

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 20-21, 2024



Epiphany 3 continues the Epiphany theme of the Light shining on all the world. The Gospel for the day relates the call of more disciples who would, after Pentecost, evangelize the world, though at the cost of their own lives. As Jesus calls these disciples from boats on the sea to become fishers of men, Jonah failed to escape his call to preach in Nineveh by fleeing on a boat to Tarshish. He could not escape from the Lord's call and was given a second chance to become a "fisher of men" even in Nineveh. The calling of disciples to become apostles continues the mission of Jonah to call Gentile nations to repentance. Ever had those days that felt like weeks or those weeks that felt like days? Those minutes that felt like hours, or the hours that felt like minutes? Time is a fickle thing on this earth, as we are bound by it yet our perspective of it is ever changing. Our Scripture Readings today all deal with time. As God deemed it time for Nineveh to have the opportunity to repent and know His grace, He came to Jonah a second time. In the Epistle, Paul reminds us time is short, and the physical world is passing away. In the Gospel, Jesus would begin His earthly ministry and call His disciples, echoing the words of John the Baptist, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand". Though to the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day, we live each day knowing that all time is in His hands. Until He calls His people to glory, we rejoice for the time to gather where His Spirit is, be blessed by His Word of Law and Gospel, rejoice in mercy and forgiveness, and make use of the time given to be witnesses to others.

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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 4 p.m. Blended Worship Service

Steven Bumgarner – Accompanist

“Arise, go . . .” - Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Jesus began His ministry by proclaiming the Good News of God, calling people to repentance and belief. He called Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and they immediately left their nets and followed. As God’s people, we are called to respond to the Good News of Jesus with repentance and faith. Just as the disciples left everything to follow Him, we are called to prioritize our commitment to Christ above all else.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

Opening Song

“When Peace, like a River”

LSB 763

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Jonah 3:2, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29, 31; Mark 1:15, 17

P Hearing the Word of God, we are called to confess our sin, trusting in the one true God who is faithful and just and who will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for meditation.

P Though Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time, He spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, “go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”

C **As You, O Lord, have given us the message of the Gospel, we have been reluctant to go bring Your truth and grace to all people. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

P Paul reminds the people of God, “The appointed time has grown very short. . . . The present form of this world is passing away.”

C **As You, O Lord, have given us each day and hold all time in Your hands, we have not used our time wisely. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

P In today’s Gospel, Jesus called to Simon and Andrew, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him.

C **As You, O Lord, have called us to follow You, we have instead sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

P Even to the evil Ninevites, God showed His mercy upon their repentance. “When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.” Jesus proclaimed to the people, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Though we deserve His present and eternal punishment, God has relented by sending His Son to bear our sin and to be our Savior. Christ has taken our punishment on the cross, paid the price of our sins through His perfect life and sacrificial death, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

[Today's Bible readings are found on pages 14-15 of this worship program]

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

“To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things He has done, so loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done!

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood. To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender
who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done. And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done!

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Sermon: “Arise, go . . .” - *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

Nicene Creed

C 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

Isaiah 60:1, adapted

P ... Lord in Your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

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.”

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preparation for Holy Communion [as found on page 15 of this worship program]

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord's Prayer [as found on the inside back cover of the hymnal]

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Song During Distribution: “Be Still and Know” solo by Steve Bumgarner

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Song

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

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, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

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. 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; and I will love You to the end.

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Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Divine Service *Setting One* – LSB pg. 151

Kevin Vollrath & Laney Kieffer – Organists

“Arise, go . . .” - *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN OF INVOCATION **“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake**

LSB 688

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – LSB pg. 151

INSTALLATION of the 2024 Congregational Officers

SERVICE OF THE WORD – LSB pg. 152

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

[Today's Bible readings are found on pages 14-15 of this worship program]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 7:29-35*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 1:14-20*

SERMON: **“Arise, go . . .”** - *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

NICENE CREED

LSB 158

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Isaiah 60:1, adapted

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OFFERINGS OF OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – *LSB pg. 160*

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 15 of this worship program]

PREFACE *LSB 160*

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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

"This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world and to my listening ears, all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world! I rest me in the thought! Of rocks and trees of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise! The morning light the lily white declare their Maker's praise! This is my Father's world! He shines in all that's fair! In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere!

This is my Father's world! O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems off so strong, God is the Ruler yet! This is my Father's world! The battle is not done! Jesus who died shall be satisfied and earth and heaven be one!

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"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" *LSB 685*

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light" *LSB 839*

THANK THE LORD *LSB 164*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT *LSB 166*

BENEDICTION *LSB 166*

CLOSING HYMN **"What Is the World to Me"** *LSB 730*

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Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist

“Arise, go . . .” - Jonah 3:1–5, 10

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Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Time of Greeting

Time of Praise and Worship: “When Peace, like a River”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll; Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul. It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath
regarded my helpless estate and hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well (It is well) with my soul,
(with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to His cross,
and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well (It is well) with my soul,
(with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet
shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. It is well (It is well) with my soul,
(with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.

