2024

*Divine Service Two, page 167ff.*

**Red Bud, Illinois**

**PRELUDE:** "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" *arr. by David Christiansen*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**OPENING HYMN: 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"**



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my  
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!  
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 167 (*please stand if you are able*)

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.

**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.**

### INTROIT: Psalm 40



<b>I have not hidden Your de- / liv-er-ance;</b>	<b>I have spoken of Your sal- / va-tion.</b>
<b>I waited patiently / for the Lord;</b>	<b>He inclined to me and / heard my cry.</b>
<b>He drew me up / from the pit,</b>	<b>out of the / mi-ry bog.</b>
<b>He set my feet up- / on a rock,</b>	<b>making my / steps se-cure.</b>
<b>He put a new song / in my mouth,</b>	<b>a song of praise / to our God.</b>
<b>Many will / see and fear,</b>	<b>and put their trust / in the Lord.</b>
<b>Glory be to the Father and / to the Son</b>	<b>and to the Holy / Spir-it;</b>
<b>As it was in the be- / gin-ning,</b>	<b>is now, and will be forever. / A-men.</b>
<b>I have not hidden Your de- / liv-er-ance;</b>	<b>I have spoken of Your sal- / va-tion.</b>

**KYRIE:** pages 168-169 (*we sing the responses*)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

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 mer-cy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: A-men.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** “This Is the Feast” pages 171-72

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. **C: (sung) Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: (sung) And also with you.** P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 3:1-10**

Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The 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. Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” and 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.

And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose 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.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you

shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL:**

Praise the Lord, all nations!    **Extol Him, all peoples!**

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

**bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

**THE EPISTLE READING:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:12-20**

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 173 *(sung)*

**Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**John 1:43-51**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C: *(sung)* Glo-ry to You, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip

found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And He said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed**

*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) Apostles' Creed (page 175)*

**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.**

*(10:30 a.m.) Nicene Creed (page 174)*

**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.

*(please be seated)*

*(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.)* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.  
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"**



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;  
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.  
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.  
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.  
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

**SERMON:** "The Difference Between 'Can' and 'May'" 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:12-20

*(please stand if you are able)* **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(see bulletin notes)*

*(Each petition ends "Lord, in Your mercy" and we respond, "hear our prayer.")*

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Wil Guebert, Betty Fausz, Ken Ruwald, Sharon DeRousse, David Blakenship, Jane Blankenship, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Sherry Winkelman, Gary Schwartzkopf, Jay Prigge, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton,

Jack Kennedy; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members*: Tyson Moonier, Dorothy Fulton, Rhonda Black, Mike Coffey, Keith Conboy, Isabella Despain, Joe Candler. *Help us keep this list current!*

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+birth of a son to Kory and Natalie (Ruebke) Liefer on January 6

+those who mourn: the family of Lorine Reinhardt who died in the Lord Tuesday; the family of Edna Moeller who died in the Lord Wednesday; the family of Donald Buch (father of Chad Buch) who died in the Lord Monday

+for peace in the Holy Land and comfort for those who mourn and suffer

**OFFERTORY:** (page 176)

**What shall I ren-der to the Lord, for all His ben-e-fits to me?**

**I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,**

**In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.**

*The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services conclude here:*

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**COLLECT**

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our

hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:** page 183

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. **A-men**

**CLOSING HYMN: 830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”**



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re-deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.  
 But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;  
 Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

**THE POSTLUDE:** “C Major”

*by Georg Friedrich Handel*

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION:** In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 177ff.

**Preface** (*spoken*)

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.**

**Proper Preface**

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, who, on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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** (*sung*)

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.**

**Lord's Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

Pastor: ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (*sung*) A-men.**

**Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *(please be seated)*

**398 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**



1 Hail to the Lord’s a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid’s great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



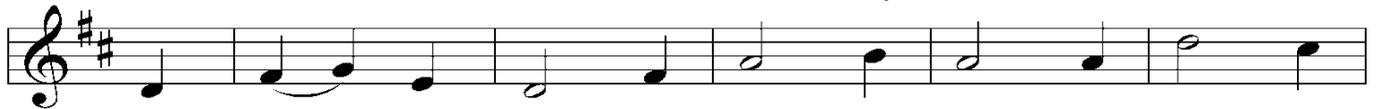
He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.

