



† The Second Sunday after the Epiphany †

January 20, 2019

Pre-Service Verse, Prayer, and Music for Personal Preparation and Reflection

*Verse: Alleluia. Praise, him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Alleluia (Psalm 148:2)*

*Prayer:* O Jesus, You honored marriage with Your attendance and blessed the couple in their hour of need. Be present with us in this Service and in our daily callings. Bless us abundantly with Your grace and aide us by Your Spirit to bless our neighbors through our callings. Amen.

**Prelude:** Variations on "Wo Gott zum Haus" (Hugo Distler)

The Divine Service

**Opening Hymn: Come, Join in Cana's Feast** LSB 408

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**Introit** *Psalm 66:1-5, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:4; 92:1*

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | 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 prais- | 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!**

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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.

**Old Testament Lesson: Amos 11:9-15**

<sup>11</sup>"In that day I will restore David's fallen shelter—I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins—and will rebuild it as it used to be, <sup>12</sup>so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name," declares the LORD, who will do these things.

<sup>13</sup>"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, <sup>14</sup>and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup>I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Ps. 107:20-21*

**He sent out his word and | healed them, \*  
and delivered them from their de- | struction.**

**Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love, \*  
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!**

**The Epistle: Romans 12:6-16**

<sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup>if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

<sup>9</sup>Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup>Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**The Alleluia Verse**

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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 329-330).*

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**BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION & YOUTH (Rich Oakland):**

**ST. JOHN'S-WIDE "FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN" EVENT:** The Youth Group is organizing the 2nd Annual FMSC Event and we want YOU to attend! The goal of this event 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. Last year, we had 125 people attend the event so this year our goal is 140! The event is **THIS** Saturday, January 26. We will have a potluck at STJL from 12:00 - 1:15 and then head over (via STJ bus and/or car) to FMSC in Coon Rapids for a shift from 2:00 - 4:00. Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for a large sign-up sheet coming soon in the Narthex! (Contact Jayme Kruse with questions)

**Youth Group**

**GET CONNECTED:** We have many Youth Group events throughout the year and we want to make sure YOU know about them. Keep an eye on your email, the Church bulletin and the School newsletter for info on the events. Contact Jayme Kruse with questions on how to get connected - jayme.kruse@gmail.com/612-807-6526.

**YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY (grades 5-12):** The STJL Youth Group program is geared towards 6th-12th graders; however, beginning this year, we have invited 5th graders to attend Youth Group Bible Study on Sunday mornings. This gives them an opportunity to start getting to know the other kids in Youth Group as well as take advantage of age-appropriate topics we discuss. Each Sunday, between services, 5th and 6th graders will meet in the Auxiliary Room and 7th-12th graders will meet in the 6th grade (Mr. Peterman's) room upstairs. We have some great topics planned, you won't want to miss it!

**Saturday, January 26 – FMSC event**

- Potluck at STJL from 12:00 – 1:15 PM
- Caravan/Bus to Coon Rapids location for 2:00 – 4:00 shift

**Saturday, February 2 – Super Bowl Sub Prep**

- Meet at 10:00 am in STJL kitchen

**Sunday, February 3 – Super Bowl Sub Sale**

- At STJL between services and after late service

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Members who are sick and in need of healing and comfort**—Rick Bymark (wife Jackie, son Hank), Lynn Slauson, Pam Linton (daughter of LaVerne & Arlene Bagne), Robert Malwitz, Alvin Cook, Diann Bates (mother of Toya Fish), Ilene Shepherd, Brigitte Miest, and Tony Stadler. 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, Alvin Cook, Dorothy Cooper, Sue Erickson, Marlys Johnson, Inez Koehler, Steve Orbin, Gerald Oswald, Mark Pruhs, Amy Schalo, Betty Schmiege, and Ilene Shepherd.

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

**Those who have lost loved ones during the past year**—The family of Caroline Lucht, and the family of Dorothy Schutte, Paul & Diane Radintz (at the loss of their son Bill), John Malikowski & family (at the loss of his mother Frances), Cindy Cook & family (at the loss of her sister Jackie), the family of William Cahlander, Kathleen Cooper & family (at the loss of her father John Giguere), the family of Ron Conley, and Steve Orbin & family (at the loss of his mother Vonnie).

