

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 3-4, 2024



To say someone has “had an epiphany” usually means that he has come not simply to see something new but to see something that was already there in a new or different way. In the season of Epiphany, the church rejoices in the newness that is Christ shining in the darkness and making Himself known to sinners of every stripe. But more than that, the Epiphany of Jesus (who He is and for whom He is) has Christians “having epiphanies” themselves as they come to see things that were already there in new or different ways. The most significant “thing” we, having seen Jesus, see differently is our neighbor. Instead of rivals, we see friends. Instead of burdens, we see brothers. Such is the epiphany Paul longs for the saints gathered in first-century Corinth (and whenever and wherever else they are gathered) to have. Insofar as living and congregating with burdens-on-the-way-to-becoming-brothers is an exhausting business, only the foolish would attempt it without “the Creator of the ends of the earth” to have their backs (and fronts, sides, tops) and to “renew their strength” when they faint. Insofar as all those involved in the business enter it oppressed with the demon called ego and feverishly searching for identity, security, and meaning in everything except their creator, it is our Creator-made-Creature exorcising that demon, taking our hand (and ultimately taking our sin!) that raises and frees us to serve and become “all things to all people”.

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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

Steve Bumgarner – Accompanist

“Propelled to Preach” - 1 Corinthians 9:16–27

Living at a time when it seems the Church is under attack, we might long for a time when everyone was looking for Jesus. Whether they know or realize it, the world is looking for Jesus, that is, for an answer to sin, fear, loneliness, pain, and death. Jesus is that answer. For this reason, our Lord had to continue to preach at the next town and the next. For this reason, we continue to proclaim the unchanging Gospel year in and year out, for it is the only Gospel by which any can be saved. May the Lord grant us zeal for His house and His kingdom!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

Opening Song

“How Deep The Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father's love for us - How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross - My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything - No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 13:5; 147:6

P I have trusted in Your steadfast love;

C my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

P The LORD lifts up the humble;

C He casts the wicked to the ground.

Silence for reflection.

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6

I will sing | to the LORD,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.
Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;*
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed | over him,”*
lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.
But I have trusted in your | steadfast love;*
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.
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 will sing | to the LORD,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Announcement of the Day

[Today’s Bible readings are found on pages 19-20 of this worship program]

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 9:16-27*

Verse

Mark 1:39

C Alleluia. [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: *Mark 1:29-39*

“Lord Be Glorified”

In my life Lord be glorified, be glorified
In my life Lord be glorified today!

In my song Lord be glorified, be glorified
In my song Lord be glorified today!

In Your church Lord be glorified, be glorified
In Your church Lord be glorified today!

In our home Lord be glorified, be glorified
In our home Lord be glorified today!

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Sermon Message: “Propelled to Preach” - *1 Corinthians 9:16-27*

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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 11 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

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Song During Distribution:

“My Peace”

Peace Peace

Peace to know Peace to live

My peace I give unto you

My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give.

It's a peace that the world cannot understand.

Peace to know peace to live My peace I give unto you

Oo Oo My peace I give unto you

My love I give unto you. It's a love that the world cannot give

It's a love that the world cannot understand

Love to know love to live My love I give unto you

Love that the world cannot understand My love My love

My peace I give unto you My peace to you

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Song

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song

This Cornerstone this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease

My Comforter my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save

'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied

For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny

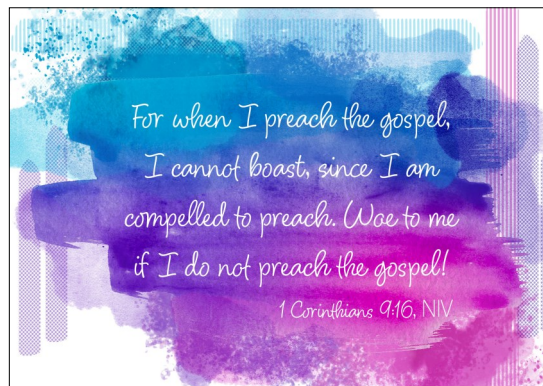
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand

