

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2, 2025
8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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And Jesus came and said to them.
"All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

GO therefore
and
MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations.
BAPTIZING them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of
the Holy Spirit
and **TEACHING** them to obey
everything that I have
commanded you.

And **REMEMBER**

2025 **"I am with you always, to the end of the age." 28:18-20**

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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
KIM KYLLO, SENIOR PASTOR
NATHAN LYKE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

PRELUDE: "Two Preludes on "Rise, Shine, You People" arr. Benjamin Culli

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESSELW p. 94

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Rise, Shine You People"..... ELW 665



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.
Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934-2003
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GREETING: ELW p. 98


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

C: And also with you.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord Be With You

C: And also with you

P: Let Us Pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

L: A Reading from First Corinthians

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Amanda Boe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 102

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It contains a sequence of notes: a whole rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. This is followed by a double bar line, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes. The second staff also begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. It contains a sequence of notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:21-30

P: A reading from the Gospel of Luke

C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Although I Speak With Angel's Tongue"ELW 644



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
see: then we will see love face to face.
mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951
Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional
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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC: *“O God of Light”*arr. Jacob Weber

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to 218-210-7853 and click the link



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: God of Grace

C: Receive our Prayer

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: God of today, tomorrow, and yesterday, As we begin this new year, we once again find ourselves looking for you. We long for the clarity of a star in the sky, or a voice in the clouds declaring your presence in our lives.

So today we ask that you would make yourself known to us.

Remind us that we are beloved in your eyes. We bring ourselves to this Table—to your Table—in hopes of catching a glimpse of you. Speak to us in this bread. Speak to us in the cup. Speak to us through these star words. Speak to us as you spoke through the clouds at Jesus's baptism, so that these star words may be a tool that helps us look for you in the coming year. Holy God, you call us beloved. You are with us in our joy. You are with us in our sorrow. Surely, you are with us here as well.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**


P: Family of faith, the bread has been broken and the cup has been poured, which means the feast is ready and all are welcome.

After you have received the bread and cup, we invite you to draw a star from the basket on the next table. The invitation is to be open to what the Holy Spirit has for you, not to choose your own word, so choose a star face-down without knowing the word God has for you this year.

Friends, we have been seeking, but God is here. Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

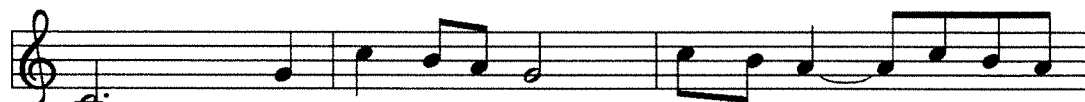
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" ELW p.112



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Beloved, God's Chosen".....ELW 648



1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;
3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

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Music: ANDREW'S SONG, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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BENEDICTION.....ELW p. 115

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"..... ELW 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

P: We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: "Hymn to Joy" Beethoven/Hare

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Star Words: Epiphany 2025

The use of star words, also called “star gifts,” is a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year. Each star word has a unique intention word, or guiding word, and is written or printed on paper stars. These paper stars are then arranged, most commonly face down, on the Communion Table or in a large basket. During the worship service, individuals are invited to draw a word from the basket or off the Table, and to use that word as a guiding word throughout the year. Typically, participants are encouraged to trust the word they have drawn, and not to replace the word. However, there is not a strong need to be the “star police” if an individual wants to trade. Individuals are often encouraged to place their star word somewhere they will see it regularly throughout the year to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word.

Why star words?

1. The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us—including creative prayer practices and intention words for the new year—to move closer to Jesus.
2. We trust that God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words are one such lens that might provide us a way to look for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight.
3. We trust that it is often easy to miss God in our daily midst. Having an intention word to consider both in present days, as well as to reflect on at the end of the year, allows for us to see God in ways we may not have seen God before. This is the greatest gift.
4. We know that the most common prayer practice for many involves speaking to God as opposed to silence or contemplation. We believe that star words invite a new prayer rhythm of reflection and review that can be a powerful new way to connect with God.

By not looking or sorting through the star words at their selection, we practice the spiritual task of receiving. It is not us that are in control in this moment. Instead, we trust that God is present, and we let go of our desire to cultivate or control.

Blood Drive

Give blood & show your support for patients this winter. Join us at our Red Cross blood drive **TOMORROW, February 3 from 11:00am to 5:00pm** at St. John's.