**And we remember those who have recently lost loved ones**—Russ Reznecheck & family (at the loss of his mother Doris), Mark Franz & family (at the loss of his mother Joyce), Beth Giefer & family (at the loss of her father Lyle Boyd), Dick Rau & family (at the loss of his sister Helen Kalthoff), Dorothy Cooper & family (at the loss of her sister Millie Schumacker), and Kristine Eversman & family (at the loss of her father Richard Wild).

**All Missionaries** especially our pastor Emeritus, Rev. Briel and his wife Katy as they travel to Kenya for his semester teaching future pastors at the Lutheran seminary in Matongo, Kenya.

**THIS WEEK:** The congregations in our circuit are praying for Grace Lutheran Church, Brooklyn Park, and Pastor Vance Milbrath.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL:** This week we pray for BOE Deacons Stu Glock & Dan Kolander and the Board Members, and also for our Sixth Grade Teacher Kyle Peterman and School Nurse Carrie Mock.

**THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** is available the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary (and by appointment any time with your pastors). 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).

**FROM THE PASTORS:**

**SPECIAL FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 1/24 St. Timothy (Acts 16:1-5; 1 Tim. 6:11-16; Matt. 24:42-47); 1/25 The Conversion of St. Paul (Acts 9:1-22; Gal. 1:11-24; Matt. 19:27-30); 1/26 St. Titus (Acts 20:28-35; Titus 1:1-9; Luke 10:1-9)



**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver (Prov. 25:11)" – that word is none other than God's Word. Besides the Divine Service of Word & Sacrament, there is no more valuable use of your time than studying God's Word together as a congregation.

**Part 1:** God the Creator- Going Deeper than Days and Hours

**Part 2:** God Made Them Male & Female

**Part 3:** "I believe that God has made me and all creatures..."

**Part 4:** "For all this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey"

*Note: We will go slowly with these four topics and they may take up to eight weeks. Commit to attending and you won't be disappointed! God's Word never returns to Him void.*

**Video Recordings** Available at: <http://tinyurl.com/lutheranbiblestudy>



**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Our study of the *Book of Proverbs* will resume this week. We meet on Tuesdays in the Auxiliary Room at **9:45 am**. You can also watch live online using Facebook Live; just go to St. John's Facebook page. We are starting the final section of the Book where Solomon includes wisdom from other wise people.

**KENYA, AFRICA:** The LCMS Office for International Mission has asked Pr. Briel to go on another missionary trip. He leaves this week to teach at the Lutheran seminary in Matongo, Kenya (his last trip, you may remember, was to Uyo, Nigeria). He will be teaching there for an entire semester (January through May). He has been asked to teach four courses--Psalms, Wisdom Literature, Introduction and Survey of the New Testament, and a course called Intro. to Christian Doctrine. This time Katy will accompany him. Once again, he is in need of funds to help finance his travel and expenses while living in Kenya. God bless those who are willing to contribute to another important mission opportunity God has given him and, through him, to us here at St. John's as we do what we can to answer our Lord's command to make disciples of the nations by baptizing and teaching them God's Word. Your generosity is deeply appreciated, and contributions should be made payable to "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church" with a note, "Briel Kenya Trip."



**This Week at St. John's Lutheran**

<b>TODAY</b>		Board Members Installation
	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 Basketball
<b>MON:</b>		Martin Luther King Jr. Day; no school/office closed
<b>TUES:</b>	9:45 am:	Adult Bible Study
<b>WED:</b>	6:00 pm:	PS Catechism
	6:15 pm:	Brass Practice
	7:00 pm:	Choir Practice
<b>THUR:</b>	7:00 pm:	Table Tennis
<b>FRI:</b>	8:00 am:	Chapel~ Second Grade Sings
<b>SAT:</b>		
<b>SUN:</b>		National Lutheran Schools Week (K-8 sing both Divine Services)
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	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 Basketball

