

**January 21, 2024  
10:45 a.m.**



## **St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

North Versailles, Pennsylvania

***A Place for Everyone***



*A Reconciling in Christ congregation  
of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



**The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Greway, Pastor**



# Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church!

We are happy to have you with us today!

- You will find the entire worship service printed on the following pages. Words spoken or sung by the people are **in bold type**. Explanations of the structure and content of the service are *written like this*. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex (lobby).
- When asked to stand, please do so only as you are able and comfortable.
- **At St. John's, we practice an open table for communion.** All who seek God from any tradition or denomination are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer to have a blessing instead of communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest or ask the pastor for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you have an alcohol sensitivity you may receive bread alone. If you would like communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.
- **Children are always a welcome part of worship** at St. John's, and the "Sermon for Young Disciples" is especially for them. You are invited to send (or bring) little ones to the front of the sanctuary at the appropriate time. Children's bulletins are available in the narthex (lobby) providing activities based on today's scripture readings.
- If you need to step out of the sanctuary with your child(ren) during worship, please know that you will still be able to hear the service from the **Narthex** (lobby). If you wish, you may also make use of the un-staffed **Nursery Room**, where you can also hear the service. You and your child can also use the **Prayground** which is in the front of the church on the left (streetside). There are drawing materials, quiet toys, and seats for children and adults.
- St. John's records and shares our worship services as a ministry to those who are unable to join us in person. Please be aware that videography, livestreaming, and other **recording** may be in progress during this service, and that we sometimes feature photos of church activities on our website and social media.
- **Hearing assistance devices** are available from an usher to enhance your worship experience.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*Worship begins  
with a chance to  
prepare our  
hearts and  
minds to  
encounter God.  
Turn off your  
electronic  
devices and  
bring your  
conversations to  
an end.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Quietly center your heart and mind for worship.  
All may make the sign of the cross ✙, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*We stand, as able.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We  
have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded  
one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized  
the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant.  
Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good  
news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of  
grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority  
of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.  
**Amen.**

*We stand facing  
the baptismal  
font,  
remembering  
that we have  
been claimed as  
God's children.*

*We have a  
chance to lay  
before God all  
that has  
happened this  
past week and to  
receive God's  
gift of a fresh  
start.*

*We stand,  
as able.*

*We turn to face  
the processional  
cross  
continually  
facing it on its  
way to the front  
of the church.*

### My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

#### Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

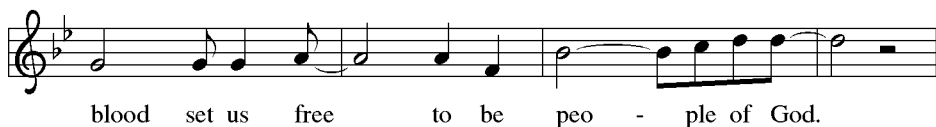
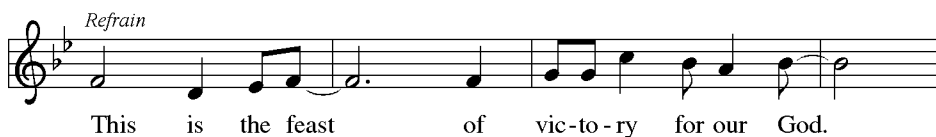
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



3

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

After the prayer,  
we sit.

## SERMON FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kimberly

*This is Where Children Belong* James Ritchie



This, this is where chil dren be-long, wel comed as part of the wor-ship-ing throng.  
Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

### FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from Jonah.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The book of  
Jonah is a  
comedy starring  
a reluctant  
prophet who is  
given a one-  
sentence  
message:  
Nineveh will be  
destroyed in  
forty days.  
Much to Jonah’s  
dismay, the  
people of  
Nineveh repent.  
The point of the  
story is to get  
the reader to  
wrestle with the  
question “On  
whom should  
God have  
mercy?”*

*We recite one of  
the ancient  
scriptures found  
in the Bible.*

## **PSALTER: Psalm 62:5-12**

*Read responsively.*

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate  
cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

