



STJNLB

St. John's Lutheran Church
New Berlin, IL

A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

† Third Sunday after the Epiphany † January 22, 2023 †



Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We're so glad to have you join us to worship our Lord! If you are a guest with us today, please introduce yourself to our pastor and stop by the registration book at the back of church.

In the Lord's service today:
Rev. Martin Kaufmann, interim pastor
Edith Clary, organist

308 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL
Sunday School and Bible Study 10:00 AM † Divine Worship 11:00 AM

Opening Hymn

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalms 32:5*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 22:27-31; antiphon: v. 2

I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn
to the LORD,
**and all the families of the nations shall
worship before you.**
For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
**before him shall bow all who go down to the
dust, even the one who could not keep
himself alive.**

Posterity shall serve him;
**it shall be told of the Lord to the coming
generation;**
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness
to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
I will tell of your name to my brothers;
**in the midst of the congregation I will
praise you.**

Kyrie

LSB 186

Mark 10:47

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

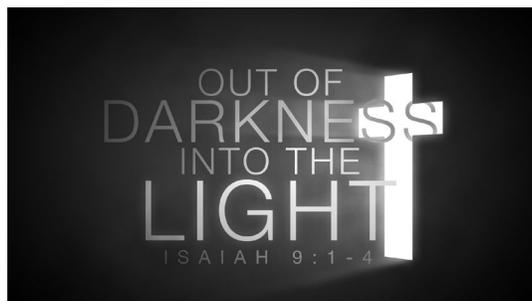
2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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C Thanks be to God.



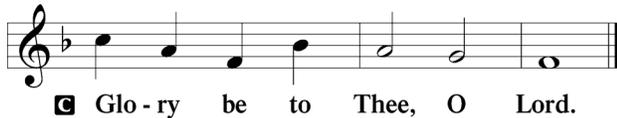
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

LSB 192

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the

Father Almighty.
From thence 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Martin Kaufmann

Hymn of the Day

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon

Alien Invaders (Isaiah 9:1-4)

Pastor Martin Kaufmann

Offertory

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Psalm 51:10-12

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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering and Offering Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
- C** Lord Jesus, You raised us from death to life by the power of Spirit-given faith in Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to raise people from death to life through Your living Spirit, here and throughout the world. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

2 Timothy 2:1-4

- P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C** 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.

OUR FATHER,
*who art in
heaven*

Benedicamus and Benediction

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



G And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1



G Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LSB 649



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
 And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Got Soup?
 Mary-Martha's
 Vegetable Soup
 Carry-out Dinner
 Sunday, Feb. 12
 First come, first served! While supplies last!

Church News

PRAYER LIST

The family of Stephanie Brower, Allicent Smith's siser, whose husband died suddenly on Tuesday.

Landen Lipka, classmate of Tate Ryan, as she undergoes treatment for Hodgkins lymphoma.

Regina McKernan and her son, Scott, as they both continue to heal from medical issues and injuries.

Alissa Mercier, past teacher at STJNB and now at OS, as she goes through treatments for breast cancer.

Ron Krohse, for heart-related health issues.

The pastor call process.

To add a prayer request, please contact Rachael Davenport or Pastor Kaufmann.

VOTERS' CALL MEETING--TODAY

There will be a voters' call meeting TODAY immediately following the service.

YOUTH ACTIVITY

Our next youth activity will be February 19. We will have lunch together and then do some problem solving at Amazing Xscapes.

5th SUNDAY

Our next 5th Sunday Family Sunday School will be January 29. The 5th-8th graders will serve breakfast at 10:00 AM before digging into the lesson for the day.

AED TRAINING

Training on the use of the AED defibrillator will be on Tuesday, January 31, at 7:00 PM in the church basement. This opportunity is open to any member of the congregation wanting to learn how to use the AED or needing a refresher.

KFUO

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study John 4-5 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 AM CT), study Ruth 2-4 and Esther 1-2 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 AM CT), and study what Baptism is on Concord Matters (1/28 at 10:00 AM CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

MARY-MARTHA NEWS

The February Mary-Martha meeting will be on February 2 at 6:30 PM. Our devotions and program will be combined into a Bible study on Psalm 23 led by Cheryl. The Bible study is a portion of the study: God's Quilt of Comfort Wrapping Up in the Psalms from the CID/SID Fall Retreat which can be accessed on the LWML website. Roll call is 'Favorite Mary and Martha memory or activity-past or present'. Items to be discussed include the NICU collection, plans for making our famous vegetable soup, and the March Family Potluck. Items for the New Berlin Micro-Pantry will be collected. Cheryl is the hostess. All ladies are invited to join us "In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love..."