**Those Serving Next Week, Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Altar Guild:		Deb Koehler, Janine DeSplinter, Chris Wood
Worship Assistants:	8:00 am:	Erik Preus
	10:30 am:	Todd Haag
Acolytes:	8:00 am:	Christian Burfeind & Jada Clifford
	10:30 am:	McKenzie Burke & Henry Bymark
Ushers:	8:00 am:	Dan Kolander, Floyd Lieske, Mike McFerrin, Rich Oakland
	10:30 am:	David Giefer, Ed Kemna, David Kliche
Money Counters:		Ruth Droogsma, <i>Mike McFerrin</i> , Paul Radintz, Mark Schutte

**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (Tom Eversman, Mike Gaffer):**

Reminders concerning weekly offerings/contributions:

Offerings received through weekly offering envelopes without contribution designations on the face of the envelope will be directed to the General Fund, to pay the ongoing expenses of the Church and School.



**Ways to Give ~~**

**In Person...**

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



**Text...** St. John's New "Text to Give" # 763-225-2689

Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give. \*\*\*



**Giving App...**

Download the 'GivePlus Church' app to set up one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone! \*\*\*



**Online...**

Visit [www.stjlutheran.org](http://www.stjlutheran.org) to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts. \*\*\*



\*\*\*you can use the printed "I Give Electronically" cards to place in the offering plate during services.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK** Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00 am: CT: 183 CM: 139  
10:30 am: CT: 172 CM: 119

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

*Last Week*      *Year-to-date*  
01/13/19      since 07/01/18

Total General Fund Receipts-All Sources	\$ 10,053	\$ 806,564
Amount Needed	\$ 39,955	\$ 1,008,191
Amount Ahead (Behind)	\$ (29,902)	\$ (201,626)
% Ahead (-Behind)		-20%



Current Building Mortgage Balance (December 31) \$554,974

**Important Notes:**

Amount Needed above includes the prior years' cumulative deficit of \$131,500 at June 30, 2018, plus the pro-rated portion of the \$53,217 Congregation-approved deficit for the current budget year beginning July 1, 2018.

Please contact Board of Admin Deacons Mike Gaffer (mtgaff@comcast.net) or Tom Eversman (Theversman@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP, EVANGELISM, WORSHIP, and ALTAR CARE (Mark Ellinger, Phil Schutte):**



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Are you celebrating an anniversary, birthday, remembering a loved on, or would simply like to beautify the altar? You may sign up to put flowers on the altar for Sunday church services. The flower chart is located in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. Flowers can be your own, or purchased from any florist of your choice. You are responsible for getting the flowers to the church, either by delivering them yourself or by having the florist deliver them during business hours.



**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/Chili Beans and Hand Soap. Thank you for helping when you can; your contributions placed in the narthex area are greatly appreciated.



**MCCL** March for Life will be held **THIS** Tuesday, January 22, 2019, on the Capitol steps in St. Paul. It starts at noon. Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) sponsors this march every year on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. For information call LeAnn Cummins, Patty Gardner, or Gretchen Kliche



**LUTHERAN WITNESS:** If you would like to get the monthly Lutheran Witness magazine, please sign up with the Usher or fill out a form at the narthex table. A magazine will be placed in the church mailbox for each family that signs up.

**THE GALA COMMITTEE:**

**"Give Thanks, Give Back" Financial Update...**

The Lord has again blessed us, at this past year's Gala with a profit of \$55,000!!! 75% of these proceeds will go to tuition assistance, to help families attend our school. 25% of the proceeds will be used for upcoming roof repairs. We want to sincerely thank all the people who generously gave of their time, talents or treasures to make this event a possibility. To God all praise and glory!



\*Please watch for a survey regarding the 2018 event, coming soon. We want your feedback!!!