*Paul does not  
disapprove of  
marriage or  
other human  
social  
institutions. He  
does, however,  
want Christians  
to live in the  
present in  
fervent  
anticipation of  
God's future,  
which even now  
has dawned  
through the  
death and  
resurrection of  
Jesus Christ.*

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on,  
let even those who have wives be as though they had none <sup>30</sup>and 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  
possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no  
dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

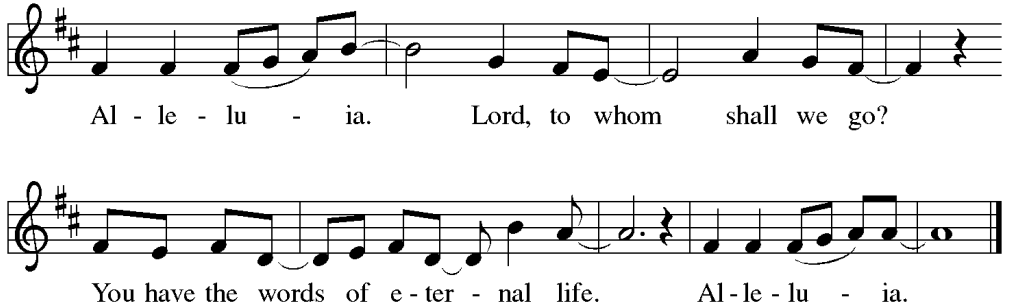
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*We stand as if  
to welcome  
Jesus himself  
into our midst  
for the reading  
of the gospel,  
a message of  
good news from  
Jesus.*



*We stand,  
as able.*

# You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

*Tú has venido a la orilla*



1	Tú	has	ve - ni - do	a la o - ri - lla,	no has bus -
1	You	have	come down to the	lake - shore	seek - ing
2	You	know	full well what I	have, Lord:	nei - ther
3	You	need	my hands, my	ex - haus - tion,	work - ing
4	You	who	have fished oth - er	wa - ters;	you, the



ca - do	ni a sa - bios	ni a ri - cos;	tan só - lo
nei - ther	the wise nor the	wealth - y,	but on - ly
trea - sure	nor wea - pons for	con - quest,	just these my
love for	the rest of the	wea - ry—	a love that's
long - ing	of souls that are	yearn - ing;	O lov - ing



quie - res	que yo	te	si - ga.
ask - ing	for me	to	fol - low.
fish - nets	and will	for	work - ing.
will - ing	to go	on	lov - ing.
Friend, you	have come	to	call me.



Se - ñor,	me has mi - ra - do	a los o - jos;	son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord,	you have looked in - to	my eyes;	kind - ly smil - ing,



has	di - cho mi nom - bre.	En la a - re - na	he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my	name. . . .	On the sand I	have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca;	jun - to a ti	bus - ca - ré o - tro	mar.
small boat;	now with you,	I will seek oth - er	seas.

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

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*Throughout history, Christians have presented the basic beliefs of the church in documents called creeds.*

*We respond to the good news presented in the scriptures and sermon by reciting one of the church's creeds, proclaiming our faith in the God who creates us, saves us, and makes us to be holy people.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*We pray about what is happening in the world.*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*We kneel as able, or sit. A brief silence.*

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Agnes, martyr,  
died around 304*

*Agnes was a girl  
of about thirteen  
living in Rome.  
The details of  
her martyrdom  
are not clear,  
but she gave  
witness to her  
faith and was  
put to death as a  
result, most  
likely by the  
sword. The  
church has  
honored her as  
one of the chief  
martyrs of her  
time.*

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them as the martyr, Agnes, ministered to victims of sexual abuse. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain especially those we name before you now...