MITE NEWS

This week, grant #4 for the Central Illinois District was funded. Praise and thanks to God for the power of our mites! A grant check of \$7,500 was delivered to the CID LCMS office for Beyond the Classroom. This program will help schools and congregations review, evaluate and develop their outreach activities. Again, our gracious God provides.

Mission Grant #6 – Sterling Lutheran Church, Alaska - \$3,500

Communication and transportation can be difficult in Alaska, especially when serving a dual parish. This grant would provide a technology upgrade with a desktop computer, printer and internet service and would help Rev. and Mrs. Hilgendorf in their mission to this dual parish as well as unchurched persons. *Pray that we find pastors willing to serve in more remote areas and continue to spread the Gospel message to people hungry for HIS word. Support this grant by donations to the LWML group of your church's mites.*

PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBERS AND HOURS

Pastor's office hours are now by appointment.

Pastor Kaufmann: (217) 503-7865

Elders--Jim Whalen: (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson: (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton: (217) 341-9687.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week in our Christian education time, we In Sunday School this week, we learned how “Fishers Follow.” Spotting some fishing boats by the shore of Galilee, Jesus turns Simon Peter’s boat into a floating pulpit. He preaches from the boat and then commands the disciples to put out to fish. Although they had fished all night without a catch, now they find their nets full to bursting. Recognizing his sinfulness, Peter falls down in front of his Savior and Lord, who calls him to a new kind of fishing. For discussion at home this week: *“How does God help us recognize our sinfulness? How does He rescue us from our sins?”*

NIGHT OF HOPE AT TRINITY, AUBURN

Well before the pandemic hit, Barna research—as well as others’—found that young people, namely Millennials and Gen Z, are more likely than past generations to report battling with mental health issues. In research conducted for The Connected Generation, Barna’s largest-ever study, half of U.S. 18–35-year-olds (49%) reported feeling anxiety over important decisions and also expressed a fear of failing. Over three in 10 said they often felt sad or depressed (39%) or lonely and isolated from others (34%). The mental health strain teens and young adults were under pre-pandemic has only intensified during the crisis.

In response to this, it is our desire to host... **A Night of Hope: Where God, Art, and Mental Health Meet.**

Join Tanner Olson, Heidi Goehmann, and Blake Flattley for a night of poetry, music, and tools for meeting our mental health with hope. This event connects people to resources that help them breach stigma, rest in God, and build strength to love themselves and those around them well, no matter the challenge.

Join us at Trinity, Auburn, for this event geared toward high school youth and adults on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 2 pm-6 pm. Please reach out to Trinity, Auburn at tlcauburnil@gmail.com with questions.



New Berlin
Micro-Pantry
Needs

all canned fruit
canned or packaged potatoes
Tuna Helper
Chef Boyardee products
SpaghettiOs
cookies
Kleenex
paper towels

Dartball Schedule 2022-23

MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2022

@ OUR SAVIORS--SJNB VS CHATHAM

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022

@ GOOD SHEPHERD, SHERMAN--SJNB VS. AUBURN

MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2023

@ ST. JOHN'S, CHATHAM--SJNB VS. OUR SAVIOR'S

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2023

@ IMMANUEL, SPRINGFIELD--SJNB VS. IMMANUEL

MONDAY 27 MARCH 2023

@ OUR SAVIOR'S SPRINGFIELD--SJNB VS. SHERMAN

MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023

@ CHATHAM--SJNB VS. TBD

All games begin at 7:00 pm.



BE YE FISHERS OF MEN.
YOU CATCH 'EM.
HE'LL CLEAN 'EM.

MARY-MARTHA COLLECTION—BEYOND THE NICU

Mary-Martha will be collecting items for the Beyond the NICU program at HSHS St. John's Hospital. This is a pre-term infant home care nursing program to help premature babies and their families make a smooth transition from the hospital to home. A specially trained nurse meets with eligible parents in the hospital before discharge and then visits the home regularly for the next 18 months to monitor the child's health and development. The program is in need of the items below to help the children succeed and grow. These items are given to families who otherwise are not able to obtain them. We will be collecting items through February. There will be a box in the narthex and at the west entrance. Please note all items must be BRAND NEW, all toys must be plastic, and all surfaces must be wipeable for infection control purposes. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Nagel at (217) 899-5545. THANK YOU!!!

