## ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Berlin, Wisconsin The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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> Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 19/22, 2023 Serving Us Today: Pastor Paul Mundinger Organist: Cindy Schuett 920-361-9935 www.stjohnberlin.org

(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...** When Jesus appeared on the scene of human history, His coming was like the light of a new day. Isaiah had prophesied a day would come filled with joy as at the harvest or when victors divide spoils. But daylight also reveals problems covered by darkness, like the divisions at the Church in Corinth, as Paul writes. Jesus' light not only reveals, but it also forgives, heals, and enlivens. People brought the sick and demon-possessed to our Lord, and the first four disciples jumped at the opportunity to follow Him. What ills shall we bring to worship today for resolution? Sins requiring forgiveness, gloom needing joy, divisions seeking reconciliation? Jesus came into human history to die and rise for us; today He comes through Word and Sacrament in grace and mercy to meet our deepest needs. Let us rejoice in the light of God's forgiveness, mercy, and love.

**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 Bells** 

#### Welcome

## **Confession and Absolution**

### 412 The People That in Darkness Sat

- The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;
   The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
- 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath'ring nations come; They joy as when the reapers bear Their harvest treasures home, Their harvest treasures home.
- 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n, And on His shoulder ever rests

All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

- His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
   The Wonderful, the Counselor,
   The God by all adored,
   The God by all adored.
- 5 His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
  On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
- Δ6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
   Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one,
   And Holy Spirit, one.

Public domain The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P 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.

## Service of the Word

Introit Ps. 22:27–31; antiphon: Ps. 22:22

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

For kingship belongs to the LORD,

and he rules over the nations.

#### All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Posterity shall serve him;

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

### Kyrie LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

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** Isaiah 9:1–4

(Light and joy will replace gloom and sadness.)

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

P Let us pray.

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

#### P This is the Word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm** *Psalm* 27:1–9 (antiphon: v. 1)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

### The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,my adversaries and foes,

it is they who stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

#### though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

## that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

#### to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up

## above my enemies all around me, and will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

# <sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

# (There should not be divisions in the one Church.)

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 4:12–25

## (In Galilee, Jesus calls the first four disciples.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

## C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

<sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-

<sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,

on them a light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

<sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed LSB 207

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.

Children's Message

Hymn "Savior, Bring Us to Your Light"

3 stanzas sung to **LSB #397** 

Savior, bring us to Your light
 From the deep and darkened night.
 Shine in us Your love and joy,
 All despair and gloom destroy.
 Dimmer flames, yet let us guide
 Others to Your glorious side.

All who stood the earthly test
 Find a never-ending rest.
 Kept within the Father's care,
 Hope-filled glimmers gladly share.
 Jesus, set our hearts aflame
 With the brightness of Your name!

3. Fleeting shadows will be gone
With the Savior's coming dawn.
All that Satan's fog concealed—
In the beam of truth revealed.
Hasten, then; prepare the way
For the advent of the Day!

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## Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church here and around the world, that God's light would shine through us, attracting many who still walk in the darkness of their own making, and uniting in faith and confession all who trust in Christ their Lord. Light of the world, use Your Church to enlighten those who live in this world's darkness, and enable our brothers and sisters to find in their Savior the true source of peace and concord. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for governments local and national, that God would open leaders' eyes to see opportunities for peace between nations and safety and concord among their citizens. Light come to us from above, we ask that You guide, protect, and defend elected officials, police in our communities, and troops deployed, that peace may break out and the Church may prosper. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [*including* . . .]. Lord Jesus, source of light and health and peace, hear the prayers of all who call to You in their illnesses, sorrows, and grief. Shine on them in blessings and peace so that faith may remain firm until it is replaced by sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for expectant parents, helpful counselors, and resourceful agencies as they seek to help families be nurseries of growth in body, soul, and mind. By Your gracious visitation, give them strength, increase their love, and provide unexpected joy in their service to You and the people around them. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

- P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

## Offering

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface LSB 208

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 Him thanks and praise.
- P: 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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 LSB 208

 C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
 Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer LSB 209

 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.

