## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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# Epiphany 2 January 22, 2023

## "Welcome Visitors and Members!"

(Visitors, you may find helpful information on pg. 28.) Focus: Jesus appears as the Strength of the weak.



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- **M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- **M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

#### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Listen now to what the LORD is saving. Get up. Plead your case to the mountains. Let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Listen, you mountains, to the accusation from the LORD. Pay attention, you enduring foundations of the earth, because the LORD is presenting a case against his people, and he is indicting Israel. <sup>3</sup>My people, what have I done to you, and how have I made you weary? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>I was the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt. I redeemed you from the place where you were slaves. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam ahead of you. <sup>5</sup>My people, remember what Balak king of Moab planned, and how Balaam son of Beor responded to him when you were about to travel from Shittim to Gilgal, so that you may acknowledge the LORD's righteous acts. <sup>6</sup>With what am I to appear before the LORD? How should I bow down to God on high? Should I appear before him with burnt offerings, with one-vear-old calves? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be delighted with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of streams of oil? Should I give my firstborn for my rebellion, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup>He has told you, mankind, what is good. What does the LORD require from you, except to carry out justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?



Do not fret because of those who are / evil or be envious of those / who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon / wither, like green plants they will soon / die away.

Commit your way / to the LORD;

trust in him and he will / do this:

He will make your righteous reward shine / like the dawn,

your vindication like the / noonday sun. *Refrain* 

I was young and now / I am old,

yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children / begging bread.

The salvation of the righteous comes / from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of / trouble.

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Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain
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#### Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

<sup>26</sup>Consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. <sup>27</sup>But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, <sup>28</sup>and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one may boast before God. <sup>30</sup>But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>God did this so that, just as it is written, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

#### Verse of the Day: Luke 4:18a

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia!



## Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things. <sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely

say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.





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#### SERMON TEXT: Matthew 5:1-12

JESUS' WORDS OF BLESSING WORK MIRACLES

- I. They bring you into a right relationship with God.
- II. They bring you into a right relationship with others.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

- For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.
- For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### OFFERING



The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry, but please use this QR code to fill out a short form giving us a digital record of your attendance.

Visitors may also fill out our guest register by the drinking fountain in the entryway.

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

LORD'S PRAYER Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### THE SACRAMENT





**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





**DISTRIBUTION:** St. John's practices "member communion." We ask, therefore, that only those who are members of St. John's or another WELS/ELS congregation partake of the sacrament.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: 698 & 383**



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#### THANKSGIVING



- M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
- C: his mercy endures forever.
- M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
- C: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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## This Week at St. John's: Jan 22, 2023 SERVING US TODAY

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Greeters: Kathleen Quast & Lynda Hilliard								
Ushers: Team 1- Joel Zschernitz' team								
<u>Altar Guild:</u> Lynda Urban								
Donating Bulletins Last Sunday: Gloria Hamm								
Donating Bulletins Today: Lynda Hilliard								
Donating Website in January: Henry & Julie Berry								
SERVING US NEXT SUNDAY								
Greeters: Joan Zickert & Jean Goetz								
Ushers: Team 2- Verlyn Shaw's team								
Altar Guild: Linda Biebert & Megan Allard								
~OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW & SERVE~								
<u>Sunday Jan 22:</u>								
Communion Service	9:00 a.m.							
Sunday School	10:15 a.m.							
Annual Voters Meeting	10:15 a.m.							
<u>Monday Jan 23:</u>								
Dartball vs. Globe-Christie	7:00	p.m.						
<u>Wednesday Jan 25:</u>								
Chapel	8:20	a.m.						
Bible Study	4:00	p.m.						
<u>Thursday Jan 26:</u>								
Adult Instruction Class	5:30	p.m.						
Handbells	6:00	p.m.						
Choir	7:00	p.m.						
<u>Sunday Jan 29:</u>								
Worship Service	9:00	a.m.						
Sunday School & Bible Class	10:15	-						
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## CHURCH NEWS

**Communion:** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper today using the continuous method of distribution.

**No Bible Class Today:** There will be no Bible Class today, as our annual voters meeting will be held right after the worship service.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School will be held today for children 3 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Wednesday Bible Study:** We will continue our Wednesday Bible Study <u>this week</u>. Join us from 4:00 to 5:00 in the ELC conference room as we continue our study of the book of Romans.

**Bulletins:** Would you like to donate bulletins on a particular Sunday in 2023? The sign-up sheet for 2023 is available on the table in the entryway. Cost to donate bulletins is <u>\$10.00</u> per Sunday.

If interested, please sign up on the sheet for the date you would like. Payment can be made any time throughout the year. Simply place the money in a marked envelope and put it in the offering basket.

**Annual Voters' Meeting:** Our annual voters' meeting will be held today right after the worship service. All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters will be asked to approve the 2023 budget, and we will be going over a recap of ministry from last year and what's coming up in 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: The proposed budget that was included in the reports last week is the budget from 2022. Oops!! Copies of the <u>2023</u> proposed budget are available this morning on the table in the entryway. Please make sure to pick one of those up. Sorry for the mix-up!

