

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16-17, 2021



The dominant theme of the Epiphany season is demonstrated in the very name of the season itself: Epiphany, manifestation. Throughout the season, the Gospels present the Church with the manifestation of the Son of God through His miracles and teaching. As we are early in the Epiphany season, we see that Jesus is busy calling His disciples at the beginning of His three-year ministry. A theme of Epiphany is the light shining on Jesus, who is revealed as Savior of the world. In the Gospel from John, we hear Jesus call Philip to follow Him. Philip in turn finds Nathanael with the good news that the Messiah promised by Moses and the prophets has come. Usually, the Old Testament Reading reflects an aspect of the Gospel, and the same happens this week as we hear the Lord call Samuel into his prophetic office. Through the preaching of the prophets of the Old Testament, God was made manifest in His Word. Today, the Church hears of the call of the boy Samuel, who would spend his life serving the Lord, making his will known to Israel.

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*Equipping the family of God to joyfully and boldly make disciples of Christ as we  
KNOW Jesus and one another, GROW to be more like Him and  
SOW His love in Word and deed.*



# Weekend Worship Services

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## “Called by the Word of the Gospel” - 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Many people today are searching for meaning and purpose in life. Consequently, many are trying to find God. Yet both the OT and Gospel lessons show that it is God who finds us and calls us to be His own. God determines when, where, and how He will encounter us. Those He chose in eternity He calls in space and time by the power of the Spirit working through Word and Sacrament. The sacramental elements are visible proof that the Word of God (to which they are attached) is there, pinpointing the time and location of God's gracious activity. Those who seek God are assured that in the Word and Sacraments, their quest is fulfilled through God's initiative. The Word is spoken in specific localities by those God has called to speak for Him: priests (Samuel and Eli), prophets, apostles (Philip and Nathanael), and pastors. In addition, all whom God has chosen and called into the royal priesthood serve the proclamation of the Word.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Make a note on your worship folder that you can read & remember **EVERY DAY** in the coming week to bring you back to the place where you began to worship today.

## WELCOME

## A LITTLE LITURGY LESSON: *Revelation 5:11-14 (ESV)*

### The Gloria or Hymn of Praise

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped. (*Foundation of the liturgical hymn “This is the Feast”*)

## RINGING OF THE BELL

As the Bell rings at the beginning of worship – take time to silently pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you as God TRULY arrives in His Word and Sacrament among us.

## OPENING HYMN

### “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LSB 807 vs. 1-3

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known

“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer  
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word

This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”

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## INVOCATION

Take a moment when you first wake up to begin your day with the invocation and remember the grace of your baptism. End each day this week as soon as you go to bed in the same way.

## CONFESSON

Each day confess your “sin-fullness” before God and ask Him for His forgiveness and the Holy Spirit to use you and yours to His glory.

**Silence for reflection.**

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned by the things we have done and by the things we have left undone.**

**Forgive us, remove the shame that clings to us, and make us new creations for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. In His resurrection, He removes our shame and makes us more than conquerors. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. Our shame is removed.**

## ABSOLUTION

Think of ways you can each day this week creatively show forth (Epiphany) your sense of rejoicing that your “sin-fullness” has been cleansed.

## INTROIT

Psalm 40:1-5; antiphon: vv.10a, b

If you wear a cross or have a cross hanging in your home, perhaps each day remember that cross is Not a simple piece of jewelry nor a decoration on the wall but the focus and final authority in your daily life.

I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart;\*

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;

I waited patiently | for the LORD;\*

he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,\*

and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.\*

Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.

Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,\*

who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can com- | pare with you!\*

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.

**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.**

I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart;\*

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20**

**The young boy Samuel heard a voice call his name and thought it was the prophet Eli. When he ran to Eli's room for the third time, it dawned on the prophet that God was calling Samuel.**

<sup>1</sup>The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him." <sup>19</sup>And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

**Our bodies were fashioned to honor God. We are to refrain from sexual sins because our bodies are members of Christ and we are to be united with Him.**

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know

that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

Isaiah 49:3

C: Alleluia. You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

*Jesus invited Philip to follow Him. Philip in turn invited Nathanael to come meet Jesus from Nazareth, who scoffed at the thought of anything good coming from that town. But when Jesus told Nathanael where He had just been, Nathanael moved from skepticism to faith. We never know what outcome could result from a simple invitation to follow Jesus, but we as followers of Christ are commanded to go and make disciples trusting the Holy Spirit to give us the words.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"

<sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

<sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## SERMON MESSAGE: "Called by the Word of the Gospel" - 1 Samuel 3:1-10

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.

### OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

"Lord, we are yours. This represents our heart, our attitude, our spirit, and our willingness to recognize and submit to you as our Lord."

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

### "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LSB 807 vs. 4-5

4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,  
  
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round  
Sing, "Je-sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,  
  
Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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# NOTES AND NEWS

## Church Sanctuary Worship Service Guidelines

Special guidelines will be followed to help assure the safety of everyone attending church, but we know the coronavirus is still active among us. We know that God desires us all to be together in worship again, but we are also sure He wants us to use good judgement in protecting our health.

- We encourage elderly, at-risk, and symptomatic people to continue worshiping from home (the “live streaming” service on Face Book continues).  
“At risk” conditions include: 65 years or older, chronic lung disease, moderate/severe asthma, serious heart conditions, compromised immune systems, severe obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis and liver disease.
- **Wearing face masks inside the church/sanctuary is REQUIRED.** If you don’t have one, masks are available throughout the church, along with hand sanitizing stations. Pastor will wear a mask, except when preaching God’s Word.
- Services will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturdays, and 9:00 am & 11:00 am on Sundays. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each service and secured during the services.
- To comply with 6’ social distancing guidelines, seating will be limited to every third pew (2 pews in between). Family groups and individuals will be separated by 6’ in each pew. Services will be limited to approximately 75 attendees. Overflow will be asked to listen to the service on FM 92.1 in their cars.
- Ushers and Elders will assist with entry and dismissal to maintain social distancing. Do not sit in the taped off pews and follow the Ushers/Elders directions. We will be seating front to back upon entry and dismissing from back to front.
- Ushers (wearing gloves & masks) will hand out bulletins with the service liturgy and hymns (please take these home; they can’t be reused). Hymnals, Bibles and attendance books have been removed from the pews.
- Offerings are collected at the sanctuary doorways while exiting the service. Exit the church promptly upon dismissal as the sanctuary, hallways, restrooms **MUST** be sanitized before the next service. Please socialize outside the church.

These guidelines are based on current Federal, State and County Health requirements and the recommendations of the LCMS to provide for your well-being. Although, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of Covid-19 or other infectious agents, the ultimate responsibility for preventative measures belongs to whomever comes to join us at St. Johns’. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging time.

### **Additional Worship Service Information: (all 3 services are traditional worship services)**

- By Radio - You can join our 9:00 a.m. service by tuning to WQTT1270 AM and 96.7 FM.
- Join us in the parking lot by tuning your car radio to 92.1 FM at any of our sanctuary services.
- Join us on Facebook at 11:00 a.m. for our “live streaming” service, or after on Sundays at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/jack.heino>

**Sacrament of the Holy Communion:** We are offering the Sacrament of the Holy Communion on the first and third weekends of each month. **This will be given in the Marie Pfarr Room** as you leave and only individual cups will be offered. If you wish not to receive the Sacrament, you may exit out the front doors or wait in line and exit from the Marie Pfarr Room. Please follow social distancing and hand sanitizer is available. **If you choose to attend worship from the parking lot instead of the sanctuary,** as soon as the church has emptied, you will be invited to come in and receive communion at that time, or to avoid leaving your vehicle you can drive under the portico (Marie Pfarr Room side), stop and roll down your window to receive communion.

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

**Welcome to St. John's.** Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray that you will encounter Christ, the Living Word, and in a new way experience His mercy and grace today. If you are a guest or visitor we hope we have the chance to say hello. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5549.

**The Lutheran Hour** is on the radio Sunday mornings at **7:00am on WLW (700 AM)**. Log on to [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) for more information and channels. Jim Vandre, LHM Ambassador.

**St. John's Radio Program** airs Sunday mornings at **8:30am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are a few of the 45 poinsettias purchased to the Glory of God and in honor or memory of loved ones. All the poinsettias were displayed on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

### THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S      JANUARY 17-24, 2021

We continue to review events based on the Covid-19 health protocol.

<b>TODAY</b>	9:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion
01/17	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	Youth Catechism Class/Classrooms
	11:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service/Communion & "Live Streaming"
	1:00 pm	<b>Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting/Gym</b>
	4:00 pm	<b>Ordination Service of Mark Renner/Sanctuary Reception to follow the Service/Gym</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball Open/Gym
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:30 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	5:00 pm	<b>SJS Girls/Boys BBall Home vs. Cypress</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	12:00 pm	Ladies Aid Quilting
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:00 am	<b>Church Elder's Retreat/Cafeteria</b>
	6:00 pm	Sanctuary Worship Service
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>Lutherans for Life Sunday</b>
01/24	9:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service
	10:00 am	Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am	Youth Catechism Class/Classrooms
	11:00 am	Sanctuary Worship Service & "Live Streaming"



**Lutherans  
For Life**

### Weekly Church Attendance

**6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday**

**1/9 & 1/10: 157**

**Mobile Version of Online Giving:** St. John's offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give by credit or debit card anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader! You may also go to [stjohnsmarysville.org](http://stjohnsmarysville.org) and click on the "Electronic Giving" button and follow the easy directions.



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### ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

**10:00 - 11:00 am**

**3 Years-Kindergarten**—Church Basement

**3 Years-Kindergarten**—Zoom: **Email Colleen Foster** at [colleenearl11@yahoo.com](mailto:colleenearl11@yahoo.com) for link and password

**1st-6th Grades**—Teacher Nichol Nicol's School Classroom

**7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class**—Mrs. Bowsher & Mrs. Monroe's Classrooms

**High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"**—Youth House

**Women's Bible Study**—School Loft

**Adult Bible Study**—School Cafeteria: **New Topic—The Book of Genesis: Through this nine session study, you will deepen your understanding of God's plan of salvation through Jesus.**

If you have questions, please contact Sunday School Superintendent, Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or [arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com)

### Congregational Tithe

### Third Quarter Mission

### Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2020-21



Ohio District LCMS - 50%, Hearts for Jesus - 10%, Youth Mission Outreach - 10%, L.A.M.P. - 10%, Kingdom Investments International - 10%, Food for the Poor - 10%

### Weekly Worship Bible Readings

For those of you who would like to study the Word ahead of the next weekends worship services, we are listing here in the N&N the Bible readings that Pastor Jack will be using.

**January 24, 2021**

**Old Testament Reading:** *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

**Epistle Reading:** *1 Corinthians 7:29-35*

**Holy Gospel:** *Mark 1:14-20*

## NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

### 2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR DATES



Available dates for altar flowers in January and February are as follows:

January 24  
February 7  
February 14

February 21  
February 28

***There are also many dates available for altar flowers in March through December.*** Please call Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 to reserve any special dates for flowers in church. Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend.

***The Flower Committee thanks you for your continued support.***

#### Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting is being held TODAY, Sunday, January 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. **We will follow the protocol set in place; temperature check and logged, masks to be worn and social distancing. If you feel ill, please do not attend.**

#### St. John's Cookbooks Still Available



A limited supply of St. John's cookbooks are still available. If you would like to purchase one for a future gift (retirement, shower, wedding, birthday, Christmas), please call Mary Mayer at 937-642-2181. Cost is \$20.

#### The Beauty of Applications



These days, and into the foreseeable future, it's good to know we can occupy ourselves in meaningful ways without going batty. Lutheran Hour Ministries over the last few years has developed a number of web-based applications people can access from their cellphones, laptops, and any other device that links to the internet.

These mobile apps are Bible-based, Christ-centered, and fun to use, *wherever you are*. All it takes is a simple download. When you do that you have immediate access to powerful weekly messages from **The Lutheran Hour**, award-winning, original video Bible studies; topical booklets on dozens of subjects; our daily and seasonal devotions; Spanish-language resources, and plenty of other meaningful content—right at your fingertips.

To take advantage of these resources, go to LHM's website at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) and click on "The Beauty of Applications" article to download the app. *Once the app is loaded, you're ready to go! No hassle! No charge!* Happy New Year!

A big thank you to those who helped dismantle the Christmas tree last week: Doug Alderman, Joy and Larry Ballard, Ben Burns, Paula Nicol, Mike Priday, and Jim Scheiderer.



A sincere thank you to everyone that sent cards, emails, phone calls and offered prayers to our Triune God for the recent 60th wedding anniversary of Eugene & Ruth Ann Mayer and the 83rd birthday of Eugene. Getting well prayers and cards during my illness are greatly appreciated. Thanks to Pastor Jack for his prayers and prayers in church. Support from all of you is Amazing. What a reflection of God's Amazing Grace. (Hymn 744). **Eugene & Ruth Ann Mayer**



#### Love One Another As I Have Loved You . . .

In John 15:12 (NRSV) Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job – it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

#### Weekly Schedule - Please submit articles and announcements to

Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, by calling directly at 937-240-3004, dropping them in the black lockbox outside the office doors, mailing or emailing them to [rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org](mailto:rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org), by

**NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AT NOON. Thank you.**



# Golden Eagles

**Dear God, Bless America, please**

The events of the past two weeks have been difficult, to say the least. In a community where we grew up respecting our leaders, saluting our flag and praising our Savior, the chaos and violence in Washington has been difficult to witness. With so many pointing fingers and placing blame, it was calming to see a post on Facebook by one of our own St. John's members post referencing the following well-known hymn. May God hear our prayers for peace and healing for our nation.

**"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
Crown the ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

Thank you Suzanne!

**May God be with us and May God Bless America!**



### **Ordination of Mark J. Renner - TODAY, JANUARY 17, 2021**

Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ! You are invited to the Ordination Service of **Mark J. Renner** here at St. John's Lutheran Church in Marysville, Ohio, **TODAY, Sunday, January 17th at 4:00 p.m.**

Dr. Dale A. Meyer of the Lutheran Hour and Concordia Seminary St. Louis will be serving as the preacher.

## PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.*

*For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:27-29*

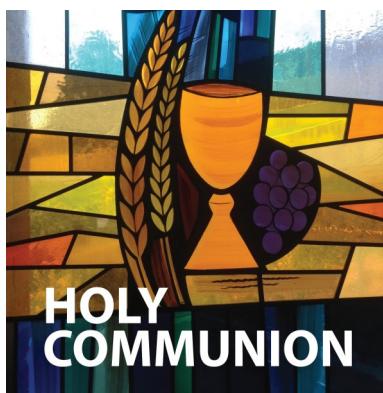
**The following is a summary of what we believe and teach as Missouri Synod Lutheran Christians. Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:**

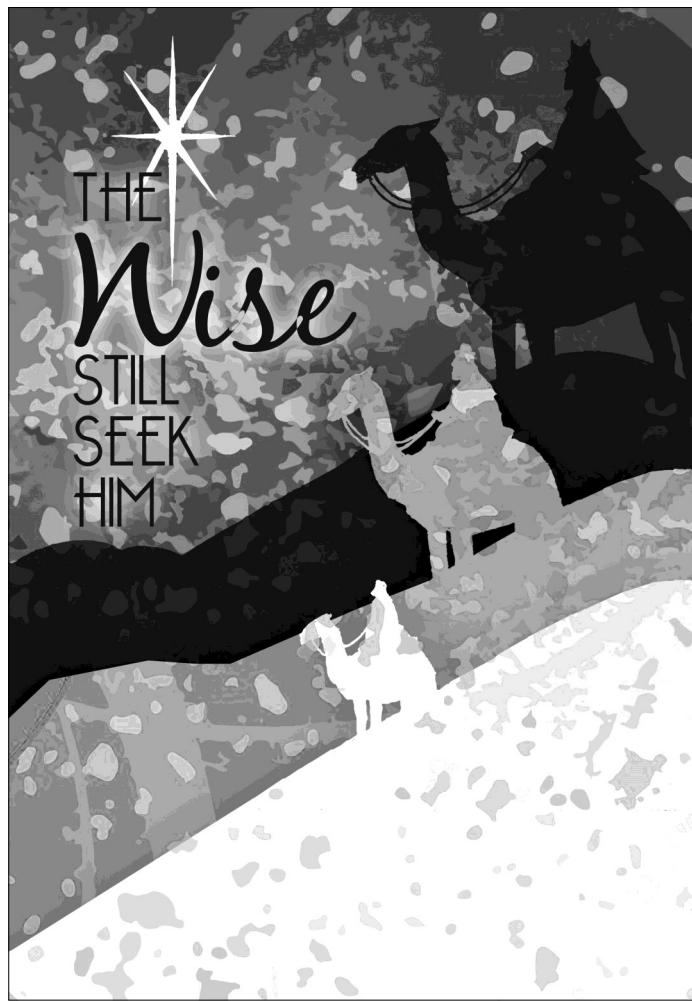
1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord's Supper and have made my confirmation of faith.  
*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*
3. I confess that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. I am sorry for my sins. *1 John 1:8-9*
4. I believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil.  
*Romans 3:21-24*
5. I believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and I desire to receive Christ's body and blood, given and shed for my forgiveness.  
*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
6. If possible, so far as it depends on me, I seek to live peaceably with all. *Romans 12:17-19*
7. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I desire and intend to lead a more Godly and Christ-like life, trusting in God's promises and obeying His commands. *Galatians 5:22-24*

*If you unreservedly agree with the seven points above, you are invited to come to the Lord's Supper. If you do not agree with one or more of the seven points, please refrain from participating in Holy Communion lest you sin against the body and blood of the Lord. If you agree with the seven points above but are not a member of St. John's, we welcome you to the Lord's Table and invite you to give prayerful consideration to joining our partnership in the Gospel. You are encouraged to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing regarding any point(s) of disagreement and/or regarding the process of joining St. John's.*

**Gluten-Free Communion Wafers:** A gluten-free communion wafer option is now available for those who are allergic. They are located in the brass cup in the middle of the communion plate.

**Communion Wine:** For those who have health related, or other issues with drinking alcohol, please take the purple individual communion cup. It contains all water with one drop of wine.





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