5 O’er ev’ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,  
 From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.  
 The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
 His name shall stand forever— That name to us is Love. Public domain

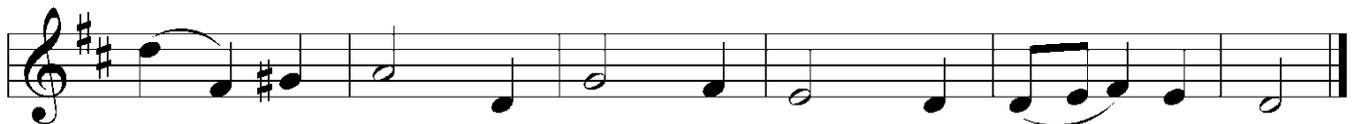
## 624 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con  
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who  
 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the  
 rail on bend - ed knee Our hun - gry mouths from



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.  
 Him re - ceive The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.

- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;  
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,  
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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## 807 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 “May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
 Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 “May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round  
 Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
 Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
 Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
 Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Nunc Dimittis”** page 182 (*please stand if able*)  
*(we sing)* **Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful - filled.**  
**My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre - pared in the sight of**  
**ev’ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your**  
**peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;**  
**as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENECTION:** page 183

Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-  
 kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake  
 You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake  
 Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we  
 may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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. **A - men**

**CLOSING HYMN: 830 “Spread the Reign of God the Lord”**



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther’s will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er’s grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv’n Now to guide us on to heav’n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, might-y Word, the field; Ripe the prom-ise of its yield.  
 But the reap-ers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of har-vest, great and kind, Rouse to ac-tion heart and mind;  
 Let the gath'-ring na-tions all See Your light and heed Your call.

### **THE POSTLUDE: "C Major"**

*by Georg Friedrich Handel*

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### **This Week With Our Lord, January 14-21, 2024**

#### **SUNDAY, January 14-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Classes  
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion  
 6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

#### **Monday, January 15- No School!**

6:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting in school cafeteria  
 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library  
 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

#### **Tuesday, January 16-**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball at Valmeyer  
 7:00 p.m. Evening Guild gathers in the Fellowship Hall

#### **Wednesday, January 17**

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Public School Conf. classes  
 9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel service at school  
 9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, January 18- Boys' ALTA team tournament**

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, January 19- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in new gym

9-11 a.m. Edna Moeller Visitation; 11 a.m. Funeral

Saturday, January 20-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion: Acolyte- Case Hess

SUNDAY, January 21-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion: Acolyte- Blaine Rohlfing

9:30 a.m. New Member Welcome in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative): Acolyte- Kaydence Proctor

Noon Junior Youth to Perryville Rec Center

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 338; Communion: 173; Bible classes: Adults- 50; SS & Youth: 43

*And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25)*

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Altar flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Christian education that Carson, Camden and Ava Moll are receiving here at St. John's. These are gifts from their grandparents Kevin and Pam Miller. Thank you!

+To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:

We join together in the grace of giving. 1/31- General: \$19,829; School: \$245. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7)*

SINGING IN WORSHIP:

Jan. 21, 8 a.m. School grades Kdg.-2; Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m. Grades 3-8

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Nebel leading "The New Heavens and the New Earth." Mr. Palm's class on Bible Survey will meet this Sunday in the school library.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "How Could She Ever Forgive Him?"

Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler explains why it is not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice (Matthew 18:27). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19-20 – "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we

learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty and faith.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

God has blessed Kory and Natalie (Ruebke) Liefer with the birth of a son, Eli James, on January 6 at Mercy South Hospital. He joins his older sister Eleanor at home. Thanks be to God for His gift of life in the birth of a child!