'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Sunday 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Divine Service *Setting Four* – LSB pg. 203

Dale Scheiderer – Organist

“Propelled to Preach” - 1 Corinthians 9:16–27

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION – LSB pg. 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD – LSB pg. 204

INTROIT

Psalm 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6

I will sing | to the LORD,*

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;*

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed | over him,”*

lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

But I have trusted in your | steadfast love;*

my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

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 will sing | to the LORD,*

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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[Today’s Bible readings are found on pages 19-20 of this worship program]

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 9:16-27*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 1:29-39*

NICENE CREED

LSB 206

SERMON: “Propelled to Preach” - *1 Corinthians 9:16-27*

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 – *LSB pg. 208*

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION [as found on page 11 of this worship program]

PREFACE

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SANCTUS

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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LORD’S PRAYER

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C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“O Son of God, in Galilee”

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“Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578

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Sunday 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

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Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Time of Greeting

Opening Song: “How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

How deep the Father's love for us - How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross - My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything - No gifts no power no wisdom
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Invocation

Pastor: Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life, touch us today.

People: God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair, reassure us today.

Pastor: Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace, place Your mercy in our souls today.

People: You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned, who bring justice in the midst of oppression. And strength in the midst of weakness, pour out Your spirit of power upon us today.

Pastor: Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our waywardness, and hold us gently in Your goodness.

People: We confess our need to You, and we turn to You with hearts filled with hope, remembering the promises You have made to us.

Pastor: May Your name be glorified in us and through us. We ask it through Christ Jesus, Your only begotten son, He who is our Lord and our Savior, our brother, and our friend.

People: Amen!

Opening Prayer

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Lord, we confess.

People: How can we look at this world and not sing of Your praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet we often take all that You do for us for granted.

Pastor: We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst. We always believe that someone else will care for those in need.

People: Forgive us, O God, when we deprive people of the love, we owe them as people unconditionally loved by You.

Pastor: Forgive us and help us to see people with Your eyes, Jesus, and to be moved by Your compassion so that we become active and fearless bearers of healing and mercy.

People: God, You loved this world so much that You sent Your own son, Jesus Christ to live and die among us, in order that we might have life. Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves. Amen

† We Hear God's Word †

(Today's Bible readings are found on pages 19-20 of this worship program)

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 9:16-27*

Holy Gospel: *Mark 1:29-30*

Response Song:

"Lord Be Glorified"

In my life Lord be glorified, be glorified
In my life Lord be glorified today!

In my song Lord be glorified, be glorified
In my song Lord be glorified today!

In Your church Lord be glorified, be glorified
In Your church Lord be glorified today!

In our home Lord be glorified, be glorified
In our home Lord be glorified today!

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Message: "Propelled to Preach" - *1 Corinthians 9:16-27*

† 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 11 of this worship program)

Words of Institution

Music During Communion:

"My Peace"

Peace Peace

Peace to know Peace to live

My peace I give unto you

My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give.

It's a peace that the world cannot understand.

Peace to know peace to live My peace I give unto you

Oo Oo My peace I give unto you

My love I give unto you. It's a love that the world cannot give

It's a love that the world cannot understand

Love to know love to live My love I give unto you

Love that the world cannot understand My love My love

My peace I give unto you My peace to you

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† We Depart in Peace †

Benediction

Closing Song:

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song

This Cornerstone this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease

My Comforter my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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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:

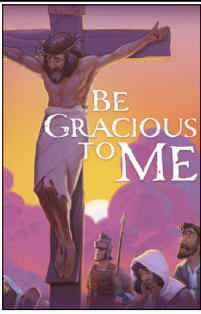
1. I have been baptized into the name of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:16-20*
2. I have been instructed concerning the meaning of Holy Communion, understand the importance of self-examination prior to coming to the Lord's Supper and have made my confirmation of faith.
1 Corinthians 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.

