

St. John
Lutheran Church

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STEWARDING GOD'S GIFTS

2022 Budget Forum

Trinity Room

9:45am

January 23

- Receive the Proposed Budget
- Q&A



We
can't wait
to see
you!

2022 Winter Congregational Meeting

Sanctuary

9:45am

January 30

- Budget Vote
- Church Business
- Raffle

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

The altar flowers today are given by Dwight and Eileen Diercks in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Additional seating is available in the Trinity Room.

Worship Leaders – Sunday 10:00 am

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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Brightest and the Best of the Sons of the Morning”

Schwarz

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **We confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**

P Joy has arrived! Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us. Rejoice in this love and share it with others.

C **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

*Opening Hymn

631, Vs. 1-3

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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Verse 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find they promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never-more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

*Prayer of the Day

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God of invitation, you called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Call us by name, and grant us loving and giving hearts to continue to do your work. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 66:1-5

D A responsive reading from Psalm 66. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

**Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe
before you.**

All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.

**Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation

#253 Vs. 1

"He Came Down"

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Verse 1 He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.

*Gospel

John 1:35-51

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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 about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P The gospel of our Lord.
C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

*Hymn of the Day

798, Vs. 1, 2, 5

"Will You Come and Follow Me – The Summons"

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Verse 1

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known
Will you let my life be grown in you
And you in me?

Verse 2

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
And you in me?

Verse 5

Lord your summons echoes true
When you but call my name
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
And you in me

***Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of our Faith Community

*Prayer request cards are available in your pews.
You may place the card in the offering plate or give to a pastor.*

Prayers of the Church

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P Rejoicing that the grace of God has been revealed in the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Response (sing):

**Peace, be still. Peace, be still.
The storm rages. Peace, be still.**

The prayers conclude:

P Emmanuel, God with us, help us to listen to the angels and not be afraid of you, of your weakness or your glory. We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world.

C **Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You may share the peace of Christ with others. Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace. Those who move to greet others may choose their greeting at the discretion of the person you are greeting.

Please be mindful of the non-verbal cue you are receiving, and ask what the person is comfortable with before greeting.

Offertory

“Another Year is Dawning”

Wesley

Commitment to Community

Today we celebrate joy's arrival and the impact of God's love on the world. In turn, remembering that joyful day, we try to make a similar impact by giving what we can. We pray that the gifts we give now—our time, our money, our talents—will be infused by the Spirit to make a more purposeful world of love and belonging for one another.

Let our giving be part of a foundation for a better world.

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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Verse 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

***Offertory Prayer**

D Let us pray. **Holy One, you came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to be joyful in the strength of your holy name. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving** (*sung*)

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

***Invitation to Communion**

P God's joy has come for all people!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.
All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

There are two ways to receive communion today:

Receiving Communion in your pew

You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Receiving Communion at the altar

- *You will be invited forward by the usher.*
- *You may bring your offering/attendance slip forward and place in the offering basket or place in the offering plates by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when receiving the wafer and then again with the grape juice or the wine.*
- *The deep purple wine is on the outer rings of the tray; the golden grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
you are God's light to all of the world:



mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

661 Vs. 1-3

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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Verse 1

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.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Verse 2

I love to tell the story: 'how pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word

Refrain

Verse 3

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long

Refrain

*Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- D Let us pray. God, you gave us Christ the Son to give us joy. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end, as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

*Benediction

- C Sing AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

*Sending Hymn

314, Vs. 1-2

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

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Verse 1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
Which shines on you today.

Verse 2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive’s liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.

*Sending

- D Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning”

Bender

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Anniversary

Family

Remember,

Birthday

New Baby

& Honor

Memory

with Altar Flowers.

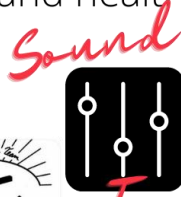
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St. John

Wishes you and your family a blessed and healthy New Year!



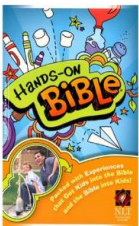
Music



Where will God lead you in 2022?



TAILGATE PARTY



ALL FOR LOVE



Commitment to Community

Sunday SCHOOL



SET UP



TEAM

Food Pantry

Loved by God

CALLED TO SERVE