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

+We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Lorine Reinhardt who died in the Lord Tuesday evening at the age of 96 years. Her funeral was here at St. John's on Saturday. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

+We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Edna Moeller who died in the Lord Wednesday evening at the age of 97 years. Her funeral service will be here at St. John's on Friday at 11 a.m. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

**POINSETTIA FLOWERS:**

If you donated a poinsettia for our chancel and sanctuary's decoration over the Christmas season, please feel free to take one home with you today. Thank you!

**THANK YOU:**

+We thank Marie Voges for her many years of recording on the computer our worship and Holy Communion attendance as listed in our Friendship pads. Cindy Steele now will be doing this for us.

+”Thank you (to our Junior Youth) for your loving kindness shown in your gift of a warm, Christmas-scene blanket which the students diligently tied. I can't imagine how much time you spent doing that! It was a perfect gift for me because I had given my winter blanket to a friend who has no heat.” *Ruth Hecht*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:**

Our mission project this year (10% of offerings) is benefitting the Musketeer Market & Royal Table. These are operated through our local District 132 Schools that supply families with food, basic care needs, and supplies for making birthday cakes for the elementary children in our local community. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

**JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:**

Our January Junior Youth Group Event is moved from this Sunday to next Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at the school parking lot at noon to go to the Perryville Rec/Aquatic Center (800 City Park Drive, Perryville, MO). The rec center has a large pool with a slide, high diving boards, and a lily pad thing. There are also basketball courts and pickleball. A day pass is \$5 for all activities. We plan on leaving the rec center at 4 p.m. at the latest.

**SUPPORT FOR LIFE NETWORK:**

+Our annual baby bottle fundraiser for Life Network of Southern Illinois is taking place. You may pick up a baby bottle in the entryway, fill it with loose change over the next month, and bring it back to church when it is full.

+Please bring baby items to help support Life Network of Southern Illinois! Tables are set up at school and church. This is a mission of 2nd Grade and Lutheran Schools Week this year. We are collecting throughout the month of January. Thank you!

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME:**

Those who joined St. John's family of faith in the year 2023 through baptism, transfer of membership or Adult Confirmation are invited to be recognized and celebrated at our New Member Welcome on Sunday, January 21 in the Fellowship Hall between worship services (9:30-10:15 a.m.). Baptism lambs will be distributed. Representatives from our congregational groups will share what their members do. Refreshments will be enjoyed!

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:**

We will observe National Lutheran Schools Week January 22-26. The theme is "Connected." To show the connection with our church family, we ask for students and/or families to help at worship by passing out bulletins and greeting people as they arrive. We need two students/families to volunteer for each of the following services: Saturday, Jan. 20 @ 5:00 pm; Sunday, Jan 21 @ 8:00 am or 10:30 am; Saturday, Jan. 27 @ 5:00 pm; and Sunday, Jan. 28 @ 8:00 am or 10:30 am. Grades K-2 choir is singing at 8:00 am service on Jan. 21. Grades 3-8 choir is singing at 10:30 service on Jan. 28. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office at 618-282-3873 or use this sign-up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AD29A0F4C70-47127917-national>

**PARISH NURSE NOTE:**

Reading a good book (e.g. Bible) reduces unhealthy stress hormones by 68%. This is better than listening to music, drinking tea or coffee or walking.

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:**

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting will be on Sunday, January 28 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be an election of officers and ministry board members. There will be a report on our financial results for 2023. Our Senior Youth will host a lunch in the Fellowship Hall beginning at noon.

**CASEY'S REWARDS:**

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to St. John's school through the Casey's app. Thank you!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024:**

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2024 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find one with your names on it or have one that you do not intend to use, please call Leslie in our office (282-2394) so she can adjust the list.