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Invocation

*Pastor: We are gathered in the spirit of fellowship, united by the transformative power of the Gospel.
Just like Jesus called His disciples to leave their nets and follow Him, we are called to embark on a
journey of faith together, casting aside our nets that are full of distractions and burdens,
to follow Jesus.*

People: We come with open hearts and minds, welcoming one another in the name of Jesus.

Opening Prayer

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Merciful Savior,

**People: We confess we have become entangled by the concerns of this world, hesitant to let go of our
“nets” and follow You wholeheartedly and without hesitation. We have given into fear instead
of trusting You to lead us. Forgive us, Lord.**

*Pastor: Jesus, You were one of us- both God and man- and understand the human condition. We are frail,
impatient, and lack patience and understanding. Yet, when we turn to You with contrite hearts,
You readily and freely give us forgiveness and a renewed invitation to follow You. So, may we be
encouraged today and trust in Your loving presence and guidance.*

**People: Thank You for Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your grace. We are ready to commit to following
You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.**

† We Hear God's Word †

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

Holy Gospel: *Mark 1:14-20*

Response Song: **"To God Be the Glory"**

To God be the glory, great things He has done, so loved He the world that He gave us His Son. Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done!

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Message: **"Arise, go . . ." - *Jonah 3:1-5, 10***

† 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 15 of this worship program)

Words of Institution

Music During Communion: "Be Still and Know" *solo by Steve Bumgarner*

† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

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, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

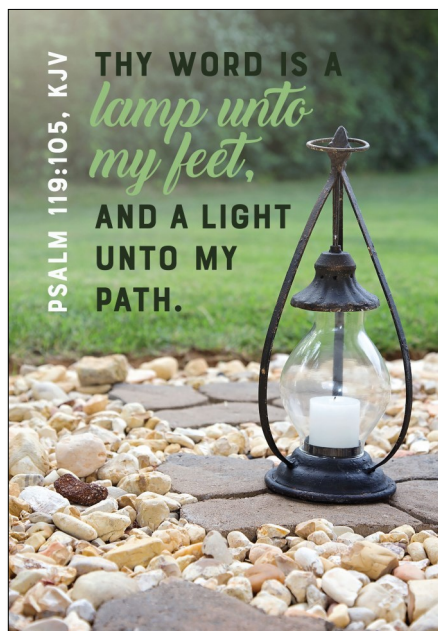
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Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; and I will love You to the end.

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NOTES AND NEWS



THE TEXAS TENORS IN CONCERT! APRIL 6, 2024!

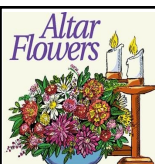
If you have not reserved your seat for THE TEXAS TENORS, we need to hear from you this week!

A limited number of tickets are available for this sold out concert on Saturday, April 6th, at the Arbogast Performing Arts Center, in Troy, Ohio. The performance begins at 7:00 pm; so we'll plan to leave around 3:30-4:00 to allow for travel and dinner.

Total cost for your ticket, motor coach transportation, dinner, and gratitudes, (not including ice cream) is \$125.00 person. We need your \$10.00 deposit by the end of January to reserve your seat.

As many of you know, the Texas Tenors will present a moving concert, filled with popular songs, patriotic tunes, along with awesome audio visuals and graphics. The Golden Eagles have become Texas Tenor fans and would love to have you aboard!

**Contact Jeff or Carol Reinhard (614) 560-5085 or
Annie Scheiderer (937) 707-0424 to put
your name on the list!**



2024 ALTAR FLOWER DATES

Flower dates can be reserved for altar or chancel flowers by contacting Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111. Many dates are still available for the year 2024. Dates available for altar flowers for the first six months are the following:

February 4	February 25	May 5	June 16
February 11	April 14	May 12	June 23
February 18	April 21	June 2	

Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend.



Everyone, Ladies and Men, Are Invited To Come!

Our Thursday, Feb. 1st, Ladies Aid meeting will be held at the Heritage House at 1:00 pm. Our speaker will be Stephen Ministry leader, Marie Van Gorden. You will learn how a Stephen Minister is trained to be a lay Christian caregiver for you, your family or friends. Please come to learn about this vital ministry at St. John's.