BEYOND THE NICU PROGRAM NEEDS

- board books
- blankets at least 35" l x 28" w
- preemie onesies
- newborn onesies
- newborn sleepers
- size three, four and five diapers
- baby wipes
- infant socks
- infant care supplies--pacifiers, baby wash, baby lotion, comb, infant saline solution, and burp cloths
- toys (does not have to be these brand names)
 - Grin and Grow Clacking Character Keys \$2
 - Fisher Price Kick and Play Piano Gym \$29
 - Manhattan Toy Wimmer-Ferguson Mirror \$22
 - Sassy Ring O Links with Take Along Tunes Music Toy \$30
 - Sassy Flip Grip Rattles (2 pk) \$3
 - Sassy Spin and Shine Rattle \$4
 - Sassy Flip and Grip \$3
 - Sassy Ring O Links Rattle \$8
 - Sassy Ring Rattle \$4
 - Sassy Fascination Station \$8
 - Large Double-Side Crib Mirror Genius Baby Toys \$28
- playmats
- bouncers
- bumbos
- gas cards
- Walmart gift cards

All items must be new.

Toys must be plastic and all surfaces must be wipeable for infection control purposes.



Fishing for People

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT).



M D A E W B C W P E T E R G F
 J L M S L A R P A G N E T S F
 U O K L U W T R E L F I S H K
 C Y J T O P K J B O K B C Y I
 X O H L R G K T R G P I O C A
 X W L E S C H L O A N L N A S
 Z O T E B A H B T L M W E G T
 F A M U W T I O H I B L N T Q
 W A B E H I N D E L Q M K J S
 J T H J O H N B R E Z Z Q Y L
 J S Z M D I V E S E W L E J I
 P E O A N D R E W X W C J W V
 B N S L D O L E A V I N G H I
 D X B U H Y B S I T T I N G N
 N C F S S C B W B U W E F Y G

BROTHERS	JAMES	NETS	COME	GALILEE
BOAT	PETER	WATER	FOLLOW	BEHIND
ANDREW	LIVING	JESUS	SITTING	FISH
WALKING	PEOPLE	JOHN	SHORE	LEAVING