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*Preparing for receiving the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we make sure there are no disagreements or grudges within the gathered group.*

The peace of the LORD be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We sit.*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

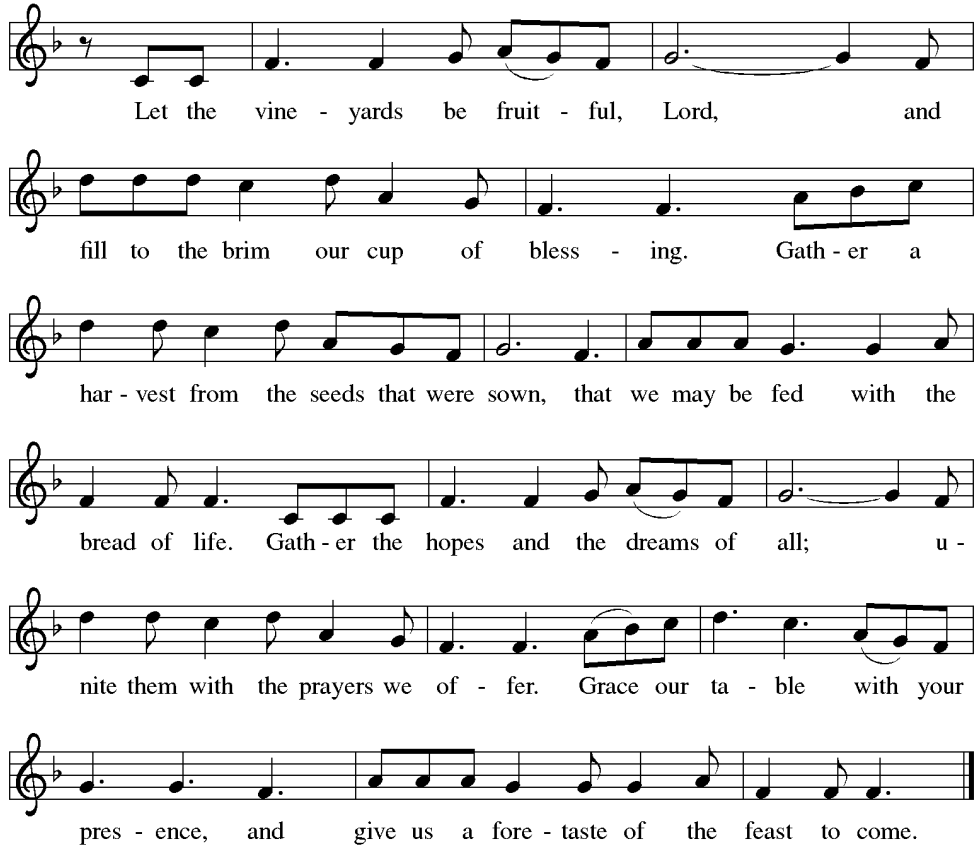
Fellowship Pads and Offering

*During the offering, we pass the fellowship pad to each person in the pew. Print your name and check the appropriate blocks, especially if communing. As the pad returns to its place by the center aisle, note the names of other worshippers, and greet them after the Service.*

## **CHOIR ANTHEM: “You Are My Witness”**

## OFFERING HYMN

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and  
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a  
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the  
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*We stand and  
sing a song of  
joy and hope as the  
congregation's  
gifts to God are  
brought forward  
including bread  
and wine that we  
will share in  
Holy  
Communion.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*We stand as  
able.*

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*give thanks  
to the  
Lord,  
for He is  
good.*

## HOLY HOLY HOLY

*This song which  
combines words  
sung by angels  
in heaven and  
words sung  
about Jesus on  
earth, is based  
upon  
Isaiah 6: 3 and  
Matthew 21:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, holy, holy



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The pastor offers  
thanks for the  
many ways God  
has blessed us  
throughout  
history.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

*After describing  
God at work  
through history  
we use words  
spoken by Jesus  
at the last  
supper that he  
had with his  
disciples.*

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

*In the meantime  
we are reminded  
that we are  
called to work  
and make God's  
will a reality in  
our world.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Jesus teaches  
this prayer to his  
disciples in  
chapter six of  
Matthew's  
gospel.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.



## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Communion is distributed by intinction.*

*Come forward by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*After receiving the wafer, you may dip it partially into the wine before eating it.*

*You may eat just the wafer as Christ is fully present in each element.*

*Let an usher know of your need for communion to be brought to you.*

*Extend your hands if you wish to receive and keep your hands folded  
if you want only a blessing. Parents should indicate if the children receive.*

*Gluten free wafers are available.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

*During the distribution we sing "Lamb of God" and hymn **ELW 624**.*

*The witness of  
John the Baptist  
in John 1:29  
becomes our  
witness and  
prayer as we  
receive Jesus  
in the  
communion  
meal.*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the 'Lamb of God' hymn: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues: 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The third staff continues: 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -'. The fourth staff concludes with: 'way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.' The melody features several triplet markings over the words 'a-way', 'a-way', and 'a -'.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

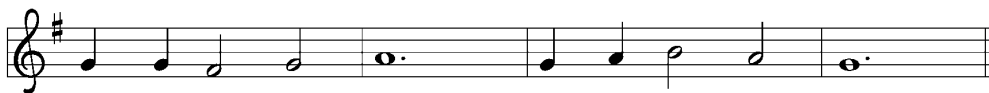
## Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the  
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
 Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

*We stand as  
 able.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✝ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Amen  
amen  
amen

*In preparation  
for departure,  
we turn as the  
cross is carried  
past us and face  
the back of the  
church.*

## SENDING SONG

ELW 805

### Lead On, O King Eternal!



- 1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,  
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917  
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

## DISMISSAL

Be bold, be humble, be kind. Be generous, be aware, be a force for good. Shine the light of love into all the dark corners you meet this week.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED***

## ***OUR SERVICE BEGINS***

*Join us for Coffee Fellowship in the narthex  
to welcome guests and to visit with one another.*

**Offering Envelopes:** If you've not yet done so, please pick up your 2024 offering envelopes. They are on a table in the narthex.

**Annual Congregation Meeting:** The annual Congregation meeting and luncheon is planned for January 28 after worship. The meeting and the luncheon will take place in Miller Hall. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share!

**Bell Choir:** Bell Choir will meet on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. for the annual Bell Cleaning Party! Feel free to bring a snack to share!

**Bulletin of Reports:** Copies of the 2023 Bulletin of Reports are on the table in the narthex. Please only take one copy per family.

**Altar Guild:** Altar Guild training will continue next week, January 28 and February 4. We meet in the library at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity, as well as current members of the Altar Guild are encouraged to attend. If you are curious about the things on the altar and why they are there, feel free to attend as well – no obligation!

**2024 Flower Chart:** The 2024 Flower Chart is posted in the office, and the 2024 order forms are on the credenza in the narthex. The price of the flowers has gone up and is now **\$40.00** per Sunday.

**MA's Pantry Items:** The Mission Outreach committee is reminding you to include items for MA's Pantry each time you do your own food shopping. The distribution dates for February are 2/3 and 2/17, and the request for February is cereal and other wholesome, non-perishable breakfast foods. Please help fill our collection box to overflowing!

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored to the Glory of God by Bill and Glenda Miller in memory of Bill's mother, Linda.

### **In Worship Today:**

**Greeters:** Bev Motichak; Bonnie Cowan

**Worship Assistant:** Chuck Schaller

**Acolyte:** Rachel Motichak; Brenda Neundorf

**Head Usher:** Ed Ward

**Ushers:** Heather and Simon Thomas

**Coffee Fellowship:** Sarah Lundie

### **In Worship Next Week – 1/28/24**

**Greeters:** Rick and Cindy Luke

**Worship Assistant:** Marlene Gumbert

**Acolyte:** Owen Thomas

**Head Usher:** Ken Hendrata

**Ushers:** Karan and John Cehlar

**Coffee Fellowship:** Debi Maurizi

# IMPORTANT DATES

## **This Week:**

* Today, Jan. 21	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Adult Coffee and Conversation Sunday School Altar Guild Training Traditional Worship
* Mon., Jan. 22	6:30 – 9:00 PM 7:00 PM	12 Step Group – Miller Hall Bell Choir
* Tues., Jan. 23	7:00 PM	Christian Ed via Zoom
* Thurs., Jan. 25	7:30 PM	Choir
* Sat., Jan. 27	9:00 – 11:00 AM 12:00 – 6:00 PM	12 Step Group Private Party – Miller Hall

## **Coming Up:**

* Sun., Jan. 28 <i>Annual Congregation Meeting and Luncheon</i>	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM After Worship	Adult Coffee and Conversation Sunday School Altar Guild Training Traditional Worship Congregation Meeting
* Mon., Jan. 29	6:30 – 9:00 PM 7:00 PM	12 Step Group – Miller Hall Bell Choir
* Wed., Jan. 31	3:00 – 6:00 PM	St. Afterschool
* Thurs., Feb. 1	7:30 PM	Choir
* Sat., Feb. 3	9:00 – 11:00 AM	12 Step Group
* Sun., Feb 4	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Adult Coffee and Conversation Sunday School Altar Guild Training Traditional Worship



## ***We Remember in Our Prayers***

***You are invited to use this page in your devotion and prayer time.***

***Names in bold are new or updated this week.***

We pray without ceasing for an end to the conflicts and humanitarian crises in the Middle East, Ukraine, South Sudan, and other countries. We ask God to make us instruments of peace, reconciliation, and justice in the world wherever there is turmoil and suffering. We pray for the vital work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service, and other partners. Amen.

*Adapted from ELCA Prayer Ventures*



*Nancy Cutler*, health issues.

*Linda Hoffman-Charlett*, depression and anxiety.

*Pam Gordon*, lung cancer, (sister of Joan Berresford).

*Ruth Grbach*, recovering at home.

*Tim Hess*, recovering at home.

*Luca Iera*, 9 yr. old with brain cancer;  
(family friend of Debi Maurizi).

***Marie Johns***, recovering at home.

*Sally, Marty, and Samantha Kerchner*,  
on- going prayers.

*Julia Leader*, recovering at home from a fall.

*Steve Melnyk*, heart and breathing issues;  
(friend of Cyndee Degelman).

*Pastor Kimberly*, ongoing health concerns.

*Parker Sharp*, recovering at home from  
asthma and RSV, (grandson of Debbie Sharp).

*Dee Simon*, health issues, at home.

*Dotty Sites*, rehab – Redstone Greensburg.

*Ruthie Smith*, health concerns.

*Fran Thompson*, knee and ankle issues.

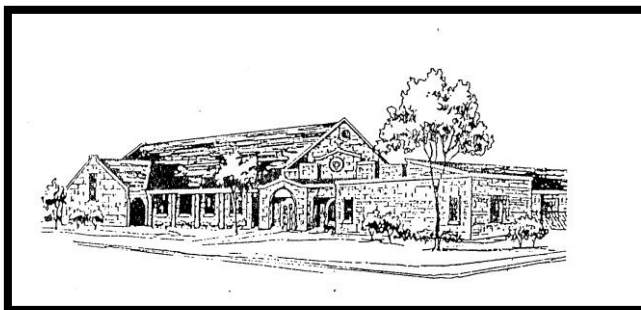
✝ We pray that peace can be restored to the people of Ukraine and Russia and to the Middle East.

✝ We pray for loved ones who are homebound, in care facilities, or in need of on-going prayer, including: Sarah Haag; Sally & Marty Kerchner; Ron Kramer; Dan McNamar; Ron Neger; Craig Peterson; Ruthie Smith; Lew Thompson; Ed Ward; Janice Winkles; Joy Young; Edith Zoric.

✝ We pray for ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; SWPA Synod Bishop Kurt Kusserow, and the synod staff.

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*To have friends or loved ones placed on the prayer list, contact the church office by email or phone; complete the blue prayer list form found on the table in the lobby; or complete the form on the website at [stjohnsnorthversailles.com](http://stjohnsnorthversailles.com). If appropriate, include a brief reason and relationship. This list is cleared and updated monthly.*



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