You'll get a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant you choose when you come give blood Jan. 27-Feb. 28. Book now & give hope: <https://rcblood.org/4gLIElq>



BLOOD DONATIONS CAN

Create a flurry of hope!

When donors come to give Jan. 27–Feb. 28, they'll receive a **\$15 e-gift card***



Announcements:

1. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
2. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next February 4th.**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
3. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am from September through June. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
4. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on February 13th.**
Where: Highview Hills
5. The pink envelopes in January and February support the St. John's Youth Assistance Fund to help kids who need financial assistance go to camp, mission trips, and summer stretch events. Pick up a pink donation envelope from the pew rack while at church and place your check or cash inside and place in the offering plate during service. Or you can give on Tithe.ly too, just choose "pink envelopes" from the dropdown menu and write "Youth Assistance Fund" in the note box.
6. **More Than Just Lunch** in February will be going to the St. George's Greek Orthodox church in St. Paul on **February 18th.** The architecture and iconography of the temple helps to explain the history of Orthodox Christianity. The Greek community was not recognized until 1918 and it was many more years before a church was built. There is no charge for the tour, but a donation box is available. After the tour we will have lunch at the Red Rabbit. We will **meet at the church at 9:30** with the tour starting at 10:30.
7. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pjgudel@gmail.com)
Meets Next: February 17.

Where: Perkins in Lakeville

Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.

8. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's).** Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

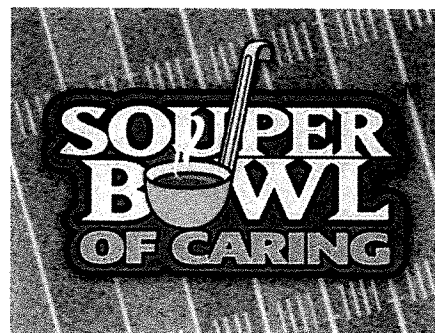
9. **Raise Right Gift Cards:** We support the school in Muhanga Tanzania with this gift card fundraising program. It is as easy as 1. 2. 3. **1. Shop** with a gift card you purchase from the Raise Right table at church or shop online across hundreds of popular brands. **2. Earn funds** while you shop. Instantly earn with every purchase (6% average, up to 20%). **3. Allocate the earnings.** St John's distributes the funds to support the programs in Muhanga.

10. Get ready to celebrate with St. John's annual **Souper Bowl Sunday!!** Let's score a touchdown for our neighbors and bring in this season's biggest score (of food)!! In celebration of the "big game", St. John's is collecting canned soup, boxes of crackers, cans of vegetables, cans of beans, boxes of noodles and canned broths. You can also bring in instant type soups, like ramen or dried soups.

On **Sunday February 9th**, wear your football gear (any team) and bring a food item for our neighbors in need at the 360 Communities food shelf at Messiah Lutheran.

If you'd like to contribute even more for our neighbors in need, here is a list of the most requested items at food shelves:

- Rice
- Applesauce
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Canned proteins (chicken, tuna, salmon, etc.)
- Canned beans
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Flour/Sugar
- Condiments
- Canned vegetables
- Cooking oil
- Spices
- Formula/Baby food.
- Feminine hygiene products



Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
LectorElisa Brown (8:30), Scott Vial (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Perry Fuerniss (8:30), Jeff Winkels (10:30)
Acolyte..... (8:30), Riley Ackman (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up.....Lynn Coldren
Communion Servers..... Jim Buckley, Linda Nielsen, Dan Nelson (8:30)
Jennifer Milbradt, Barry Fick, Carolyn Metcalf (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Brandon Wright (8:30), Rich Garlock (10:30)
Clicker TeamSydney Springer (8:30), Christie Wright (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso (8:30), (10:30)
Worship CoordinatorDan Nelson (8:30), Jeff Winkels (10:30)
Coffee Servers Chris & Brittney Doffing

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector Eric Engwall (8:30), Carolyn Metcalf (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Lisa Horn (8:30), Erin Boerschel (10:30)
Acolyte (8:30), (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Kathy Ziller
Communion Servers Dan Nelson, Sandy Johnson, Christie Wright (8:30)
Kristi Winkels, (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Dave Coldren (8:30), Ryan Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team.....Katie Henning (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso (8:30), (10:30)
Worship Coordinator (8:30), Elisa Brown (10:30)
Coffee Servers Chad and Kristina Jacobson

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