NOTES AND NEWS



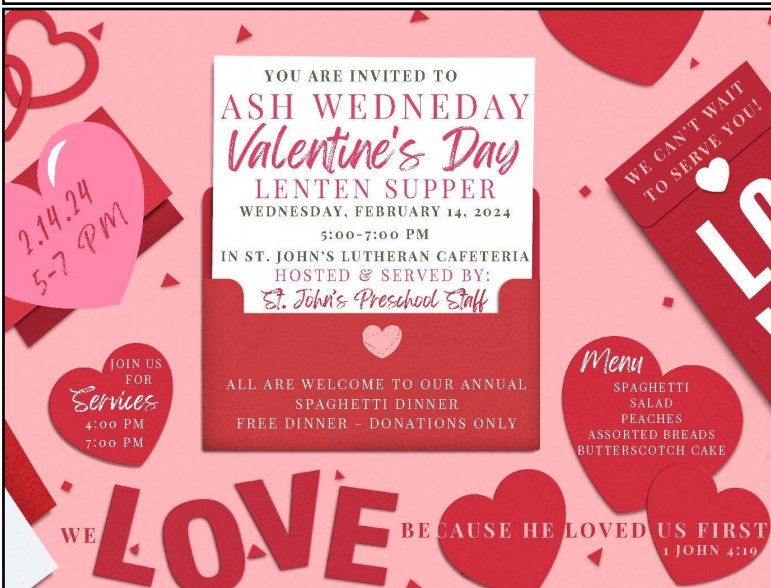
Midweek Lent Bible Study Series

***"Be Gracious to Me"* led by Pastor Jack**
Weekly for 5 Wednesdays: February 21 through March 20
6:30 pm at the Heritage House

Please stop in and enjoy a delicious Lenten Supper hosted by one of our St. John's Ministries in the school cafeteria, and then join us for our midweek Lenten Bible Study titled, *"Be Gracious to Me"*. This study centers around Psalm 41 where God's grace wells up and King David exults God, tracing the flow of divine grace from the source to its believers. He watches the current flow and spring forth in the lives of all believers through Baptism. Discover how Christ's sufferings are your sufferings, and more importantly, how David's words in Psalm 41 have become your reality through Christ. In the day of trouble, the Lord delivers you. The Lord protects you and keeps you alive. You are called blessed in the land.

If you would like to attend, you are welcome to use the Sign-Up Genius link provided below, or contact Regina Bullerman through **email:** rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org or **phone:** 937-240-3004.

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Free Will Offerings given at the Ash Wednesday Lenten Supper will go towards our St. John's Preschool Program and Growing Roots Campaign.

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 to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the many blessings He has provided to St. John's Lutheran Church and School, by the St. John's Ladies Aid.

THE LORD'S WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S FEBRUARY 4-11, 2024

TODAY 02/04/24	9:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Live-Streamed): Communion
	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: Communion
MONDAY	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/Gym
FRIDAY	1:00 pm Ladies Aid Quilting
SATURDAY	7:30 am Ladies Morning Bible Study/Heritage House 4:00 pm Sanctuary Worship Service
SUNDAY 02/11/24	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

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: 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 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

Weekly Church Attendance

4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
1/27 & 1/28: 328

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:

February 10-11, 2024

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6

Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

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

LCMS Ohio District - 50%;

Youth Mission Outreach - 10%;

Armed Forces Ministry - 40%



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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.



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. Chancel flowers are available almost every weekend. Dates available for altar flowers for the first six months are the following:

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

The Flower Committee thanks you for your support.

HELP WANTED!

Facilities Manager: We are searching for a new full-time Facilities Manager to begin work in early April. This position is responsible for the day-to-day operation, maintenance and safety of the entire St. John's Church and School campus.

Duties include: regular and preventative maintenance, general repairs (electrical, plumbing, HVAC), custodial tasks, management of other custodial staff, boiler operation, snow removal, supply purchasing & inventory, contract negotiation and oversight of service vendors.