St. John's Lutheran Church 2024 Lenten & Holy Week Worship Service Schedule and Activities



Lenten Worship Services

Ash Wednesday Services: February 14

4:00 & 7:00 pm with Communion and
Distribution of Ashes

Ash Wednesday Supper: 5:00-7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria/Gym

Midweek Lenten Services: February 21 & 28;
March 6, 13, and 20; 4:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Suppers: Wednesdays, February 21-
March 20, 5:00-6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria/Gym

Midweek Lenten Bible Study: Wednesdays,
February 21-March 20: "Be Gracious to Me", weekly Bible
study, led by Pastor Jack, 6:30 pm in the Heritage House.



Holy Week Worship Services March 24-March 30

Palm Sunday Services: March 24

9:00 am: 2024 Youth Rite of Confirmation - Sanctuary
11:00 am: Contemporary - Gym

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28

7:00 pm Worship & 1st Holy Communion for 2024 Youth
Confirmands

Good Friday: March 29

Tenebrae Service: "Service of Darkness", 7:00 pm
Prayer Vigil: Starts at 8:00 pm - Marie Pfarr Room

Holy Saturday Service: March 30

6:00 pm with Communion

Easter Sunday Services: March 31

9:00 & 11:00 am with Communion

No Sunday School Classes, but please attend:

10:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt for All Ages up to 6th Grade
(Meet on the softball field)

10:15 am: Our Family Easter Breakfast
hosted by the Cafeteria Bible Study Group

Please Join Us — All Are Welcome!

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.

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)**.

Valet Parking: Available at the 9:00 am service. Contact Charlie Fisher at 614-370-5495 or clfpagg@aol.com if interested in helping valet park, or have questions.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are beautiful poinsettias given to the Glory of God and in honor or memory of loved ones.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S JANUARY 21-28, 2024

TODAY 01/21/24	9:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Live-Streamed): Communion/Installation of 2024 Congregational Officers
	10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am 2023-24 Youth Catechism Class/Modulars
	11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service: Communion
	3:30 pm SJ Boys BBall at Home vs Tree of Life
MONDAY	8:00 pm Adult Open Gym Volleyball
TUESDAY	11:30 am Ladies Aid Quilting
	5:30 pm SJ Girls/Boys BBall at Home vs Hilliard Darby
	7:00 pm Bd. of Elders Meeting/Heritage House
	7:30 pm Bd. of Education Meeting/Heritage House
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm ACES/Youth House
THURSDAY	12:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
	4:00 pm SJS Open House
	8:00 pm Dartball/Gym
FRIDAY	1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
	5:30 pm SJ Boys BBall at Home vs Calvary
SATURDAY	7:30 am Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House
	9:30 am SJ Boys BBall at Home vs. Cbus Academy
	4:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service
SUNDAY 01/28/24	9:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Live-Streamed)
	10:00 am Adult & Young Adult Bible Study/ Youth & Children Sunday School
	10:00 am 2023-24 Youth Catechism Class/Modulars
	11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service/Gym
	1:30 pm Quarterly Voter's Meeting/Gym
	6:00 pm Jr. LYF: Youth Night/Gym

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 Classroom

High School Youth "Cornerstone Discipleship"—Youth House

Women's Bible Study—Classroom (below the school loft):
Topic - "Where Love Abides." Bible study based on John 15:1-17, written by Donna Snow.

Adult Bible Study—School Cafeteria: New Topic - "Job"
led by Rich & Kristine Rausch.

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



Weekly Church Attendance

4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

1/13 & 1/14: 218

Weekly Worship Bible Readings

We have provided next weekends Bible readings for those of you who would like to read and study the Word ahead of next weekends worship services:

January 27-28, 2024

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Congregational Tithe—3rd Qtr. Mission Opportunities of Fiscal Year 2023-24

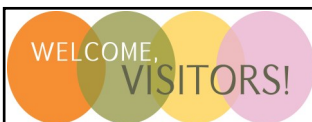
LCMS Ohio District - 50%;

Youth Mission Outreach - 10%;

Armed Forces Ministry - 40%



NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Those who are visiting with us today, please feel free to take a blue visitor "welcome" bag located in the back of church or on the tables in the gym at 11:00 am worship service.

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

Worship Transportation Ministry



We are in need of drivers to pick up and drop off members for worship. If you are interested in helping serve in this capacity, please contact Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, for more information. Call 937-240-3004 or email rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org.

January Junior Youth Event

January 28th

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!



Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting

The Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting will be held **Sunday, January 28, 2024** at 1:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Please consider attending this meeting to become a voting member.

Extra Seats Available for SJS 8th Grade Washington DC Trip!



There are seats available for travel to Washington D.C. with our annual 8th graders trip. This year's travel kicks off with a departure on April 24th and returning on April 27th. We will visit historical and memorial sites included but not limited to The Museum of the Bible, The Library of Congress, The US Capitol, Washington Cathedral, and Mount Vernon. Please contact Mr. Rausch by **February 1st** if you have any questions or are interested.