**SENIOR YOUTH:**

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. A money box for payment (honor system) is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

**ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:**

An Adult Instruction Class has begun on Sundays at 6 p.m. in the school library the basics of Christian Doctrine as taught in the Lutheran Church. This would be a good refresher course for those already confirmed or it could lead to communicant membership at St. John's for those who so desire. You still can join! Contact Pastor if you have or know of one who has an interest in this class.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

1/14- Alan Schwegel, Liam Kilpatrick; 1/15- Doris Stamm, Jim Schluter, Grace Langrehr; 1/16- Nicholas Mounts; 1/17- Mary Guebert, Mary Sachtleben, Mark Thompson, Jeffrey Neff; 1/18- Eunice Wiatr, Hailey Nichols; 1/19- Lois Mesnarich, Melissa Gramenz; 1/20- Kim Moll, Jim Sitzes, Easton Lucht, Ella Cowell. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:**

Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Ken Ruwald, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County-Sparta: Don Kueker; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Bria-Columbia: Sharon DeRousse; Freeburg Care Center: Wil Guebert.

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:**

Kathryn Chunn, Mary Gross, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Paul Schrieber, Arlin and Helen Winkelman, Carl and Flo Zschiegner

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Pat Byer, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth Koester, Barb Korves, LuAnn Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Viola Muench, Harold Thies, Trudy Woolbright

**THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. To serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at [dvheller@htc.net](mailto:dvheller@htc.net) or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

**DEATHS ELSEWHERE:**

+Karen (Hering) Stark of Glenarm, Illinois, died in the Lord January 3 at the age of 65. She was the daughter of Ruby (Guebert) Hering, originally of Red Bud. Funeral service was Jan. 9 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chatham, Illinois.

+”Toni” Klinger of Belleville died in the Lord on January 5 at the age of 96 years. She was the grandmother of Lisa Guebert. Her funeral service was January 13 at St. Peter Cathedral Catholic Church in Belleville.

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

KFUO Radio AM 850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, continue studying 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at

8:00 a.m.), finish studying Ephesians and begin Philippians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship with us in Daily Chapel (weekdays at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and the KFUE Radio app!

### **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL- 618/853-7300**

The COS Trivia Night and Silent Auction to support Post Prom and our mission trip will be Friday, January 19. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the trivia starts at 7 p.m. Adults \$15, students \$7 with up to eight people per table. Reserve your spot by filling out this form: <https://bit.ly/COSTrivia2024> or calling 618-853-7300.

Basketball: Join us for the Co-Ed Alumni game at COS on January 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Banner Updates: Twenty years ago, our Association Churches created banners to hang in our gym. Some of the banners are showing their age. COS is encouraging our Association Congregations to create new banners to help us celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Call school for details.

Sponsor a Thrivent Action Team: If you would like to organize or participate in a Thrivent Action Team to benefit COS, please call us to let us know what you would like to do. We can help you fill out the application.

Registration for Second Semester 2023-2024 is open! If you have a student or know someone who is high school age, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Call 853-7300 to schedule a private tour. Registration for 2024-2025 will start in January. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org).

School Hours: Office hours are open Monday – Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

*The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.*

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Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann      Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens  
 Sixth Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel  
 Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan  
 Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben      Athletic Director – Scott Voss  
 School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm  
 Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Madison Shields, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Wuertz, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Jill Wetzel

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer      Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse  
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 Trustee Chair:                      Estate Fund Chair: Brian Guebert  
 Lutheran High School Board: Rebekah Liefer and Vickie Heller

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel; Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak  
 Lectors: (8 a.m.) DCE Bill Becker; (10:30 a.m.) Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff  
 Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Molly Kuehn; (8 a.m.) Aubrey Kiefer; (10:30 a.m.) Lucas Summers  
 Greeters: (5 p.m.) Virginia and Mark Moeller; (8 a.m.) Clyde and Kathy Rowald; (10:30 a.m.) Gerald and Jill Hanebutt  
 Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm      Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr  
 Flower Server: Cindy Steele      Paraments: Ella Hemmer