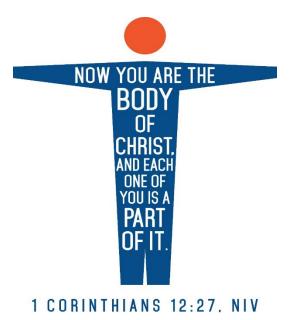
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Berlin, Wisconsin The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 20/23 2022

> Serving Us Today: Pastor Paul Mundinger Organist: Cindy Schuett 920-361-9935

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(To Our Guests: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymn and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Please note that there is a cup of white grape juice in each tray which contains a drop of wine for those who prefer grape juice. Thank you!)

AS WE GATHER... Each one of us comes into God's house individually, from different backgrounds, families, situations, experiences, challenges, and joys. But here, in God's house, something happens that makes us not just a collection of individuals but joined together as one person, one Body. This unity happens because we have been gathered by one Baptism in one faith in one Lord, our God whose greatness has been shown in our hearts and to the world in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Here our Lord speaks, and we listen. And in the listening, we are moved to repentance and faith, true repentance of heart over our sins and true faith that knows that the Scriptures, the Word of God, are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. May true joy motivate our praise of God here and all our days as God's people scattered throughout the world.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPS... Please know we have two children's worship bulletins available for young non-readers and older children. Both bulletins have activities that go along with the weekly theme. We also have activity bags for children hanging on the rear wall of the church for use throughout the worship service. If needed we have a cry room/nursery (with changing table) behind the organ in the southwest corner of the church.

□ PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

HYMN	"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"	
1	 Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression And rule in equity. 	
2	He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,	

<u>LSB #398</u>

Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

 He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
 Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
 And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without 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.

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INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES Romans 7:12, 22–24

Pastor:The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.People:For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

Pastor: but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

People: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

People: To You, O God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and also by the good that we have failed to do. Our love for You and for our neighbors has been weak or even dead. By Your Law, You reveal the judgment we rightly deserve. Because Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, has fulfilled Your Law on our behalf, we beg Your forgiveness and grace to restore us to life with You in the fellowship of all believers. Amen.

People: Amen.

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INTROIT *Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon v. 13*

¹⁸ Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

¹⁹ that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

²⁰ to hear the groans of the prisoners,

to set free those who were doomed to die,

²¹ that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise,

²² when peoples gather together,

KYRIE

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

- 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 mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

(St. 1,3,5) **<u>LSB #807</u>**

- When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries, "May Jesus Christ be praised!" When evening shadows fall, This rings my curfew call: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
- No lovelier antiphon
 In all high heav'n is known
 Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 There to the_eternal Word
 The_eternal psalm is heard:
 "May Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 5 Sing, suns and stars of space,
 Sing, ye that see His face,
 Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's whole creation o'er,
 Both now and evermore
 Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10* (Ezra reads the Law.)

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel.² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month.³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Pastor:This is the Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm* 19: 7–14

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure,

making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

the rules of the LORD are true,

and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 12:12–31a* (One Body with many members)

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:16–30* (Jesus rejected at Nazareth)

Pastor:The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.**People:Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

Pastor:This is the Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" *LSB #839*

1 O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night; Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.

- Fill with the radiance of Your grace
 The souls now lost in error's maze;
 Enlighten those whose inmost minds
 Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- O gently call those gone astray
 That they may find the saving way!
 Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
 In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- Shine on the darkened and the cold;
 Recall the wand'rers to Your fold.
 Unite all those who walk apart;
 Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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SERMON "Together" (1 Corinthians 12:12-31a)

- **CREED** Apostles' Creed
 - C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, we give You thanks that You have gathered us together from our solitary lives to be a united family in the forgiveness of our sins. We thank You for Your wonderful grace and mercy, which You have revealed to us and to the whole world in Your Son, Jesus Christ. As we have faithfully heard Your mighty Word this day, cause our hearts to rejoice and respond in glad praise to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant unity and blessing to Your whole Church on earth. Give her grace and power to faithfully proclaim Your perfect Law and glorious Gospel. Bless all preachers of Your Word and those who serve You and the world in their various vocations. Grant that many be drawn by Your Spirit to join us in the fellowship of all the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, graciously bless, protect, and defend our nation, its elected leaders, and especially those who serve bravely in the military and all the agencies that help and protect us. Bind all citizens of our country in a common allegiance and obedience to Your will and the rule of law. Bless all who care for the poor, the downtrodden, and the lonely. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As Your Son came to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, so bring comfort and healing to all who are sick or have any other adversity, [especially . . .]. Grant Your help and blessing to all who minister to them in any need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our firstfruits give!