A more detailed job description and application can be obtained by contacting the Business Administrator at 937-722-9115 or trees@sjsmarysville.org



I'd like to thank Pastor Jack and the wonderful people of St. John's for their prayers, visits, cards and phone calls while I was recovering. It was so thoughtful of all of you! Blessings, **Janet Stierhoff**

Thank you to the congregation for the condolence cards and prayers at the passing of my father, Marvin Bumgardner. I also want to express my appreciation for the prayer chain team and their steadfast dedication to lifting up my father and many others. It was a blessing to know your prayers were at work. Thank you, **Vicki Craig**



Greetings from Stephen Ministry!!

In the past few weeks, we discussed the plan to rejuvenate the Stephen Ministry program at St. John's. A new Stephen Minister class will start after Easter.

We are looking for folks to take the training, and support folks who are going through difficult times in our church.

What are the components of a Stephen Ministry Program?

Stephen Leaders: A Stephen Leader can be a pastor, church staff, or lay leader, chosen by the leaders of the congregation and trained by Stephen Ministries, St. Louis, to provide ongoing leadership for their congregation's Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministers: A Stephen Minister is a congregation member trained by the Stephen Leader to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person weekly for about an hour.

Care Receivers: A Care receiver is an individual in the congregation or community who is going through a crisis, life difficulty, or loss. Potential care receivers first meet with a pastor or Stephen Leader who assesses their needs for care and matches them with a Stephen Minister (men are matched with men, women with women). The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need persists.

Stephen Minister Training: Stephen Ministers are trained in the congregation by Stephen Ministers using resources from Stephen Ministries St. Louis, the international headquarters of the Stephen Ministries organization.

Stephen Ministry focuses on the fact that Christ is the "Cure Giver," Stephen Ministers are "Care Givers."

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.

Website: Stephenministry.org

MORE NOTES & NEWS



Golden Eagles Host ... Antiques Road Show, February 21st, 10 AM

Join us Wednesday, February 21st when The Golden Eagles will host our very own version of **"Antiques Road Show"**! This event will be held at Union Rural Electric Headquarters, 15461 U.S. Highway 36, Marysville in the Roger Yoder Multipurpose Room, and all are welcome!

Have you ever watched **Antiques Roadshow** on our PBS network and pondered what treasure **YOU** would share if you had the opportunity?! Well, this is your chance! You are invited to bring along an antique or collectible item and have your very own **"Antiques Roadshow"** experience! Perhaps something that has been passed down through the family; an object from the old days on the farm; a favorite piece of glassware from a favorite relative; a military memento; or even an interesting old photograph. Local memorabilia often brings back lots of memories, and the storytelling is as interesting as the item itself! You may even have an item that you think might "stump the audience" about its intended use or purpose! Bring that!

We have invited dear friends and long-time antiques dealers and collectors, Dan Fawcett and Pat Rinehart-Irwin to be our guest experts. They will share highlights of their own personal collecting experiences, as well as offer information regarding date and possible origin of your treasures!

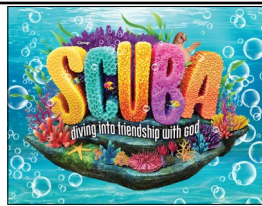
All are invited to stay for the light lunch that will follow the program for a free-will offering. AND... as always, there's a good chance there will be ICE CREAM! If you would be willing to bring a dessert to share, please call or text Carol Reinhard so that we may coordinate with others. We will be sure to serve lunch in time for our ACES to get back to the Youth House for card playing! Please feel free to contact Carol (614-679-9124) or Jeff (614-560-5085) for more information.

Antiques Roadshow



Get Ready to Dive In this Summer...

I know it feels early, but it's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School! If you're interested in helping this year, please join us for an interest meeting on

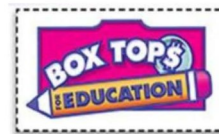


Sunday, February 25, from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm in the school cafeteria. There will be a few light snacks and childcare if you kiddos need to stay with you, they are more than welcome. At this meeting we will break down the different stations, and other leadership roles, decide on any other meeting times, training sessions, etc.

