

Welcome

“Missing the Point”
February 4, 2024



ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church
Grounded • Growing • Branching

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church

Good morning and a blessed welcome to you! It is an honor to have you worshiping with us this morning and we pray that you find great comfort and peace in Jesus' Word of love, mercy, and forgiveness!

At St. John's we are pleased to offer two styles of worship services on Sunday morning. In our 8:30 a.m. traditional service, we offer familiar hymns and rich, traditional worship forms in a meaningful and inspirational setting. Our 11:00 a.m. contemporary service includes the same message as our 8:30 a.m. service, but in an informal style, enhanced with contemporary music. We encourage you to try both worship styles! Thank you for worshiping with us; we would love to have you join us again!

(If you need assistance or need a hearing aid device, please see one of the ushers.)

The Lord's Supper

Though we are eager for all to participate fully in the Lord's Supper, we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us. Because Scripture states that the Lord's Supper can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, we ask all visitors to refer to the following statement of belief regarding the Lord's Supper before communing:

I am truly sorry for the sin in my life. I am struggling to die to my sin and to live in faith in Jesus. I am looking to Jesus to empower me to stop my sinning and to live a new life in Him. I believe when I receive the bread, I am receiving the true body of Christ, and when I receive the wine, I am receiving the true blood of Jesus. I believe that when I receive His true body and blood my sins are forgiven, I am given power over sin, death and the devil, and the gift of eternal life. My faith is completely in the words of Jesus.

The Lord's Supper offers the two-fold gift of forgiveness and peace with God on the one hand, and unity and oneness among those who commune together on the other hand (Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 10:16-17). Those who receive the body and the blood of the Lord do so in terms of their relationship with God as well as with their fellow-communicants. Therefore, all baptized believers who understand and agree with the above Lutheran teaching of the Lord's Supper are welcome to attend. As always, we encourage you to speak with Pastor Ray or Pastor Aaron with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

8:30 A.M.

Our Vision: Grounded in Christ, Growing in Faith, Branching to Others

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND A TIME FOR PRAYER

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME/GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

Please take time to complete the appropriate side of the attendance registration cards. Once completed, pass the cards toward the center aisle. They will be collected during the offering.

OPENING SONG

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (Vv. 1,2,4,5)

LSB 394

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: I have trusted in Your steadfast love;

C: **my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.**

L: The Lord lifts up the humble;

C: **He casts the wicked to the ground.**

Silence for reflection.

L: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of

our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*sung*)

(P.154)

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (ESV)

L; This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

¹⁶Yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News! ¹⁷If I were doing this on my own initiative, I would deserve payment. But I have no choice, for God has given me this sacred trust. ¹⁸What then is my pay? It is the opportunity to preach the Good News without charging anyone. That's why I never demand my rights when I preach the Good News. ¹⁹Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. ²⁰When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this

so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. ²¹ When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. ²² When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. ²⁴ Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified. (NLT)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29–39

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung)

²⁹ After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew's home. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. ³¹ So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them. ³² That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door to watch. ³⁴ So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak. ³⁵ Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. ³⁶ Later Simon and the others went out to find him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ But Jesus replied, "We

must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came.”³⁹ So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons. (NLT)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

“Missing the Point”

Mark 1:29-39

Pastor Adam Ray

NICENE CREED

OFFERING

*Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at
www.stjohnsdecatour.com/giving*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*The Leader will conclude every prayer with: “Lord, in Your mercy,”
People respond with: “hear our prayer.”*

LORD'S PRAYER

PREFACE (*responses sung*)

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (*sung*)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>O Son of God, in Galilee</i>	LSB 841
<i>Your Table I Approach</i>	LSB 628
<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	LSB 621

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

<i>Thy Strong Word (Vv. 1-4)</i>	LSB 578
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Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed	\$12,403.85
General Fund	\$8,916.00
Online	\$2,095.50
Total Giving	\$11,011.50

Last Week's Attendance

Traditional Service	136
Contemporary Service.....	56
Total.....	192

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OPENING SONGS

House of the Lord
God You're So Good

WELCOME & GREETING

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SCRIPTURE READING

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APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

He Is

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Thank You Jesus For The Blood

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Adam Ray
Worship Leader	Pastor Aaron Bird
Reader	Cathi Tavarczyk
Communion Helper	David Salogga & Kevin Tavarczyk
Lay Minister	8:30 – Drew Miller 11:00 – Larry Westbrook
Organist	Ted Hesse
Ushers	8:30 – David Munson 11:00 – Tom Schollenbruch/Serenity Calhoun
Computer	8:30 – Mike Patzwitz 11:00 – Ellie Hesse
Live Stream	8:30 – Mike Cushing
Camera	8:30 – Mike Cushing
Sound	8:30 – Brendon Duewer 11:00 – John Salogga
Vocals	Amanda Ray, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar	Wendy Salefski
Piano	Ted Hesse

OUR MISSION We are restored to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a family of Christians, we are dedicated to the love and forgiveness of Christ as we reach out, preach and teach the truth of God's Word to each other, our community and the world.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: If you would like to be added to the prayer list or the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Please call the prayer chain with an update of your prayer request.

IN THE MILITARY: Laura Byers, Bryon Chaney, Kimberly Chaney, Kristel Chaney, Travis Chaney, Dan Cheney, Tristin Comer, Randy Edwards, Caleb Goodson, Austin Highcock, Braden Highcock, Destiny Little, Noah Lung, Nathan Lung, Andrew Nailer, Jared Pinney, Caitlin Goodson, Tyler Salefski, Jacob Thornell

CONGREGATION NEWS

Super Bowl Subs: Support the Youth's Summer Mission Trip, by pre-ordering your Super Bowl Subs. Fill out an order form on the back table, and return to Church Office or Malinda by **Wed., Feb. 7th**.

Mission Trip Meeting has been rescheduled for Wed., Feb. 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service is Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes will be at 12:00 noon. Meal will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Lent Services will begin on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. Lenten meal will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Ladies, attend the Friendship Circle meeting this month for a huge treat! Pastor Aaron and Teddy will be our guests of honor and will describe Teddy's duties as a comfort dog. Pastor will tell us about Pawprint Ministries and explain the training and certification process. Anyone can attend and bring a friend. We will meet at 1:00 on Tues., Feb. 20th.

Your Yearly Offering Giving Statements are available in the mailboxes.

Mite Boxes are collected the first Sunday of every month at the back of the sanctuary.

THANK YOU to our generous donor for the new communion tray set.

THANK YOU to our generous donors for the new chairs in the fellowship hall.

New Life Pregnancy Center News – CHANGE FOR LIIFE – Baby Bottle Campaign has begun. Take home one or two baby bottles and return them on March 3rd filled with your pocket change. Bottles are available on the back table of the Sanctuary.

Northeast Community Fund's annual "Love Thy Neighbor" campaign will be on Wed., Feb. 21, 2024, 6 a.m.–6 p.m. We will accept donations of food and items in our facility located at 839 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please sign-up online at www.northeastcommunityfund.org/blog to Love Thy Neighbor 2024

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
4-5:30 P.M. Confirmation Class (FH)
5:30 P.M. Sr. High Youth Groups

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:00 P.M. Discipleship Team Meeting
6:30 P.M. Properties Team Meeting
6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting
5:30 P.M. Outreach Team Meeting (Rock Room)
5:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall Reserved

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study (FH)
7:00 P.M. Mission Trip Parent Meeting (FH)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:30 P.M. TOPS
6:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

No church activities scheduled.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

..... Sr. High Youth prepare Subs in F.H. & Kitchen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
4-5:30 P.M. Confirmation Class (FH)
5:30 P.M. Shared Dinner
6:00 P.M. Jr. High Youth Groups