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PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

- Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise. PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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; for by the Spirit and Your Word He has brought the light of Your truth and the liberty of the forgiveness of sins to all who put their trust in Him. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (p. 195 in hymnal)

 C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew* 6:9–13

People: 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

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (p. 198 in hymnal)

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
 Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

523 O Word of God Incarnate

 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
 We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page, A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

2	The Church from You, dear Master,
	Received the gift divine;
	And still that light is lifted
	O'er all the earth to shine.
	It is the chart and compass
	That, all life's voyage through,
	Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
	Still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold To bear before the nations Your true light as of old! O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face!

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623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

- Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
 Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- Give us, who share this wondrous food,
 Your body broken and Your blood,
 The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
 The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- By faith Your Word has made us bold
 To seize the gift of love retold;
 All that You are we here receive,
 And all we are to You we give.
- One bread, one cup, one body, we,
 Rejoicing in our unity,
 Proclaim Your love until You come
 To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
 O keep us steadfast till that day
 When each will be Your welcomed guest
 In heaven's high and holy feast.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Give Thanks..." **LSB #806**

 Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

> And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Thanks and praise to You, O God, for Your kindness in the face of our greatest need. Help us to reflect Your great love, living in the forgiveness of sins and proclaiming the liberty of Your everlasting kingdom to all; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

- **BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24–26
- Pastor: 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 承 give you peace.

People: Amen.

 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
 Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
 Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
 Fair are the woodlands,
 Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer,
 Jesus is purer,
 He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
 Fair is the moonlight,
 Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter,
 Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

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Attendance Last Week: 166

General giving last week:\$6492.25Budget giving needed:\$7500.00

Calendar of Activities this week at St. John

26 Wednesday	Public Confirmation Class	3:45 pm	
26 Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm	
27 Thursday	Worship Service	6:30 pm	
28 Friday	NO SCHOOL Lutheran Teacher Conference		
30 Sunday	Worship Service		9:00 am
30 Sunday	Sunday School		10:15 am
30 Sunday	Bible Class		10:15 am

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am reaching out to you today for help. A former principal and his wife who taught at St John are retiring this year. Karl and Carol Sattler are currently at Good Shepherd Lutheran in East Troy, Wisconsin and the congregation there is making a scrapbook of letters from families and students that have had them in the past. My sister is a member there and my niece/ Goddaughter is in his 8th grade class.

If anyone is interested in writing a letter or has pictures to contribute, it would be appreciated. It can be emailed to <u>Jenniferdopke@gmail.com</u>. It will need to be received by March 15, 2022 so it can be assembled.

God's Blessings, Mr. Pett

Lutheran Schools Week Dress-ups and Activities at St. John School

Monday - Dress like your favorite character from a book or movie				
<u>Tuesday</u> - Pajama Day. Mov	ie on the big screen in the gym			
<u>Wednesday</u> - Fancy Dress Up	Bowling at Berlin Lanes			
<u>Thursday</u> - Jelly Bean Day 4K wears green	Kindergarten wears yellow,			
1st and 2nd grade wear pink,	3rd and 4th grade wear purple,			
5th and 6th grade wear orange	7th and 8th grade wears blue.			
Sledding at Zobel park in the afternoon				

Friday- No School for Kindergarten to 8th grade. 4K will present "The Mitten"

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SERMON OUTLINE 18

January 20/23, 2022 Theme: "Together" (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

I. Together Great Things Can Happen

- A. _____ had a unique way to persuade Linus.
- B. Ten _____ can make beautiful music on the piano.
- C. We are ______ for sure, but we've been joined to ______ in Baptism.
- D. We are actually ______ who are connected together.
- E. Sometimes we _____ who we are.
- F. We forget that ______ we are part of the body of Christ.

II. Thankfully God Never Forgets!

- A. God promised in our _____ to be loving.
- B. God gives us His _____ to remind us od our togetherness as brothers and sisters.
- C. Too many people have left the church over some ______ experience they had.
- D. Yet Jesus takes away all the _____ of our sin.
- E. St. John is a _____ church created by God to be a _____ of God's grace in Berlin!