



*Welcome*

***“Reclaiming Discipline”***  
***January 21, 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.)*

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### **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.

Disabled – The pastor and lay minister will gladly commune anyone unable to come to the communion rail. Let the pastor or an usher know before the service begins.

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 21, 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**

*O Christ, Who Called the Twelve*

*LSB 856*

**INVOCATION**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**L:** 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 self-examination.*

**L:** 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.**

L: 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.**

**KYRIE** (*responses sung*)

**SALUTATION**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

*Old Testament Reading*

*Psalm 1*

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; <sup>6</sup> for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*New Testament*

*1 Timothy 4:6-11*

<sup>6</sup> If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. <sup>7</sup> Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly

myths. Rather train yourself for godliness;<sup>8</sup> for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.<sup>9</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance.<sup>10</sup> For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.<sup>11</sup> Command and teach these things. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 15:1-11*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifte chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (ESV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

DCE Malinda Standerfer

**SERMON**

*"Reclaiming Discipline"*

*1 Timothy 4:6-11*

*Pastor Aaron Bird*

**NICENE CREED**

**OFFERING**

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

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

*LSB 655*

*O Lord, We Praise Thee*

*LSB 617*

*Abide With Me*

*LSB 878*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*LSB 783*

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 21, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.**

**OPENING SONGS**

*The Cross of Christ*  
*Goodness of God*

**WELCOME & GREETING**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*1 Timothy 4:6-11*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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**SERMON**

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION**

*O Come To The Altar*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG**

*Build Your Kingdom Here*



## SUNDAY SERVANTS

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Preacher .....         | Pastor Aaron Bird  |
| Worship Leader .....   | Pastor Adam Ray  |
| Reader .....           | Jan Bryant   |
| Communion Helper ..... | Jerry Pelz & Jeff Salefski   |
| Lay Minister .....     | 8:30 – Drew Miller<br>11:00 – Mike Baggett                         |
| Organist .....         | Sharon Cripe   |
| Ushers .....           | 8:30 – Brady Fawcett<br>11:00 – Tom Schollenbruch/Serenity Calhoun |
| Computer .....         | 8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz<br>11:00 – Ellie Hesse                     |
| Live Stream .....      | 8:30 – Matt Cushing  |
| Camera .....           | 8:30 – Matt Cushing  |
| Sound .....            | 8:30 – Brendon Duewer<br>11:00 – Steve Wright                      |
| Vocals .....           | Lindsay Tipsword, 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

**What are you doing for dinner on January 24<sup>th</sup>?** This is the last week of the #lifetogether Wednesday evening meal. Let us take dinner off our plate! Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m., pizza, salad, ice cream bar. Food, fun, and free! #lifetogether

**Voter's Meeting** is Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.

**Super Bowl Subs:** Support the Youth for the Summer Mission Trip, by pre-ordering your Super Bowl Subs. Please fill out an order form on the back table, and return to Church Office or Malinda by Friday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in donating Deli Meat or Cheese, please contact Malinda.

**Ash Wednesday Service** is Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Bus Trip:** St. John's is planning to go to "My Way" at the Little Theatre on Wed., March 6<sup>th</sup> for the 2pm show. We will leave the church at 12:40pm. The show is a collection of Frank Sinatra songs. The cost is \$36.00. Please contact Jerry Pelz at 217-433-2961 or the church office to purchase a ticket.

**Giving Statements** are in your mailbox.

**Shirts are here:** If you ordered a shirt, they are available in the church office.

**Mite Boxes:** Remember mite boxes are collected the first Sunday of every month at the back of the sanctuary. There are 31 grants being supported in 2023 and 2025. One of the mission grants being supported is: Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan – Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000

**Visitation Requests** can be made by submitting a form found on the back table in the sanctuary and in the office behind Georgia's desk. Please fill the form out and put it in the wooden container in the church office. This will help the pastors be more aware of hospitalizations or upcoming

medical procedures so they can provide prayer and appropriate pastoral care.

**Help Wanted:** Imboden Creek Gardens is seeking van drivers. Please see Doug Precht for more information.

**STEWARDSHIP SEEDS:** *Matthew 17:7 – “But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and have no fear.’”* When Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity, for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

**Last Week's Giving**

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Needed ..... | \$12,403.85 |
| General Fund .....  | \$6,805.00  |
| Online .....        | \$628.02    |
| Total Giving .....  | \$7,433.02  |

**Last Week's Attendance**

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Traditional Service ..... | 51  |
| Contemporary Service..... | 52  |
| Total.....                | 103 |

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 22

6:30 P.M. .... Boy Scouts

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

10:00-11:00 A.M. .... DMH Grief Counseling Group  
12:00 P.M. .... Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

10:00 A.M. .... Adult Bible Study (FH)  
5:30 P.M. .... #LifeTogether Meal (FH)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

5:30 P.M. .... TOPS  
7:00 P.M. .... Worship Practice

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

No church activities scheduled.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

12:00-5:00 P.M. .... Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 A.M. .... Traditional Service  
9:45 A.M. .... Voter's Meeting (FH)  
11:00 A.M. .... Contemporary Service  
4:5:30 P.M. .... Confirmation Class (FH)  
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