

† The Second Sunday after the Epiphany †
January 14, 2018

VERSE: Alleluia. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Alleluia. (Ps. 148:2)

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, pour out Your Holy Spirit on us that all our sins may be forgiven and that we may know true joy and gladness. Amen.

Sermon: *The Lord of Gladness Ends All Sadness (John 2:11)*

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss

Kantor: Dr. Crystal Rossow

Prelude: The Star Proclaims the King is Here (Hugo Distler)

Offering: The Only Son From Heaven (J. S. Bach)

Postlude: O Morning Star (Paul Manz)

Altar Guild:		Jan Steig & Lois Anderson
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Tom Eversman
	10:30 am:	Dan Holthus
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Isaac Vogt & Sam Vogt
	10:30 am:	Naomi Schilling & Emma Kanz
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Dan Kolander, Matt Kolander, Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland
	10:30 am:	David Giefer, Ed Kemna, David Kliche
Money Counters:		John Meyer, Bob Radintz, Craig Schutte, Bill Walters

THIS WEEK: The congregations in our circuit are praying for To All Generations District campaign and Concordia University, Saint Paul.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL: This week we pray for all of our Families with School-Aged Children and for our School Administration: Principal Gary Volberding and Admissions & Communication Director Suzanne Haag.

SCHEDULE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER: At the Reformation the Lutheran Churches celebrated the Lord's Supper "every Sunday and on other festivals" (Apology XXIV, 1). We follow this fine custom and so offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday at both morning Divine Services. Individual glasses are used in the 8:00 a.m. Divine Service on the first Sunday in the month and in the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on the second Sunday in the month. All other celebrations use the chalice.

DAILY READINGS

January 14: Ezek. 36:33-37:14; Rom. 5:1-21; **15:** Ezek. 37:15-28; Rom. 6:1-23; **16:** Ezek. 38:1-23; Rom. 7:1-20; **17:** Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29; Rom. 7:21-8:17; **18:** Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12; Rom. 8:18-39; **19:** Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29; Rom. 9:1-18; **20:** Ezek. 47:1-14, 21-23; Rom. 9:19-33.

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TWO LARGE PRINT LSB HYMNALS NOW AVAILABLE: (4 NOTE-BOOKS) Please ask the ushers about the notebooks that are now available for those who have difficulties with small print hymns.

PARENTS: We're happy you've brought your children to worship today. Jesus says, "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." If you must leave during the service for any reason, please be aware that there are also exits at the front of the sanctuary to the left and right; that you will be able to hear the service over loudspeakers in the entrance area and in the upper room to the left of the sanctuary; and that there is a changing table in the restroom near the elevator.

THE DIVINE SERVICE The Divine Service is the time when God serves His people with His forgiving grace in Word and Sacrament. It is not a time to be entertained. To show she is not a sect or cult the Lutheran Church retained the historic liturgy as much as was possible. The liturgical service makes no attempt to meet current cultural norms or personal needs but is the time when God comes in Word and Sacrament to meet our deepest spiritual needs. The Lutheran Church uses an ordered liturgy so that God's holy "priesthood" can participate and "declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The Augsburg Confession concludes, "It is quite clear that among us nothing in doctrine or ceremonies has been accepted that would contradict either Holy Scripture or the universal Christian Church (AC, Conclusion).

INTROIT Ps. 66:1-5, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:4; 92:1

All the earth worships you and sings praises | es to you;*

they sing praises | to your name.

It is good to give thanks | to the Lord,*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*

sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!*"

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.

All the earth worships you and sings praises | es to you;*

they sing praises | to your name."

Come and see what | God has done:*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Blessed | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

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.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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- Since the Lord's Supper is testimony of our unity in the faith, the Sacrament is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.
- Visitors from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should announce your desire to commune to a pastor before joining us at the Lord's Table.
- Members may prepare by reading Luther's "Questions & Answers for those who intend to go to the Sacrament" (LSB 329-340).