#### The Words of Our Lord

#### Pax Domini LSB 209

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

#### Agnus Dei LSB 210

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

> O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

#### **Distribution Hymns**

### 694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

- Thee will I love, my strength, my tower; Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.
   Thee will I love with all my power, With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
   Thee will I love, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.
- Thee will I love, my life, my Savior, Who art my best and truest friend.
   Thee will I love and praise forever, For never shall Thy kindness end.
   Thee will I love with all my heart— Thou my Redeemer art!
- I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
   Whose radiance hath brought light to me;

I thank Thee, who hast richly given All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee that my soul is healed By what Thy lips revealed.

 O keep me watchful, then, and humble; Permit me nevermore to stray.
 Uphold me when my feet would stumble, And keep me on the narrow way.
 Fill all my nature with Thy light, O Radiance strong and bright!

5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord, Amid the darkest depths of sadness, And not for hope of high reward, For Thine own sake, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.

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#### **396** Arise and Shine in Splendor

- Arise and shine in splendor; Let night to day surrender. Your light is drawing near. Above, the day is beaming, In matchless beauty gleaming; The glory of the Lord is here.
- See earth in darkness lying, The heathen nations dying In hopeless gloom and night. To you the Lord of heaven— Your life, your hope—has given Great glory, honor, and delight.
  The world's remotest races, Upon whose weary faces The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with zeal untiring, With joy Your light desiring That breaks upon them from on high.

- Lift up your eyes in wonder—
   See, nations gather yonder
   From sin to be set free.
   The world has heard Your story;
   Her sons come to Your glory;
   Her daughters haste Your light to see.
- 5 Your heart will leap for gladness When from the realms of sadness They come from near and far. Your eyes will wake from slumber As people without number Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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### Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

 C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

> All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

P Let us bless the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God.

- P 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 + give you peace.
- C Amen.

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## 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

- Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing, The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended. O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
  - With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
    The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing,
    In love ever caring,
    Embracing His children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us,
    With Your light now lead us;
    Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living
    With praise and thanksgiving
    Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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	Attendance Last Week: 202	
	General giving la	
	Budget giving no	eeded: \$ 7 500.00
	Calendar of Activit	<u>ties this week at St. John</u>
23 Monday	LWML Meeting	6:30 pm
25 Wednesday	Public Confirmation	3:45 pm
25 Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:00 pm
26 Thursday	Worship/HC	6:30 pm
27 Friday	No School	
29 Sunday	Worship Service/HC	9:00 am
29 Sunday	No Bible Class	10:15 am
29 Sunday	Sunday School	10:15 am
29 Sunday	Quarterly Voters Meeting	approx 10:30 am

**QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING:** The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Meeting starts after church, at approx.. 10:30 am. Please plan to attend.

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT UPCOMING CALL**: "There will be an informational meeting regarding our upcoming call for the next Pastor of St. John on Tuesday, Jan 31 at 6:30 pm. Anyone with questions about the call process is welcome to attend."

**HOLY BAPTISM**: Being received through Baptism into the covenant and kingdom of God's grace this coming Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, is Aza Rae Mittelstaedt, daughter of Alex and Samantha Mittelstaedt, who entered this life on October 22, 2022 and is being given new life in Christ through this washing of regeneration. Serving as her sponsors are: Jacob and Molly Hegner.

**THE HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE** would like to thank you for the generous support you have given us to share. Your donations are very much appreciated by all those who have received them and those of us who have been able to let them know <u>we all care</u>. THANK YOU!

**THE LWML PRAYER SERVICE** will be on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Messiah – Ripon. Lunch will be served first, followed by the service led by Pastor Mundinger. The service is based on Psalm 5:11. All are invited to attend. Please Call Cindy Schuett (920-203-6763) if you wish to carpool.

# SERMON OUTLINE January 19/22, 2023 Theme: "One in Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:10-18)

## I. Walking Together (or Not)

- A. The word \_\_\_\_\_ means to "walk together."
- B. Most churches have experienced factions and \_\_\_\_\_ groups.
- C. The church in \_\_\_\_\_ had this issue.
- D. People have even left the \_\_\_\_\_ over some perceived issue.
- E. The word \_\_\_\_\_ means to tear apart.
- F. Differing viewpoints are ok. But \_\_\_\_\_ will cause broken relationships.

# **II. A Prescription for Healing**

- A. Paul elevated the \_\_\_\_\_ above all things.
- B. For Christ's sake, we are to let go of our \_\_\_\_\_ lives.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ requires us to hear others.
- D. We shouldn't use the word "\_\_\_" to seek harmony.
- E. No Christian lives in \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. We are to move together \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ!