

I will make you  
fish for people

MATTHEW 4:19



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
January 22, 2023

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sanctuary Worship 10:30 a.m.

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January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to Worship! Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the celebration of Holy Communion as he is God with us. Christians of all denominations are encouraged to come to the Lord’s table. We commune children of any age who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received communion instruction will receive a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are offered to accommodate various traditions. Gluten free wafers are provided for those with dietary restrictions. Please make the pastor aware of your need.

If you are visiting today, please sign the guest register after worship. Plan to worship with us again next Sunday.

Prelude

Jazz Carols for Piano by John Turner

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Bells

Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand*

## Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*“I Love to Tell the Story”*

**ELW 661**

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911 Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

2 I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. Refrain

### *Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. Refrain

## 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.

## Canticle of Praise

### Lord, Be Glorified

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains four vocal parts with the following lyrics: 1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. The second system continues the vocal parts with the lyrics: in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day. in our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day. in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day. in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day. The piano accompaniment continues with the same melody and bass line.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

Music: BE GLORIFIED, Bob Kilpatrick

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us.

Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah.

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.           **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze  
upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**<sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will  
sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

A reading from 1 Corinthians

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.*

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!**  
**Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all praise to you!**  
**Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.**  
**Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!**  
**Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all praise to you!**

**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James

son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord    **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **Sermon**

*Please stand*

**Hymn of the Day**    *“Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons”*

**ELW 798**

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1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"

2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?"

3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?"

4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and  
sound in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.



Prayers of the people: Merciful God. Receive our prayer.

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*Please be seated*

### Offering

*Please stand*

### Offertory

*"We Are an Offering"*

ELW 692

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." The guitar chords are indicated above the notes. The score includes various chord types such as triads (G, C2), dyads (F/G, C2/E, C/E), and seventh chords (Dm7, Fm7, Em7, Dm7/G, Dm7sus2). There are also some unusual chords like Em7/A, D/F#, and E/G#. The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets and rests.

F/G G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>  
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our

C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E F C/E 3 Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G/F  
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

Em<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>/A A Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G Esus D/F# E/G# Am  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E B/C Dm<sup>7sus2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G  
give to you, we give to you.

G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G 3 C  
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.  
You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit,  
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **The 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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please be seated*

### **Distribution**



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.

**Distribution Hymns:**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

ELW 574

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" Refrain

**Distribution Hymn:***“Christ, Be Our Light”*

ELW 715

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1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

**Refrain**

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. Refrain

2 Longing for peace, our world is  
troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. Refrain

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. Refrain

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. Refrain

**Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in  
His grace.

**Amen****Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the  
body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,  
that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.****Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**Amen**

## Sending Hymn

*"We Are Marching in the Light"*

ELW 866

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We are marching in the light of God,

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)

we are marching in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib:*

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*"Ding Dong! Merrily on High"* by Charles Callahan  
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**2023 the Year of Story Memory Verse.** *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”*. **Acts 1:8**

**Council asks the congregation to pray** for guidance in the upcoming year, that we may be a welcoming space for authentic conversations, and that we continue our prayers for strength and comfort for those who need it most.

Additionally, council wants to thank the entire congregation for its generous and dedicated giving throughout the year.

**Mark your calendars:** St. John's 2022 Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 after worship.

**Happy Birthday** to Preston Luman, Brittany Semon, William Lucht, Don Johnson, Mia Scovanner.

**Happy Anniversary** to Greg and Pearl Finkenbine.

**Family of Larry Schlessman:** Larry, brother in faith, passed from this life on Friday, January 13, 2023. Funeral will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 11:00 am at St. John's. Please keep Dawn and the Schlessman families in your prayers.

**New Book Discussion** begins on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Room. *Help Is Here* by Max Lucado. Bills pile up. Savings accounts go down. Marriages go south. Pandemics rage. Work goes off the rails. Stress goes off the charts. Suddenly, you feel powerless to calm life's chaos. It's all too much to take on by yourself. But pastor and bestselling author Max Lucado has great news for you--*Help Is Here*. Please read chapters 1 & 2 for group discussion.

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> THRU FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, January 22	9:00 am 10:30 am	Small Group Leaders meet in Upper Rm Sanctuary Worship live streamed to Zoom
Wednesday, January 25	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sunday, January 29	10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship live streamed to Zoom
Wednesday, February 1	1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Scripture and Prayer at Berardi's Huron Choir Practice
Sunday, February 5	9:30 am 10:30 am	Intergenerational Sunday School Sanctuary Worship live streamed