If you have further questions about the Gala, or would like to be a part of the 2019 Gala Committee, please contact Liz Glock at 612-247-4794 or lizzystu@aol.com

**2019 MISSION PROGRAMS:** St. John's currently supports the following mission programs: Synod, Issues, Etc., Japan/Jastrom, Lutherans for Life, and Nigeria/Wokoma. (These are the same programs designated in 2018.) Other or undesignated mission program contributions will be divided between all of the currently-supported mission options except Issues, Etc., which has a fixed annual contribution limit set by the Board of Stewardship.

**BOARD OF TECHNOLOGY (Sam Kulberg):**

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**CONGREGATION PRESIDENT / DEACON CHAIRMAN**  
(Erik Preus, Chris Kruse):

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION (Stu Glock, Dan Kolander):**

**TREASURER POSITION:** Board of Education is currently in dire need of a volunteer for Board of Education Treasurer. If you are good with numbers and can volunteer your time we would greatly appreciate your help. We are also in need of a person to Chair the Board as the current Chair is stepping down in March. You do not have to be a member to serve in the Treasurer position. Please contact Brian Callahan, 763-242-3837, brian.callahan@centurylink.com, Stu Glock, lizzystu@aol.com or Dan Kolander, dlkolander@embarqmail.com if interested.



**CALL COMMITTEE:** BOE & the Deacons have approved a Call to Joshua Baumann of Zion, Mayer, MN, as our Administrator. Please pray for Joshua and his family as he deliberates joining us here in educating students and most importantly Lutheran doctrine.

**BOARD OF PROPERTY & GROUNDS (Kevin Pomeranke, Dan Holthus):**

**BUILDING PROJECTS / NEEDS / NOTICES:**

**Roof replacement project** ~ We have a comprehensive plan to replace the aging school roof over the next 7-10 yrs. The SE section of the building is in the worst shape, and we would like to replace that portion next summer; estimated cost \$60,000. If we do not proceed with this replacement schedule, the damage repair cost could be even greater.

Funds are needed to start this project.



**Emergency lighting replacement** ~ We are replacing the emergency lights throughout the building. The cost for the lights is \$1500 and we are doing the work ourselves.

(Please consider these needs by making a special contribution to the St. John's Improvement Fund.)

**FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS:**



**WEST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL:** Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Sat. Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 8-9:30 am. Mission trip fundraiser for the Western Accents held at River Inn, Hanover. Cost \$8. gbaures@westlutheran.net or (763) 509-9378 ext. 22.

**FROM THE CONGREGATION AT LARGE:**

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**FROM THE SECRETARIES:**

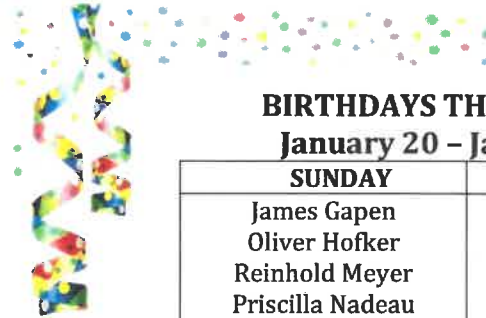
**EACH QUARTER:** FIVE COPIES OF LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER will be available to share with those who need this magazine in larger print.

**"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.

**SCHEDULING CHURCH AND SCHOOL EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S:**

Please remember to check with the church/school secretary about scheduling any event; all church and school events need to be coordinated through this main calendar. Thank you!  
763-420-2426 Julie A.: secretary@stjlutheran.org

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Items received by midnight Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Kindly please submit your request timely to ensure your announcement gets published as needed. Ruth D.: secretary2@stjlutheran.org



**BIRTHDAYS THE WEEK OF**  
**January 20 - January 26**

SUNDAY	THURSDAY
James Gapen Oliver Hofker Reinhold Meyer Priscilla Nadeau Brian Pruhs Peggy Purdes	Nancy Wold
MONDAY	FRIDAY
Madelyn Schmidt	Mason Brastad Ginny Bryant Jane Kothrade
TUESDAY	SATURDAY
Cindy Cook	Amy Christophersen Jaclyn Essig
WEDNESDAY	
Gregg Kilpela Katja Kroll Jonathan Mellum	

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

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