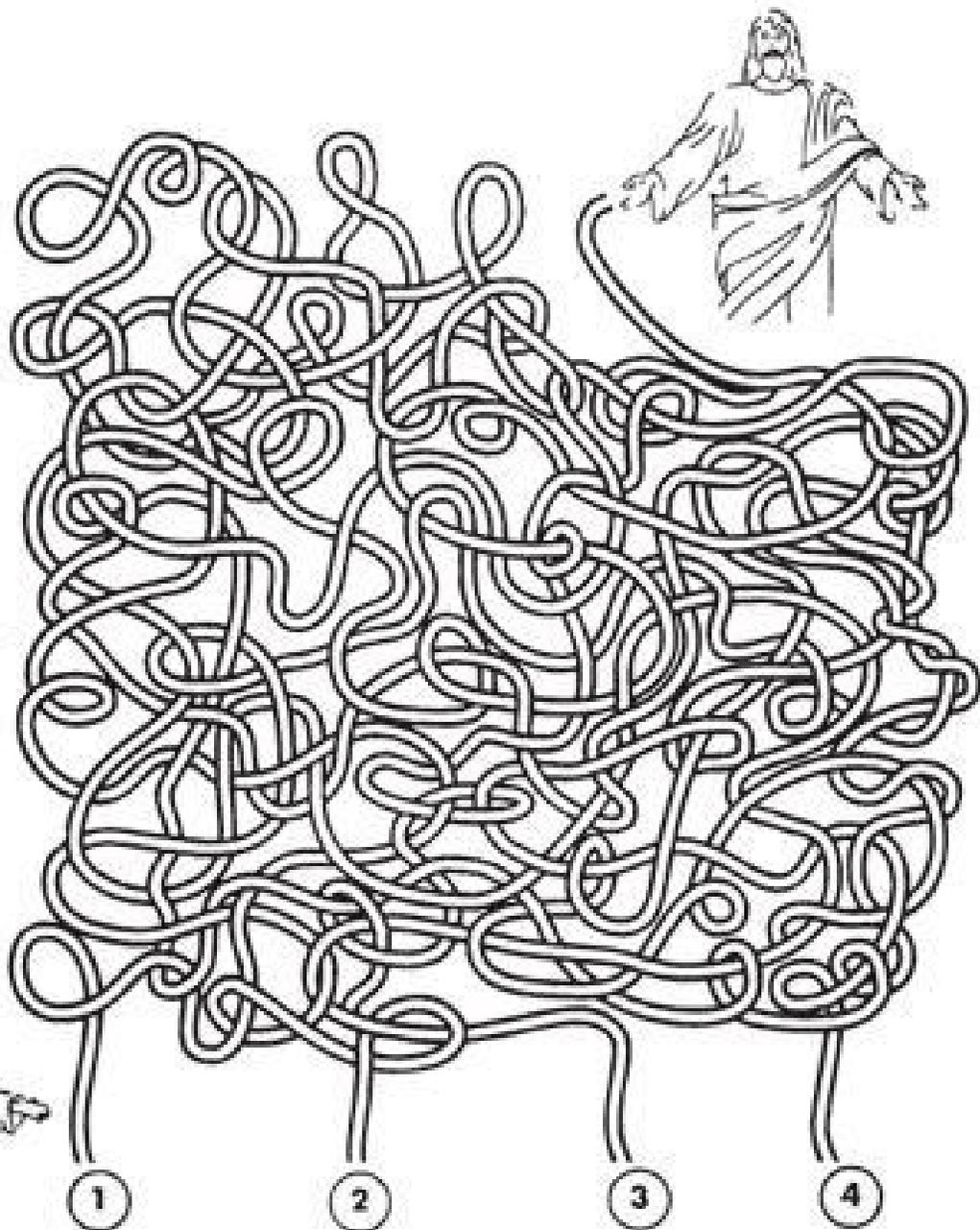


The Twelve

—Matthew 9;
Luke 6; John 1

Following Jesus

The apostles are ready to follow Jesus. They want to learn from him and help him in his ministry. Can you help them find the right path? Mark the route. There's only one right way to go!



Then He said to them, "Follow Me,
and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19 (NKJV)





CENTRAL ILLINOIS D I S T R I C T

of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

News You Can Use

January 2023

“Going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts...” (Matthew 2:11).

The first record of worshipping Jesus took place in a house. The Magi bent low and acknowledged Him as God and Lord. They even brought offerings.

Do you worship Him at home? Perhaps, like our family, you put away your Advent wreath this week, around which you listened to His Word for the past forty-one days. With the wreath stowed away until late this year, let's hope you haven't stopped holding home devotions. It's vital to worship the Triune God in the Church, and in our homes. As I saw on the outdoor message board of one of our circuit congregations this week: "Daily devotions are more important than yearly resolutions."

The vitality of such worship at home isn't in your routine. It's in His gifts, just like in your weekly worship in the Lord's house every Sunday. He's the great Giver. Come, let us adore Him ... every day. A blessed Epiphany,
- Pastor Mike Burdick, St. John's Lutheran, Effingham

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored."

Dear Father, we pray Thee, give us thy Word, that the Gospel may be sincerely preached throughout the world and that it may be received by faith and may work and live in us. So we pray that thy kingdom may prevail among us through the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit, that the devil's kingdom may be overthrown and he may have no right or power over us, until finally the devil's kingdom shall be utterly destroyed and sin, death, and hell exterminated, and that we may live forever in perfect righteousness and blessedness (from Luther's Large Catechism).

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SHARE

Christian Citizenship – Living as Christian Citizens in the Here and Now

In January of 2023, the Illinois General Assembly will conduct a "lame duck" session and begin its regular 2023 legislative session. Visit our District website to read current and updated information regarding your role as a Christian Citizen. <http://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-human-care-christian-citizenship.html>

A Night of Hope: Where God, Art, and Mental Health Meet

Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, IL

Sunday, January 29, 2023, • 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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Cost is FREE (by God's Grace and generous donors). Registration is open now through January 15th at www.trinityauburn.org. Please reach out to Trinity, Auburn, at tcauburnil@gmail.com with questions.

Sponsored in part by Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund, Camp ILLCA, and Thrivent

Reimbursements for Prison Ministry Materials

Consider donating printed Gospel-centered materials to a nearby state, federal prison, or county jail. Thanks to a generous grant from central Illinois LWML, members of CID congregations or these churches can make such donations and receive at least partial reimbursement from the District. CID will reimburse up to \$200 on a donation.

For the present program's reimbursement voucher, guidelines, and list of approved materials, please see <http://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-missions-prison.html>.

2023 CID Youth Bible Bowl

Announcing the 2023 Central Illinois District LC-MS Youth Bible Bowl: "Judges and Ruth." In the best way, you know how to study these two biblical books about a difficult period of history for God's people. And talk within your circuit about holding your Circuit Bible Bowl in the weeks before the District Bible Bowl scheduled for Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at Camp ILLCA.

The Bible Bowl provides an opportunity for our youth (6th-12th grade) to be involved in Scripture study and thus to grow in their knowledge of God's Word and deepen their faith. Each circuit gets to send its top two teams to Springfield. For more information on holding a Bible Bowl in your circuit, please contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois. (email at zionlcms@urno.com)

CPH FaithCourse

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