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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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FEBRUARY 1, 2026

PRELUDE: "Blest are They" arr. David Haas
"Blest are They" arr. Thomas Keesecker

WELCOME

MOMENT OF PAUSE

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS ACS p. 29

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
creator of the stars of night,
companion at the evening table,
breath over the deep waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we
know - the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed - but some
is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver
and restore us, that we may rest in peace. Amen.

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as
heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far
God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to
God.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ELW 886



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
 O fallen human race!
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to You, Lord".....ACS p. 31

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

L: A Reading from First Corinthians

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON Amanda Boe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS p. 33



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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

L: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON Pastor Kim Kyllo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Build a Longer Table"..... ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel-come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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APOSTLES CREED..... ACS p. 17

**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: "Come as You Are" Crowder, Maher, Glover
Heather Theel, Soloist**

Anthem Text

Come out of sadness, wherever you've been.
Come, brokenhearted; let rescue begin.
Come, find your mercy, oh, sinner, come kneel.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

There's hope for the hopeless and all who have strayed.
Come sit at the table. Come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

Refrain

So, lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
Oh, wanderer, come home; you're not too far.
So, lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are.

Refrain

There's joy for the mourning, oh, sinner be still.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

Refrain

Come as you are. Come as you are.

GIVE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE please scan this QR code or text "give" to 218-210-7853 and click the link. The pink envelopes in January 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.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

**P: Merciful God,
C: Receive Our Prayer**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ACS p. 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER ACs p. 39

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" ACS p. 40

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: "There is a Balm in Gilead"ELW 614

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fusc to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Bright and Glorious is the Sky"ELW 301
Stanzas 1, 5 & 6

1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.

Music: DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ, Danish, 19th cent.

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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: "O God of Light".....arr. Jacob Weber

Star Words: Epiphany 2026

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 a table or in a basket. During the worship service, individuals are invited to draw a word at random, and to use that word as a guiding word throughout the year. Participants are encouraged to trust the word they have drawn, and not to replace the word. 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?

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Announcements:

1. **More than Just Lunch** will be going to the Minneapolis Art Institute on the **17th of February**. It will be a Guided Tour of their permanent collection. Our tour is at 10:30 and the cost is \$10. We need at least ten people to attend to have \$10 admission. We will **meet at church at 9:30**. We will return to the Lowry restaurant for lunch. Sign up on the sheet near the coat racks.
2. **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
3. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next February 3**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

4. **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.

5. **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 Kyllo & Colleen Dupre (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month **we meet next on February 12**
Where: Highview Hills

6. During **February Pink Envelope** designated gifts will support the Youth Assistance Fund. If you would like to make a financial gift - above & beyond your general offering to support the Youth Assistance Fund please contribute your gift in a pink envelope in the offering plate or by giving online. If you choose to give online, select "Pink Envelope" under "Give To," and write "Youth Assistance Fund" in the memo line. Your generosity is making a difference!

7. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pigudel@gmail.com)
Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next February 16**
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. **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study** meets on **Tuesday mornings , 7-8am** St. John's Conference Room
"It's back!" for some and "It's new!" for others. Pastor Nathan will be leading a weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study with men in mind as we enter the new year. Topics will vary throughout the year, but you can mark your calendars for Tuesdays from 7-8 a.m. Join via Zoom with this QR code: 

9. **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!!

10. Are you looking for community, encouragement, and a place to exhale? MomCo at St. John's is a welcoming space for **ALL moms** — whether you're parenting littles, tweens or teens, — to connect, grow, and be refreshed.

Moms, You Deserve a Night Out! MomCo is shifting things up for February! Mark your calendars for a fun dinner at **Barley and Vine** on **Friday, Feb. 6 at 5:30 PM**. It's the perfect chance to relax and connect. We'd love to have you join us, please email stjohnsmomco1@gmail.com to let us know you're coming. **(There will not be childcare for this event)**

Then, join us for our regular meeting on **Sunday, Feb. 22 (3:00–5:00 PM)** where we will talk about the importance of **Friendship**. No matter what stage of motherhood you are in, there is a seat for you here. Visit themom.co for more info!