**Lent 2023:** We will have three pastors in the Lenten rotation this year: Pastor Biebert, Pastor Wilke of Globe-Christie, and Pastor Naumann of Trinity, Marshfield.

Supper will be served by various groups and organizations at 6:00 p.m, except for Ash Wednesday.

*Our Lenten services will be held at <u>7:00 p.m.</u> on Wednesdays starting February 22<sup>nd</sup>.* 

**Care Packages:** Our LIGHTS group will be packing <u>12</u> care packages to be sent to college students. Donations of items to include in the packages are needed and welcomed.

Some ideas for donations could include: Kleenex, pens, post-it notes, hand lotion, microwave popcorn, fruit snacks, candy bars, raisins, chips, pudding, dried fruit, cookies, tea, dried soup mix, gum, soap, coffee, etc. Anything that can be individually wrapped works well; the list is almost endless. Cash donations for postage are also needed. Donations can be placed in the entryway.

This is a nice way to show our young people that they are in our thoughts and prayers. Thanks for your assistance!

(The boxes will be packed up on February 6<sup>th</sup>.)

**Pancake Breakfast:** The Friends of St. John's Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the school gym. All of you are invited to attend. There is no charge; free-will offerings will go for tuition assistance to students who are attending WELS high schools or colleges.

If you are able to help out by providing any food items, cash donations, or kitchen/serving help, please fill out and return the donation slip by Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**BB Games: Tuesday, 1/24:** We have home games vs. Immanuel of Medford. The B Team will play at 5:00, and the A Team will play at 6:00

**Wednesday, 1/25:** We will travel to St. Peter in Schofield for games at 4:30 and 5:30.

**Thursday, 1/26:** We have home games vs. St. Paul of Menomonie. The B Team will play at 4:00, and the A Team will play at 5:00.



**Student of the Week:** The Student of the Week is Ella Anderson. Ella is in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. She has been working very hard, sets a good example in the classroom, and gets her work done well and on time. Congratulations Ella! **Family Bruce Mound Outing:** Our neighboring churches of St. John's, Christie, and Immanuel, Globe, are planning a tubing outing at Bruce Mound for Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to come. A pot-luck supper will be available; bring your own beverages.

**Winter Carnival:** Our church's HIS Group (Hands in Service) is sponsoring a children's carnival on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> as part of Neillsville's Winter Carnival. The children's carnival will be held here in our gym from 11:00-1:00. There will be bounce houses, a cake-walk, face painting, balloon animals, a giant slide, concessions, crafts...activities for all ages! Parents are expected to stay while their children are here. Cost will be \$5.00 per child (ages 1-12). Infants and ages 13+ are Free! Cost for the cake walk is \$1. We hope many parents and children can attend!!

Volunteers are needed to help with the carnival. We also need bakers who would be willing to bake cakes or cupcakes for the cake walk. A sign-up sheet for cakes/cupcakes is on the table in the entryway. To help in other ways, please contact Megan Allard, Darlene Zschernitz, Linda Biebert, or the school office.

*Cash donations to help the HIS group cover the cost of the bounce houses, giant slide and game would be gratefully accepted. Total cost is \$535.00.* 

Proceeds from the Kids Carnival will go toward new signage for the ELC/School and the church.

**FIC:** It is time to renew our subscription. If you would like to continue receiving the "Forward In Christ" magazine here at church or would like to try it for the first time, cost is **\$12.00/year**.

You will find a "Forward In Christ" sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway. Please sign up on the sheet; money should be turned in as soon as possible. Please place your payment in a plain envelope marked "FIC." You can put that in the offering basket or drop it off in the school office.

**Offering Statements:** 2022 offering statements are available in the entryway this morning. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**WELS Weekly Prayer:** Forward in Christ magazine – Holy Spirit, you use the Word about Jesus to lead people to faith. Our synod's Forward in Christ magazine has been the source of many inspirational, uplifting, and Christ-centered articles. You have used those words about Jesus to lead people to saving faith and to nurture the saved in their Christian faith. We thank you for the service Pastor John Braun provided over the many years he served as the editor of the magazine and pray for Pastor Jim Pope as he takes over the role. Lead him, Lord, to be a blessing for readers in the years ahead. Amen.

#### Worship the Lord with Gladness:

Last Sunday: 115

### Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:

Thankoffering Given last week: \$8,767.70 (Home); \$1,015.00 (Missions)



WELS Coulee Women's Retreat

Gather. Encourage. Go Forth.



2023 WELS Coulee Women's Retreat April 22, 2023 Luther High School Onalaska, WI

Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mune, water 422b

Speakers from Christian Family Solutions, Institutional Ministries, Young Living and Holy Hen House. Our Keynote is Susan L. Fink, author of *Self-Care: Selfish* or Sacred? An Interactive Guide to Myths and Misunderstandings.

Registration forms and itinerary are available at www.facebook.com/WCWRetreat. Cost: \$50 by February 28, 2023; \$55 by March 25, 2023; \$60 after March 25, 2023

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### "Welcome Visitors & Members!"

To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.

To assist you in worship, personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.

Visitors, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can. Please sign our guest register which you will find in the entryway by the drinking fountain.

We love seeing young children in church as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.