Regardless of whether you want to help with a leadership role, or just help the week of VBS, **please save these dates** on your calendar: **Sunday, June 9 - Thursday, June 13 from 6-8 pm.**

This is a growing outreach at St. John's. Every year we have more and more kids attending - it's an exciting week to be a part of! Please join us!

Students, participate in the Box Tops for Education program for an opportunity for your class to win!



**YOUR CLASS COULD
WIN AN ICE CREAM**

Starting in February, St. John's Lutheran School will be collecting Box Tops submissions for each grade on the Box Tops app. The class with the most Box Tops collected from Feb 1st - 29th will receive a CEA-sponsored ice cream party!!

Scan the code to download the Box Tops app and start earning for our school today!



Please contact Sonja Collier (cea@sismarysville.org or 614-266-9315) for further information.



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Have you ever wondered...

- How do the flowers show up on the altar each week?
- Where do the Baptismal banners come from?
- And how do the Baptismal candles, embroidered napkins and roses appear on the right day?
- Who cleans and changes the paraments on the altar, lectern and pulpit?
- Who creates and displays the banners in church?
- Who makes all of those amazing quilts?
- Hot food and comforting fellowship are provided after funerals, who does that?
- How is the Christmas Bazaar organized?
- Each Sunday the altar is adorned, and candles are lit by the acolytes; how does that get done?
- How do our shut-in members and those in care facilities stay connected to our church family?
- Get-well, birthday, and anniversary cards are sent to our homebound members, who does that?
- The bread and wine are readied for Pastor Jack to consecrate, then washed afterwards, how does that happen?
- Who gets the Christmas tree and decorations set up before the start of the season of Advent?
- Who organizes the fun old school skills classes?



The short answer is Ladies Aid. St. John's Ladies Aid Society fills all of these needs and more. They financially support numerous missions locally and around the world through LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League), give to young men studying to become pastors, and for needs of the church and school.

All confirmed ladies, young and more mature, are counted as members of Ladies Aid/LWML. L/A isn't about going to meetings, it's about using your servant's heart and getting involved with your church family. If you want to get involved in a no stress way, contact one of the L/A leaders. They will be happy to connect you with your interests.

Kim Zacharias: 937-537-1946, Brande Vollrath: 937-243-5289,
Lynn Rausch: 734-301-0975, Rachael Gruenbaum: 614-352-1794

Young Adult /College Care Packages

The 7th and 8th grade Catechism classes need your help to send some love to our young adult members that are currently going to school, in training, or working through decisions on what path they want to take. This year, we are asking for monetary donations so we can shop for items that will fit into boxes and keep the gifts consistent for all the young adults. Please consider giving towards the care packages (each box costs approximately \$25). You can place donations in an envelope and put in the offering plate with College Care Packages clearly labeled. We will be collecting donations through March 3rd.

If your young adult is not listed in the current Notes & News prayer list, please contact Regina in the church office to get their information added by March 3rd.

Contact: Kelly Gallmeyer with any questions 614-325-1937.



Loss of a Spouse Event: Are you grieving the death of a Spouse? Or do you know someone who is? Find encouragement, comfort, and hope at a special **Loss of a Spouse** event being held on **Sunday, Feb. 18, from 2-4 pm** at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7960 St. Rt. 38, Milford Center. **Loss of a Spouse** helps men & women grapple with the challenges of being widowed. The **FREE** seminar features an inspiring 35-minute video that's filled with moving stories, practical advice, & a variety of perspectives on spousal loss. After the video, you'll have the opportunity to discuss what you learned. You'll discover that you're not alone in your grief and what you're going through is normal. Plus, you'll receive a booklet to take home with over 30 short readings on how to rebuild your life. Please call or text **Deaconess Janet Nicol** at **614-561-7411** to register for this encouraging seminar.

MORE NOTES & NEWS



YOU are invited to a Baby Shower for Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne students. Students attending the Seminary receive a gift box of items when a child is born. This year several families are expecting a child. In November 2023 a family was blessed with the gift of twins.