Location: Near the kitchen

Childcare provided

Registration: \$80 — includes

- MomCo International membership
- Subscription to *MomCo Magazine*
- Crafts and guest speakers
- Snacks at each meeting
- Childcare



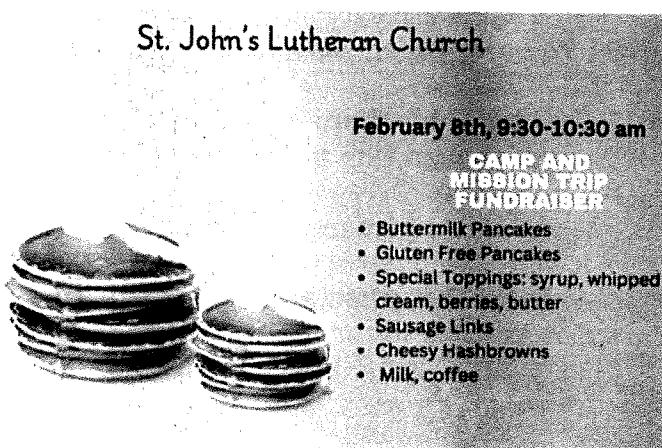
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Scholarships are available if needed.

To join, simply scan the QR code and come as your wonderful, awkward, authentic self.

11. **Parenting Littles: It's Just a Phase. TODAY! Sunday, February 1, 9:35 am** in Mark classroom. The Parenting Littles group is a get-together for parents and caregivers to connect, grow, and share insights as we care for the kids God has entrusted to us. For this session, Pastor Nathan will present "It's Just a Phase", a framework for spiritual development for your kids in all the "phases" of infancy through adulthood based on social and emotional developmental research and best practices.

12. Pancake Breakfast next week,
Sunday February 8. Plan to join us!



13. **Help Tackle Hunger**—Souper Bowl Sunday food drive! Plan to bring your items to church for the food drive, or scan the QR code to donate. A list of the most needed items is below.

HELP TACKLE HUNGER MOST NEEDED ITEMS



FOOD

1. Canned Meats (i.e. tuna, chicken, salmon, SPAM)
2. Cooking Oil
3. Sugar
4. Flour
5. Healthy Snacks (i.e. granola bars, trail mix, dried fruit)
6. Corn Tortillas
7. Coffee/Tea
8. Rice and Pasta (especially shapes other than spaghetti)
9. Breakfast Cereals and Oatmeal
10. Pasta Sauce (Ragu, Prego)



Scan the QR code
to donate now.



HYGIENE

1. Body Lotion
2. Deodorant
3. Body Wash (liquid)
4. Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
5. Feminine Care
6. Products

Messiah Community Food Shelf
16725 Highview Ave.
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messiahcommunityfoodshelf
 feedmysheep@messiahonline.org

14. **Announcing: Lenten Bible Study:** For Lent 2026, our theme is "Fruits of the Spirit." This theme will guide us in both worship and Bible study.

In worship, we'll use the 9 fruits identified in Galatians 5:22-23, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" together with the 3 pillars of Lent: 1) how can we give this particular fruit of the Spirit? 2) where might we need to fast from its opposite? and 3) we will pray for these fruits to grow within and among us, and throughout the world. We will focus on one specific fruit each week from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

In Bible study, we will read and discuss a chosen corresponding story for the "fruit of the week." These Bible study texts will be chosen and shared with participants ahead of time.

Two Times to participate:

Mondays 2-3 pm, February 23 - March 23 (no study the week of Ash Wednesday nor Holy Week)

Wednesdays 7-8 pm, February 25 - March 25 (no study the week of Ash Wednesday nor Holy Week)

Cost: Free

Bring: Your Bible!

Register with this QR code or call the church office.



Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Eric Engwall (8:30), Erin Boerschel (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Lisa Horn (8:30), Erin Boerschel (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Kathy Comer
Communion Servers Larry Westfield, Tricia Murphy, Susan Van Thomme (8:30)
Don Alberts, Lynn Coldren, Linda Nielsen (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Randy Franzen (8:30), Brandon Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team Nancy Martin (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator (8:30), Jenni Tange (10:30)
Coffee Servers Boerschel Family

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector Sandy Johnson (8:30), Carolyn Metcalf (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Laurie Barth
Communion Servers Tom Lardy, Sandy Johnson, Kristi Winkels (8:30),
Carolyn Metcalf, Wendy Wells, Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Paul Johnson (8:30), Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Danny Barth (8:30), Francine Capasso (10:30)
Clicker Katie Henning (8:30), Savannah Halvorson (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator Dan Nelson (8:30), Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Coffee Servers Chad & Kristina Jacobson

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