OPENING HYMN: LSB 395

CONFESSION: LSB 184

INTROIT: (bulletin) – conclude with

Gloria Patri on LSB 186

KYRIE: LSB 186

GLORIA: LSB 187

SALUTATION:

P: The Lord be with you

C: And with thy spirit

COLLECT: bulletin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gradual: bulletin

Responses: LSB 190

CREED: LSB 191 (or inside back cover)

HYMN OF DAY: LSB 402

SERMON

OFFERTORY: LSB 192 ("Create in Me")

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COMMUNION LIT: LSB 194ff

DIST HYMNS: LSB 408

LSB 399

CLSG CANTICLE: LSB 199 ("Nunc Dimittis")

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 859

**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF
January 14 - January 20**

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Vivian Kuns	
MONDAY	THURSDAY
Mollie Lang David Lindblad Thomas Schutte	Reece Fish Kevin Schalo Thomas Wood
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Joseph Radintz Megan Stewart	Brian Mazurowski
	SATURDAY
	James Gapen Oliver Hofker Reinhold Meyer Priscilla Nadeau Brian Pruhs Peggy Purdes

If you notice an update is needed, kindly advise the church secretary to make sure we have the correct information to publish.

Jr./Sr. High Youth

GET CONNECTED: Are you in 6th-12th grade? Are you a parent of a youth in 6th-12th grade? If you answered yes to either of those questions, then I want to hear from you! We have many youth group events throughout the year and I want to make sure YOU know about them. Please email me (Jayme Kruse) so that I can put you on the email list and keep you informed throughout the year! - jayme.kruse@gmail.com Also, be sure to request to join the "St. John's Youth Group" private group on FB!

BIBLE CLASS TOPICS

1/14/18: Is satan real? Can we always blame satan 100% when we sin? What does the Bible say about satan? How many names does he have? How does he work? How can we recognize his ploys to bring us down? How can we keep our faith strong to counteract him?

1/21: Life Sunday is today! How is life opposite from last Sunday's lesson? Guess how many times the word "life" is in the Bible. (No fair looking in the Concordance.)

Please lock all doors before leaving this building.
If you unlock to enter, please lock as you leave!

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SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Jan. 18- The Confession of St. Peter (Acts 4:8-13; 2 Peter 1:1-15; Mark 8:27-9:1)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort— Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Bill Radintz (son of Paul & Diane), Bill Wacker, Dorothy Schutte, Gail Ledstrom>moved to West Virginia (her address can be found on the printed homebound/military list), Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Doris Gangelhoff, and Katie Titler (daughter of Joe & Cilla Nadeau). Our Lord Jesus, who reached out to heal and comfort the sick and dying, continues to reach out with His healing Word through us. Cards, phone calls, and prayers are always appreciated. If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized, please inform your pastors.

Our homebound members are Linda Bredenberg, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Audrey Hansen, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiede, Ilene Shepherd, and Bill Wacker.

All those serving in our Armed Forces—Agena Hamilton (Oklahoma), Nicholas Malikowski (California), Kevin Mazurowski (Idaho), Nathan Mazurowski (Texas), Brian and Veronica Pruhs (Hawaii), Joseph Radintz (home), Marty Schiltz (home), and Andrew Zupfer (home).

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year—Jane Kothrade and family (at the loss of her father Loren Zander), Karen Orth (at the loss of her mother Elaine Larson), Tim Kanz & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Harold Bauermeister, Lori Kaiser & family (at the loss of her father Raymond Kinzler), Ed Kemna & family (at the loss of his brother Ted), the family of Marcella Faue, the family of Elaine Underdahl, Katy Briel & family and Erik Preus & family (at the loss of their mother Donna Preus), Dan Kolander & family (at the loss of his father Donald), Marv Cummins & family (at the loss of his brother Larry), Gloria Burns & family (at the loss of her mother LaVonne Richert), the family of Caroline Christophersen, Mark Coombs & family (at the loss of his father Paul), and Karen MacMillan & family (at the loss of her mother Yvonne Johnson).

And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones— Scott Gehl & family (at the loss of his father William), the family of Alex Hansen, and the family of William Dodds.

THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is available the first Thursday of every month in the sanctuary from 6:30 until 7:00 pm or by appointment. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

EACH QUARTER: FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

"LUTHERAN HOUR" this week on WCCO 830 AM at 6:00 a.m., WWJO 98.1 FM at 7:30 a.m., and KRWC AM Buffalo at 9:30 a.m.

† Announcements †

MISSION: See Pastor David Preus's Fall Newsletter on the narthex table for the latest updates. Remember also the Rev. Daniel Jastram and his wife Joan who have been deployed to Japan and the Rev. Charles Wokoma in Nigeria. Your regular financial gifts are desperately needed by these missionaries; with your prayers and financial gifts you take part in our Lord's great commission to make disciples of all nations.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MOSS: The Book of Exodus has been called "the Old Testament of the Old Testament". It sets the stage for everything that comes after it! In it we hear of God's deliverance of His chosen people from slavery and death. Countless prophets and poets of the Old Testament look back to the events recorded in this book even as they look ahead to the coming of the Christ for the final deliverance from slavery *to sin* and Death. Join us in between services as we cull out the Charleton Heston version of Moses (and the Christian Bale version for more recent movie-goers) and learn about the real man, Moses, drawn up from a watery death in the Nile to lead God's people out of slavery and to the very land God promised to give to their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Israel.

This week: One of the Oddest Stories in the OT (Ex. 4:18-31)

Next week: Life Sunday Special- Death: Friend or Foe?

† UPCOMING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS †

NEXT Sunday, January 21

8:00 & 10:30 am:

The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Divine Services)

...also Life Sunday, and the beginning of National Lutheran Schools' Week

A MOST HEARTFELT THANK YOU to everyone who remembered us this past Christmas with gifts and cards. Be assured that your generosity and kindness are deeply appreciated. A blessed Epiphany to all of you as we take time to ponder the marvel of God's incarnation and appearance in our human flesh. ~ Pr. & Mrs. Briel

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS my deep, heartfelt appreciation for all the gifts and cards and expressions of thanks I received from all of you for my years of service here at St. John's. I am truly humbled by this since I have never considered myself worthy of such adulation. Over the many years (which went by all too quickly!) I simply did what every faithful pastor should do--preached the gospel, catechized children and adults as clearly and faithfully as I could according to our Lutheran Confessions, administered the holy Sacraments according to our Lord's institution, visited the sick and shut-ins bringing to them the sweet comfort of our Lord's Word, prepared couples for marriage, comforted the dying and their loved ones with the certain hope of the resurrection, counseled the troubled applying Law and Gospel where necessary and confirming to them our Lord's sweet forgiveness with the words of holy Absolution, I led Divine Worship every Sunday and in school chapels according to the best Lutheran liturgical tradition, supported our wonderful school and dedicated faculty and, in general, tried to the best of my God-given ability to keep all of us focused on our Lord Jesus and the sure and certain hope we have in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation for Jesus' sake. The motto for my ministry has always been and will continue to be summarized in our Lord's command, "When you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty'" (Luke 17:10). God bless and keep each and every one of you in His grace and, by that grace and mercy, grant that we may join together in heaven to sing forever that which we have sung together so many times here on earth as we prepared to receive our risen Lord's body and blood in His Supper, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the Highest!" Soli Deo Gloria! ~ Pastor Briel

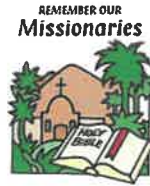
This Week at St. John's Lutheran

TODAY	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym
MON:		Martin Luther King Jr Day-No School/Office Closed
TUES:	9:00 am:	Adult Bible Study
	6:00 pm:	Adult Catechism (New Members)
	7:00 pm:	Board Meetings
WED:	6:00 pm:	Public School Catechism
	6:15 pm:	Brass Practice
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
	7:30 pm:	Adult Open Gym Basketball
THUR:	7:15 pm:	Table Tennis
FRI:	8:00 am:	Chapel~6 th Grade Sings
	5:30 pm:	Social Studies Fair
SAT:	7:00 pm:	Epiphany Divine Service
SUN:	8:00 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper (K-8 sing)
	9:15 am:	Sunday School
	9:30 am:	Bible Study
	10:30 am:	Divine Service with Lord's Supper (K-8 sing)
	4:00 pm:	Adult Open Gym