Date: March 3

Location: Youth House

Time: 3 p.m.

Hosted by: St. John's Ladies Aid

RSVP: Mary Mayer 937-642-2181 or Teresa Nickle 937-243-7314

Suggested **unwrapped items:** Onesies, socks, teethingers, books, rattles, toys, bibs, blankets, clothes, diapers, **unscented wipes**, etc. If you are unable to attend, a box will be set up in the Fellowship Hall and gym to place your donations.

Please join us in fellowship and support a gift from God to our future church workers. We hope to see **YOU** March 3 at the Youth House. We look forward to spending part of a Sunday afternoon with YOU.



Bring the Whole Family! St. John's Shrove Pancake Dinner

february 13th; 5-7 pm

School Gym



Katie's Pancakes will be flipping Pancakes to you! Pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice are provided.

this is a free event. freewill offering is accepted and will go to cea to help cover the cost of this and future events.

email cea@sjsmarysville.org with questions

Loving In Actions And In Truth Ministry

LIAAIT continues to schedule ramp builds as weather permits. Their last ramp project was completed on November 16, 2023, building a small ramp for an elderly woman in Pharisburg. Thanks to those who contributed their time and talents: Dudley Blumenschein, Roger Rausch, Ron Nicol, Gene Nicol, Dennis Dice and Geoff Masters (photos below). They recently scheduled a winter wheelchair ramp build for February 1, 2024, in Richwood, where they are going to construct a small landing with a 10' ramp for a person in need.



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The *Singing Saints* of Saint Paul Lutheran High School

Performing at St. John's, Marysville

Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary

The *Singing Saints* of Saint Paul Lutheran High School, of Concordia, Missouri, will be performing a concert on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. here at St. John's Lutheran Church in the church sanctuary.

The choir is on its annual domestic tour, singing this year on a nine-day tour through the Midwest and East Coast parts of the United States. They will be performing in Perryville and Columbia, MO; Maryville and Loudon, TN; Asheville, NC; Richmond and Ashburn, VA; Silver Spring, MD, and Ft. Wayne, IN. The touring choir is made up of 46 students from the 60+ voice concert choir and they will be performing a varied program that includes classic German choral works by Mendelssohn, Bruckner, and Haydn, as well as some hymns, anthems and spirituals. The first half of the program will feature works based exclusively on Psalm texts and it also includes a piece by the women's and the men's choruses. The award-winning choir is under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. The concert is free, but donations are kindly requested to help cover expenses for their tour.

Saint Paul Lutheran High School is the only remaining LCMS residential high school in the United States, located in central Missouri, about an hour east of Kansas City. The college-prep school offers college-level courses, STEM, Honors, and AP classes, and numerous opportunities to be involved in sports, music, drama, academic teams, and more. For more information about the school, visit www.splhs.org.



TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 40:21-31*

The Prophet Isaiah, beginning in chapter 40 most likely writes to the Israelites held in Babylonian captivity.

He points to a God as beyond compare, who says, "Who is my equal?" Isaiah tells them to look up in wonder and understand that the Lord is indeed there, everlasting and beyond understanding.

It is those who hope in the Lord who will not grow tired but will be renewed.

²¹Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 9:16-27*

Paul writes words that should be heeded by all preachers- "Woe to me if I don't preach the Gospel." He then explains how he does it, how he adapts to his audience- so people can be saved, all for the sake of the Gospel. He compares himself to athletes in training with the goal of winning. To win not an earthly crown, but an everlasting crown.

¹⁶If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. ²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Sat. 4 p.m.) Verse

Mark 1:39

C Alleluia. [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia.

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

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Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Mark, in his Gospel writes of the very beginnings of Jesus' ministry. He has been baptized, tested in the wilderness and now He is calling His disciples. Jesus is teaching throughout Galilee in the synagogues and performing miracles-driving out demons and healing the sick. Word is spreading fast about Him.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

