

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14-15, 2023



At His Baptism in the Jordan River, last Sunday's focus, Jesus was revealed by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and the voice of His Father from heaven declaring Him to be His beloved Son, with whom He is well pleased. This was the Spirit's sign to John the Baptist that identified Jesus as the Messiah. Now John speaks: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!". Not just the sins of Israel. "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." So the Servant of the Lord also speaks: "He made my mouth like a sharp sword". And *his* servant, the psalmist, speaks too: "I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord". David even sings: "He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God". John's announcement is the reason we sing: "The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers, By God the Father given, In human form appears" (LSB 402:1). As we "wait for the [final] revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ", may we follow the lead of Andrew, who speaks as well: "We have found the Messiah". "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer".

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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.



Saturday 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Services

Divine Service Setting One – LSB pg. 151

Kevin Vollrath – Organist

“The testimony about Christ was confirmed among you” - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELLS

HYMN OF INVOCATION **“Seek Where You May to Find a Way”** *LSB 557*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION - LSB 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD - LSB 152

INTROIT

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*

O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*

and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Day to day | pours out speech,*

and night to night reveals | knowledge.

There is no speech, nor | are there words,*

whose voice | is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun.

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.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*

O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

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LSB 152

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

[Today's Bible readings found on pages 11-12 of this worship program]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL: *John 1:29-42a*

SERMON: "The testimony about Christ was confirmed among you" - *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

NICENE CREED LSB 158

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P . . . , let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURERS

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT - LSB 160

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 12 of this worship program]

PREFACE LSB 160

SANCTUS LSB 161

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING LSB 161

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD LSB 162

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST LSB 162

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

DISTRIBUTION LSB 164

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" LSB 733

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702

DISMISSAL

THANK THE LORD LSB 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 166

BENEDICTION LSB 166

HYMN TO DEPART LSB 922

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist

“The testimony about Christ was confirmed among you” - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Time of Greeting

Invocation

Opening Song:

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise!
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love!

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home!
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood!

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee!
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above!

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Opening Prayer

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

C: Holy Spirit, where we need Your conviction, show us so that we may repent.

P: Look up, our help comes from the Lord! In Him we find true confidence.

C: Lord, forgive us for putting confidence in ourselves. We are nothing without You. Forgive us for doubting, running, and ignoring Your call. Forgive us for trusting in ourselves or others more than we put our trust in You. You are unwavering, faultless, kind, and true. We want to follow You and put our hope and trust in You.

P: May You stir our hearts for You, and may You be the only confidence that we find. Amen

† We Hear God’s Word †

(Today’s Bible readings are found on pages 11-12 of this worship program)

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Holy Gospel: *John 1:29-42a*

Response Song:

“Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way - still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near - Please be near me to the end *Chorus*

I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side - I will love You to the end *Chorus*

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Message: “The testimony about Christ was confirmed among you” - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

† We Respond to God’s Word †

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.

† We Pray †

Prayer of the Church

The 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.”

† We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

We Prepare (as found on page 12 of this worship program)

Words of Institution

Music During Communion: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, Holy Holy Holy.

Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.
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Pour out Your power and love as we sing, Holy Holy Holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy holy holy I want to see You.
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy holy holy I want to see You.

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† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

"Spirit Song"

Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh let Him have those things that hold you and His Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole. *Chorus*

Chorus

Jesus oh Jesus! Come and fill Your lambs! Jesus oh Jesus! Come and fill Your lambs!

Oh come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name!

Oh give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain and
you'll enter into life in Jesus' name! *Chorus*

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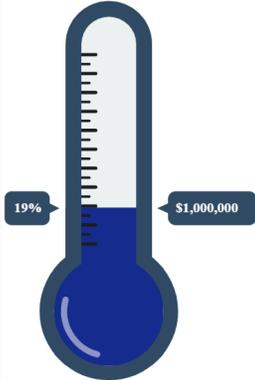
1 Corinthians 1:47
Wait for the revealing of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

NOTES AND NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR - Growing Roots 2023!

2023 has rolled in and the campaign has hit a major milestone!! Over one million dollars is in hand a total of 1.5 million is committed to the Growing Roots School expansion campaign! Over 280 contributors and events have donated to the cause!

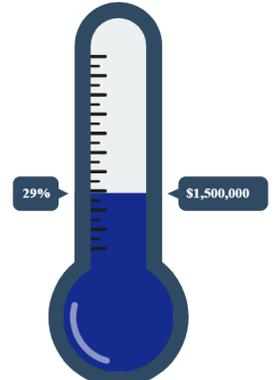
GOAL: \$5,200,000



In Hand Amount
as of 1.3.2023

Different ways to consider giving include: IRA gifts, grain donations, matching employer contributions, fundraising events (so many groups have come up with great ideas!) and the 100 for 100 for 100 campaign. The planning for expansion comes closer to reality and so many families continue to prayerfully consider the expansion campaign. This campaign is not reliant on a few large gifts but all of us coming together. The "100 for 100 for 100" is an example of how 100 families (or groups of families) giving 100 dollars a month for 100 months (just over 8 years) will raise the next million dollars for the building expansion. To join the 100 for 100 for 100 visit: <https://forms.gle/EVsdaSFu1t6uq7PM6> It is super easy to set up regular gifts of \$25, \$50, \$100 or whatever fits your family to regularly give to this ever so important campaign.

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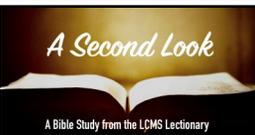


Committed Amount
as of 1.3.2023

See our E-giving site or use the app! <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YWR4/home>
All of us together will be the success of our greatest mission: Our School!

Questions, commitments or help in setting up contributions
email treasurer@sjsmarysville.org

All checks need to be made out to St. John's Church. Please place your contribution in an envelope and write, "Growing ROOTS" on the outside or place in a Growing ROOTS envelope. Scan the QR to GIVE to GROWING ROOTS!



Pastor Wilson's Bible Class Resumes January 16

Pastor Kevin Wilson will restart his "A Second Look" Bible study at 7 pm in the Heritage House on Monday, January 16, 2023. Designed to strengthen faith of participants, the class will take a deeper look at the readings from the previous weekend's worship services. Each class will explore the unifying theme of the readings, answer questions arising from the readings and seek to apply the Scriptures to daily life. The class will meet most Monday nights through May 22, 2023. If you have questions, contact Pastor Wilson at desertgilly@hotmail.com or 937-738-7553.

Soar on Wings God has Made for You Golden Eagles

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND

WELCOME TO 2023: A year full of hope and possibilities as we look

forward to opportunities to share our faith with others and celebrate friendships!

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, February 16th! Our first official event of 2023 will be a Soup Luncheon, followed by a movie and popcorn, and of course, dessert! Our theme is "Love one another as we faithfully share Christ's Love!". We will be meeting at **The Union Rural Electric** Roger Yoder Multipurpose Room, located at 15461 St. Rt. 36 at 12:00. We will share some devotional time and share some planning themes for the year ahead. Plan to attend and bring a friend. We look forward to our fellowship time together. The Golden Eagles Senior Ministry celebrates our "over 55" population! Or as we like to say, "If you like to hang out with old folks, we invite you to join us! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jeff or Carol Reinhard, Mary Mayer, or Annie Scheiderer.

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. We ask if you are a visitor, or a worship scholarship participant (SJ School), to please fill out the **blue card** located in the pew rack in front of you. Then drop the card in the offering box as you leave worship. If you would like to know more about our ministry, please call the church office at 937-644-5540.

Church Nursery: We welcome Newborns up to 2 yrs. old during the 9:00 am service in the church basement. Volunteers are still needed (2 per Sunday). Please see the sign up genius on the school website or email rcolumber@gmail.com. Our volunteer this morning is **Rachel Columber**.

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

St. John's Radio Program airs Sunday mornings at **8:00am** on local channel **WQTT (1270 AM & 98.7 FM)**.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are a few of the **62** poinsettias given to the **Glory of God and in honor or memory of loved ones, and were displayed during our Christmas worship services.**

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S JANUARY 15-22, 2023

TODAY 01/15/23	9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service (Live-Streamed): Communion
	10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am 2022-23 Youth Catechism/Modulars
	11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service: Communion
	1:30 pm Quarterly Voter's Meeting/Gym
	6:00 pm Jr. LYF Gathering/Gym
MONDAY	SCHOOL & OFFICES CLOSED: MLK Day
	7:00 pm "A Second Look" Bible Study/Heritage House
	8:00 pm Adult Open Gym Volleyball
TUESDAY	11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm ACES/Youth House
THURSDAY	12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
	8:00 pm Dartball
FRIDAY	1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
SATURDAY	7:30 am Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House
	9:00 am SJS Girls/Boys Home BBall vs. Tree of Life
	6:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service
SUNDAY 01/22/23	9:00 am Sanctuary Worship Service (Live-Streamed): Installation of 2023 Congregational Officers
	10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am 2022-23 Youth Catechism/Modulars
	11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service/Gym
	3:00 pm Sr. LYF: Snow Tubing at Mad River

ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 11:00 am

(Fall-Winter-Early Spring Schedule)

3 Years-Kindergarten—Church Basement

1st-5th Grades—Meet together in the gym with Teacher Mark Moran, and then move to school classrooms.

6th Grade—Mrs. Ashley Monroe's Classroom

7th & 8th Grade Youth Catechism Class—Mrs. Susie Miller & Mrs. Jayme Allen's Modular Classrooms.

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House:

Women's Bible Study—Mrs. Melissa Vollrath's Classroom (below the school loft): **New Study - "Where Love Abides."** An 8-lesson DVD Bible study based on John 15:1-17, written by Donna Snow. It takes an in-depth look at what it means to abide in Jesus, the True Vine, to bear lasting fruit.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria: **New Topic - A four week study titled, "Called"**.

If you have questions, please contact the Sunday School Superintendent, Lisa Arnold at 937-205-1802 or arnoldlisa50@yahoo.com

Weekly Church Attendance

Saturday 6:00 pm and 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday

1/7 & 1/8, 2023: 269

Congregational Tithes—Third Quarter Mission

Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2022-23

Ohio District LCMS - 50%;

Youth Mission Outreach, Hearts for Jesus,

Food for the Poor, Kingdom Investments

International - 10% Each; Ebenezer Church

Mission Outreach, LAMP - 5% Each



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 22, 2023

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-25

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

School Staff Position Openings

The school is currently accepting applications for Part-time tutors. Applicants must have a teaching degree. Interested candidates should email r-rausch@sjsmarysville.org or call 937-240-3003.



The St. John's JEC program is accepting applications for Full and Part-time positions in our extended Preschool and afterschool programs. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and should have prior experience in education or care although we will provide training for the right candidate. We are an ODE licensed facility. Interested candidates should email abalderson@sjsmarysville.org or call 937-240-3005.



Sr. LYF Fun & Fellowship...

January 22nd: Snow Tubing at Mad River Mountain: We'll meet at the Youth House at 3pm to carpool out to Mad River (or meet us at Mad River at 3:30). We'll tube for 2 hours, enjoy some hot cocoa, and plan to be back at the Youth House around 6pm. Bring along \$10 to tube, and friends are welcome! We hope to see you there!

February 5th: (First weekend this month instead of second) Devotions and Games at the Youth House, 6pm



ACES

Please join us for euchre and fellowship this Wednesday at the Youth House at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.00 including prizes, drinks, and cookies.

The Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting will be held today, **Sunday, January 15**, at 1:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Please consider attending this meeting to become a voting member.



The Central Zone LWML Winter Retreat will be held on January 28th at Atonement Lutheran Church (1621 Francisco Road Columbus, OH 43220). Registration starts at 9:30 am including a light breakfast. The program will run from 10-2 including lunch. The cost is \$15 which will be collected the day of the event. Mary Ludlum Top Dog & Rosie the Comfort Dog will be our speaker. Ingathering will be monetary donations to the Comfort Dog Ministry. Please RSVP to Heidi Day at hday@columbus.rr.com or call/text 614-309-5107 by January 22nd.

The Winter 2022 edition of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is available at lwml.org under the news & events tab. This edition of the Quarterly does include information about the National Convention in Milwaukee, WI from June 22nd-25th. The online registration is available now.