Those Serving Next Week, Transfiguration, Sunday, January 21st:

Altar Guild:		Jan Steig & Lois Anderson
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Dan Kolander
	10:30 am:	Ed Kemna
Processional:	8:00 am:	Crucifer~ Jack Stoffels
		Trchbrs~ Adam Kiesow, Ben Kiesow
	10:30 am:	Crucifer~ Noelle Dolan
		Torchbearers~ Della VanLith, Emma Kanz
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Bradley Kruse & Faith Grant
	10:30 am:	Gabriel Lodholz & Kristian Lodholz
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Dan Kolander, Matt Kolander, Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland
	10:30 am:	David Giefer, Ed Kemna, David Kliche
Money Counters:		Mike DeSplinter, Paul Dolan, Scott Kulberg, Russ Reznecheck

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP: Pr. Briel's Nigerian trip this coming February to teach at Pr. Wokoma's Lutheran seminary is in need of funding for his travel expenses and the cost of instruction materials. Overages will benefit the seminary. If you are able to help with this special cause, kindly make your donation payable to St. John's and please clearly identify "Briel Feb Trip" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!!



END OF LIFE: Do you know God's will when confronted with decisions at the end of life? On Life Sunday, January 21st, you can pick up a copy of the Christian Version of Health Care Directives, or you can print your own copy at www.ChristianLifeResources.com



2018 MARCH FOR LIFE at the MN State Capitol is on Monday, January 22nd, at 12 noon. If you are interested in marching for life, please contact LeAnn Cummins (763-420-2317) or Gretchen Kliche (763-477-6136)

"GIVE THANKS, GIVE BACK" 2017 GALA FINANCIAL UPDATE: The Lord blessed us, at this past year's Gala with a profit of \$61,000!!! 75% of these proceeds will go to tuition assistance, to help families attend our school. 25% of the proceeds will be used for technology improvements in the church and school, with some money already being used to purchase laptops for the church and school staff. We want to sincerely thank all the people who generously gave of their time, talents or treasures. Mark your calendars for the 2018 Gala on Friday November 9th. To God all praise and glory!
~The Gala Committee



If you have further questions about the event, would like to be a part of the 2018 Gala Committee, please contact Liz Glock at 612-247-4794 or lizzystu@aol.com



2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: The new boxes are available for use in the coming year and have been placed in members' church mailboxes. If you would like a church mailbox, please contact the secretary.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN EVENT:

The Youth Group is organizing a FMSC event and we want YOU to attend! Our goal is to connect the youth, congregation members, school families, staff, faculty - anyone that is connected to STJL - in an event that includes fellowship as well as giving back. We reserved 140 spots and would like to fill them all! The event is on Saturday, January 27. We will have a potluck at STJL from 12:00 - 1:15 or so and then head over to FMSC in Coon Rapids for a shift from 2:00 - 4:00. Sign up on the large sign-up sheet in the Narthex or by contacting the office or Jayme Kruse!



CROSS...FOOD NEEDS: Each month CROSS collects food items to be donated to the needy. Items desired from STJL during the month of **JANUARY** are: Kidney Beans/Chili Beans and Hand Soap. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK Epiphany, Sat, Jan 6th: 7:00 pm: CT: 118 CM: 106
Sunday, January 7th: 8:00 am: CT: 159 CM: 127
10:30 am: CT: 277 CM: 198



FINANCIAL UPDATE	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
	01/07/17	since 07/01/17
Offerings Received	\$ 10,901	\$ 383,179
Amount Needed	\$ 13,635	\$ 368,145
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (2,734)	\$ 15,034
% Ahead (-Behind)	-20%	4%



Please contact BOA Deacon Mike Gaffer, BOA Deacon Tom Eversman, or Church Treasurer Chad Brown if you have any questions on St. John's financial condition.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Items received by the end of the day on Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. If there is an accompanying flyer or insert, kindly provide the information by the Monday beforehand to allow appropriate processing time to accommodate your posting. Thank you!!

SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S! Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event! The Secretary keeps a main calendar and all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar!