

## Closing Prayer

*Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



## Blessing

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✚] give you peace.*



**Closing Hymn ..... “O God from God, O Light from Light” (CW 85)**

# Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2017



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## Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

### At Your Service Today:

**7:45**

**Greeters:** Pat Vickman  
Bea Ambrosius  
Brenda Pohlman  
Betty Schmidt

**10:15**

Faye Patoka  
Aura Lee Gehl  
Carol Just

**Ushers:** Kevin Vande Hey  
Chad Schmidt  
Jesse Schmidt  
Steve Wierschke  
Bernie Vickman

Lloyd Patoka  
Terry Sieker  
Richard Patton  
Bart Reschke  
Les Schmidt

**PowerPoint:** Phil Roberts

Carol Just

**Altar Guild:** Lou Ann B, Mary F, Aura Lee G

### Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

## Sermon .....Matthew 4:12-23

### Jesus' Ministry Is One of Repentance.



### Create in Me

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

### Free-Will Thank-Offering

*These offerings are used to support the ministries of our church, both locally and worldwide. Our guests should not feel compelled to give an offering, but may do so if they desire.*

### Prayer of the Church

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Second Lesson** ..... **1 John 2:3-11**

**Verse of the Day** ..... **Matthew 4:23**

*Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.*



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Gospel Lesson** ..... **Matthew 4:12-23**

*Today's Gospel reading is recorded in the \_\_\_ chapter of the Gospel according to St. \_\_\_, beginning at the \_\_\_ verse.*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

*[the lesson ends with the words] ...this is the Gospel of our Lord.*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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 of the Day**..... **"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"** (CW 93)

Service Theme for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany: Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Dark places remain covered in the shadow of sin and unbelief. Now there are, however, bright places, too, and there you find God's children. Jesus shines his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom, and he invites us to follow him to a life illumined by him. Following him means living in the joy of freedom and walking in the light of love for God and brother.

## The Common Service

**Opening Hymn**..... **"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"** (CW 79)

### Invocation

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*



C: A - men.

### Confession of Sins

*Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**Lord, Have Mercy**.....(Kyrie)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## Absolution

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.



## Prayer and Praise

*In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.*

**Hymn of Praise** ..... “*Let All Things Now Living*” (CW 260)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God’s banners are o’er us; his light goes before us  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing.  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

## Prayer of the Day

*The Lord be with you.*



*Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



## The Word

**First Lesson** ..... **Isaiah 8:19 – 9:2**

**Psalm of the Day** ..... **Psalm 27**



*Hear, O LORD. With my voice I call.*

**So be merciful to me and answer me.**

*Do not hide your face from me.*

**Do not turn away your servant in anger. You have been my help.**

*Do not reject me or forsake me,*

**O God who saves me.**

**Refrain**

*If my father and my mother abandoned me,*

**The LORD would pick me up.**

*Unless I was confident to see the goodness of the LORD –*

**Wait for the LORD. Be strong and take heart, and wait for the LORD!**

**Refrain**