100 FOR 100 FOR 100

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Our Building Expansion Fund needs you! Consider joining our 100 for 100 for 100! This would equate to \$10,000 per family unit over 8 years time and together totaling \$1 million dollars split between the campaign and the future mortgage. Units can be split amongst multiple families (ex: 2 families giving \$50).

**100 families
100 dollars
100 months
= \$1 million**

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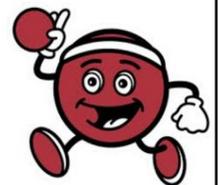
SPLIT
your pledge
& give \$50
or \$25 per
month for
100 months!

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Need more information before committing? Please contact treasurer@sjsmarysville.org

January Junior Youth

Event
January 15th
6-8 pm
In the Gym



Prison Ball, 4-Square Volleyball,
Sock Soccer and Devos!

Join the Fun!

Bring yourself and a bag of chips to pass and maybe a friend!

MORE NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Altar Flower Opportunities

The Flower Committee has many dates available for altar flowers for 2023. These are the dates open for the first few months:

January 22	February 26	March 26
February 5	March 5	April 16
February 12	March 12	April 23
February 19	March 19	April 30

Flowers can be given in honor or memory of a loved one or just to adorn the altar. They can be from florists, garden centers, or personal flower gardens.

If anyone would like to place flowers on the altar on any of the above dates or other dates not yet listed, please contact Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 to reserve a date.

Chancel flowers are available almost any weekend.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University Collegians Chorale Mission & Ministry Opportunity

May 18-30, 2023, I've been given an opportunity to join Mount Vernon Nazarene University Collegians Chorale for a life-changing experience on a ministry/concert tour to Italy, Croatia, and Hungary. This trip is a unique blend of faith and learning which MVNU values highly. We will be making music and sharing the gospel by singing for local churches. This includes making contacts for the churches' outreach initiatives that wouldn't be possible without music groups like ours. We will also do service projects for these churches that may involve ministering to refugees. Finally, we will immerse ourselves in the culture as we see the sights in this part of the world.

I have been blessed to use my musical talents during my time at St. John's School and I've loved getting to continue this passion for music and Christ while attending MVNU. I want to give you the opportunity to be involved in our mission and ministry through prayer and possibly financial support.

I'm excited to see how God will use Collegians Chorale in this unique way and I'm expectant of what God has in store. Thank you for your consideration! **Megan Vollrath**

My information is as follows
phone: 937-707-9342
email: mvollrath4@gmail.com

Donations can also be given to the group as a whole at giving.mvnu.edu, select OTHER, and indicate Collegians Mission Trip 2023.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



January 19
February 16
10:00 AM-12:00
(Please do not park before 8:30)
Our Lady of Lourdes
1033 W. 5th St., Marysville



In partnership with Mid Ohio Foodbank

For more information contact St. Vincent Depaul at 614-582-8204

Lenten Suppers: We will soon be lining up Lenten Suppers. Any ministry groups interested in hosting a supper, please contact Regina Bullerman.

Weekly Notes & News Deadline

Please submit articles by no later than Tuesday at noon to Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary. Call 937-240-3004, mail to the church office, or email to **rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org**



Packets Available

Applications and Fact sheets, along with an addressed envelope, are available and located on the visitor counter in the Marie Pfarr Room for those interested in the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio. Any questions, please contact Rich Rausch at 614-551-3003 or rtausch@stjohnsmarysville.org

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

The prophetic words of Jesus, the Messiah, was spoken through Isaiah. Jesus is the called One, our Savior, whose authority is greater than any authority on earth.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Paul's calling was revealed to him on the Road to Damascus. As he encouraged the church in Corinth, he reminded them of their calling into fellowship with Jesus.

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Sat. 6 p.m. & Sun. 9 a.m.) **Alleluia and Verse**

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Holy Gospel: *John 1:29-42a*

John the Baptist was called for a time to prepare the way for Jesus to enter into His ministry. As the disciples began believing in and following Jesus, they began spreading the Good News that they had found the Messiah.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his

disciples,³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"³⁹ He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).⁴² He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