Email: rrausch@sjsmarysville.org or
Call: 937-240-3003

Contribution Statements Available

Member contribution statements are ready and can be picked up after worship services for the next two weekends. They will also be available at the Quarterly Voter's Meeting. This will help us save some money on postage. After that, any remaining statements will be mailed.

If you have questions regarding your statement, please contact Teresa Nickle, Financial Secretary.

MORE NOTES & NEWS



Greetings from Stephen Ministry. In 2016, we started a new generation of Stephen Ministers at St. John's. Two classes of Stephen Ministers were commissioned and extended compassionate care to many members. The year 2020 was hard for Stephen Ministry. We are looking to restart the Stephen Ministry at St. John's.

Over the next few months, there will be information announced in church as well as in the Notes & News. We will reach out to groups at St. John's to explain what Stephen Ministry does and how you as members of this church can help grow St. John's into a Stephen Ministry church. This is a process that will take some time.

We are in a phase, at this time, to recruit Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are congregation members, trained by Stephen Leaders, to offer care to people who hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person weekly for an hour.

Pastors feel confident referring people to Stephen Ministers because they know that Stephen Ministers are carefully selected, well-trained, and well-supervised caregivers. Stephen Ministry can help support our pastor in his outreach to those folks who are going through difficult times.

We invite you to listen and read the information that we will present over the next weeks. Our goal is to start a new class of Stephen Ministers after Easter.

We have two scheduled meetings to present more information about Stephen Ministry:

- February 1 at 1:00 pm, Heritage House (Ladies Aid meeting, all welcome)
- February 4 at 10:00 am, Cafeteria (Rich and Kristine Rausch Sunday School, all welcome)

For more information on Stephen Ministry, please contact:

Doug Doellinger - Phone: 937-644-0576, Email - weaverwood8@gmail.com or

Marie Van Gorden - Phone: 614-736-7162, Email - marievangorden@gmail.com



National Alliance on Mental Illness

nami Family-to-Family

January 30 - March 19, 2024

9 am - 11:30 am

(Every Tuesday for 8 Weeks)

Richwood Bank

250 E. 5th Street, Marysville, Ohio 43040

For more information
or to register:



NotAloneOhio.org

A free educational program for family, partners, and friends of those with mental health conditions. With lived experience, our instructors understand and remind you that you are not alone. Research shows that our program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of those closest to those with a mental health condition. Join us better to understand your loved one's diagnosis and its impact. Questions? Please contact Ginny at Ginny@NotAloneOhio.org or (740) 815-1767.

NAMI Mid Ohio receives funding from and is a provider for the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County, and SourcePoint: Thrive After 55.

Board of Properties Survey

A survey from the Board of Properties has been included in the worship program for this weekend.

The purpose of the survey is to assist the board in prioritizing facility issues, and they are therefore asking the congregation for their input.

A drop box has been placed in the Marie Pfarr Room and on the table in the gym during Contemporary Worship for you to place your completed survey.

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS



Thanks to all for prayers, cards, and personal greetings regarding Ruth Ann and my 63rd wedding anniversary and my 86th birthday. Appreciate the prayers by Pastor Jack in the church services. Thank you to the children in the 3 year old through kindergarten Sunday School class for sending the birthday cards that each child designed and made. I really liked the paste on stickers and the theme message. GOD loves you. To GOD be the GLORY. **Eugene & Ruth Ann Mayer**

I want to thank Pastor Jack for his birthday prayer and all of my family and friends that sent cards or phoned me on my birthday. I appreciated the hand made cards from the 3-5 age Sunday School children, and also the card from Mrs. Wade's fifth grade class at school. A special thank-you to my daughter-in-laws and grand-daughters taking me out to celebrate my birthday. God's Blessings! **Eileen Vollrath**

Thank you to my family, friends and Sunday school children for my birthday cards.
God bless you. **Merrill Rausch**

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

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

God gave Jonah a second chance to deliver His message of repentance to the city of Nineveh. Jonah obeyed this time and proclaimed God's impending judgment, leading the people to repent and turn to God.

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . . ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

Paul encouraged believers to live with a sense of urgency, recognizing that the present form of the world was passing away. He advised them to prioritize their devotion to the Lord and to live in a way that was undivided and focused on serving God.

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband.

³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Sun. 9 a.m.) **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus began His ministry by proclaiming the Good News of God, calling people to repentance and belief. He called Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and they immediately left their nets and followed.

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G 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.

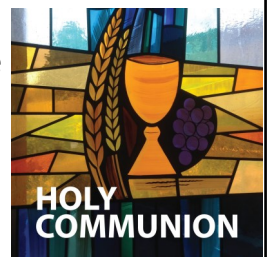
Because we care for you, we ask that you carefully review the following statements:

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.





**Jonah arose, and
went unto Nineveh,
according to the
word of the LORD.**

Jonah 3:3, KJV