



† Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany † January 28, 2024 †



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. Jacob Moore, preacher
Connie Komnick, organist

308 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL
Sunday School and Bible Study 9:00 AM † Divine Worship 10:00 AM

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn

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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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 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: v. 10

Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

**Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*
whose sin is | covered.**

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the
iniquity | of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.**

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

Kyrie

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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.



 ¶ Glory be to God on high: 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.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalms 117: 1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

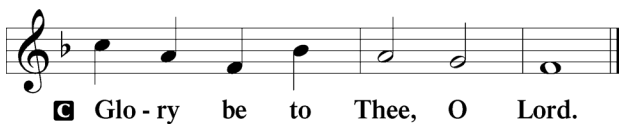
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



²¹They went into Capernaum, and ²¹immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**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 † everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Message

Pastor Jacob Moore

Hymn of the Day

From God the Father, Virgin-Born

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1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born To us the
2 Be - gin - ning from His home on high, In hu - man
3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring The gift of
4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of

on - ly Son came down; By death the font to con - se -
flesh He came to die; Cre - a - tion by His death re -
heal - ing on Your wing; To ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed
dark - ness chase a - way; Your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -

crate, The faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.
stored, And shed new joys of life a - broad.
sense The clear - ness of Your light dis - pense.
gin, And take a - way the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain
And, we believe, shall come again;
Be with us on the battlefield,
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

△ 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Sermon

Pastor Jacob Moore

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.
 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.

Installation of Officers

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.**



Benedicamus and Benediction

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1



C 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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
 Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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Church News

PRAYER LIST

Ron Krohse, as he recovers from heart surgery.

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

STJNB FACEBOOK PAGE

Our church Facebook is still suspended; however, our services remain on YouTube and sermon.net.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The account of Deborah served as today's lesson, "The Palm-Tree Judge. The time of the Judges was a period of Israel's history from the death of Joshua until the establishment of a king. Judges were chosen by God to deliver Israel from its oppressors, and Deborah was one of them. She held court under a palm tree, where the Israelites came to her for judgment. God made her wise so she could be a leader for His people and help them. For discussion at home this week: God gave wisdom to Deborah. Even though we're in different situations, how does God give us wisdom?

LENTEN SUPPERS

Lent is fast approaching and we would like to offer the opportunity to gather for a Lenten meal prior to the midweek service. Meals will begin at 5:30 pm on February 21, February 28, March 6, March 13 and March 20. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Join us Wednesday mornings at 10am for Bible study. We are currently working through the Augsburg Confession from the Book of Concord. We look forward to seeing you there!

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

St. John's is again participating in the Pregnancy Resource Center of Jacksonville's Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Baby bottles are located in the lower west entrance for you to take home and fill with your spare change or check. Please return the bottles by Sunday, February 25th.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

New Member classes will start up on Wednesday, January 31, at 6:15pm. This class does not strictly have to be for new members only; if you are wanting a "refresher" or know someone who is interested in learning about what we believe and confess as a church, this is the class for it! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Moore.

OUR SAVIOR'S OPEN HOUSES

Our Savior's will be hosting several open houses in the near future: Preschool Open House will be held Tuesday, January 30 at 6:00 pm; Preschool-8th grade Open House will be held Monday, February 5 at 6:00 pm.; and after fighting two snow/ice days, Kindergarten Roundup will be rescheduled at a later date.

MARY-MARTHA NEWS

Mary-Martha ladies will be meeting on the first day of February for their February meeting at 6:30 p.m. Devotions will be led by the Christian Life Committee. Betty is the hostess. Roll Call is to name a cooking/baking tip. Members will be planning for the Pastor's meal on February 13th and the vegetable soup sale February 25th. Ladies are to bring donations to the Food Pantry. All ladies are invited to join us as, "we dedicate ourselves to Him..."

LITTLE DRESSES SEW-IN

Mark Your Calendars – Saturday, Feb 24th will be the next Little Dresses Sew In. Any questions, please contact Pat Whalen.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

In 2025, we will give thanks to the Lord for our 155th anniversary. We will also celebrate the 100th birthday of our church building. If you would be interested in chairing a committee or serving on one, please contact vice-chairman Ron Krohse.

OFFERING STATEMENTS

2023 Offering Statements are now available. Please contact Mary Pfeffer, our Financial Secretary, at 217-741-4380 or emailing her at mary.e.pfeffer@gmail.com to obtain your copy.

**LWML GRANT #5—WELL HOUSE BIBLE STUDY
SUPPORT, QUINCY: \$500**

Funds would provide Bibles and Bible study materials for women incarcerated (Adams County Jail) through the Christ centered Well House. Guidance and practical vocational training as well this Bible study would be beneficial to those transitioning outside and becoming contributing members of society.

Prayer: Lord, we are often led astray. May your Word be a guide returning us to Your side and to productive lives in society. Stay with those who aid in the transitioning as well as those who are reentering the outside prison world. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

PARSONAGE STANDBY GENERATOR

On Sunday, January 7th, the Voters Assembly acted to purchase a 22Kw standby generator for the Parsonage. The cost for this project is \$9,171. The generator will provide nearly whole-house comfort for our Pastor and his family when AMEREN electrical service is disrupted. Although this project can be fully funded through the Memorial Fund, the Trustees are making a plea to our members for a one-time donation to defray the project cost. You may make this donation via the offering plate and designating it for "Parsonage Generator". Our Financial Secretary will record it as such in your offering statement. Thank you in advance for financially supporting this project!

LAY BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Jacksonville Circuit will be hosting Rev. Tom Baker, host of KFUEO show Law & Gospel and regular contributor on Issues, Etc., to present this year's Lay Bible Institute at Salem Lutheran in Jacksonville on Sunday, Feb 4, 2 - 4p.m. Rev. Baker's presentation is titled "Law and Gospel: The Proper Distinction to Understand the Scriptures." A longtime teacher, publisher, and all-around advocate of serious Scriptural study, Rev. Baker has been serving in Macomb and Mt. Sterling while producing his daily radio show. Please join us for a thorough and enlightening discussion of God's Word. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

CAMP CILCA UPCOMING EVENTS

Woodcutters' Retreat--February 23-24, 2024

Saint Paul admonishes the Christians of Corinth to "act like men." Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's word are all great ways to get started in this endeavor. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. For more information or to register, go to www.cilca.org using the events/retreats tab under "act like men" events.

Pancake Breakfast--Saturday, March 2, 2024

Come enjoy a free breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and fruit at Camp CILCA. We want to thank you for all of your support! Breakfast will be served from 10 am-1 pm in the Dining Hall.

KFUEO

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUEO.org: Study 2 Corinthians 10-13 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Lamentations 2-4 plus Free Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear from Higher Things pastors on their journeys into church work on our Set Apart to Serve series on The Coffee Hour (2/2 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUEO Radio app!

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS

Help hold up a prophet's hands, as it were, with contributions to the current Dollar for Missions project. It will provide funding for mileage reimbursements to facilitate Pastor David Dunlop's weekly trips from Clinton to Lincoln for prison ministry. The goal for this project is \$1,800.

PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBERS

Pastor Moore: (636) 582-0685. Elders--Jim Whalen: (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson: (217) 638-5209; Chad Lauderback: (217) 414-8809.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at socialmedia@stjnb.org or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).

Who's In Control?

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27

Based on Mark 1:21-28



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 A U T H O R I T Y O T R I D U
 O I W C D M P E J C R R N K I
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SHRIEK	SYNAGOGUE	SHOOK	DESTROY	AMAZED
QUIET	HOLY	GALILEE	ORDERS	SABBATH
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