

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Baptism of Our Lord  
January 9, 2022**

**(If church has been cancelled due to inclement weather,  
this service will be used for Sunday, January 16)**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** on this 2nd Sunday of 2022. Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and remember with thankfulness our own Baptism and anointing in Christ. It is through our immersion in Christ that we become the body of Christ the Church. We recognize all who say 'Here I Am, Lord' and serve the church today.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## \*HYMN ~ Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

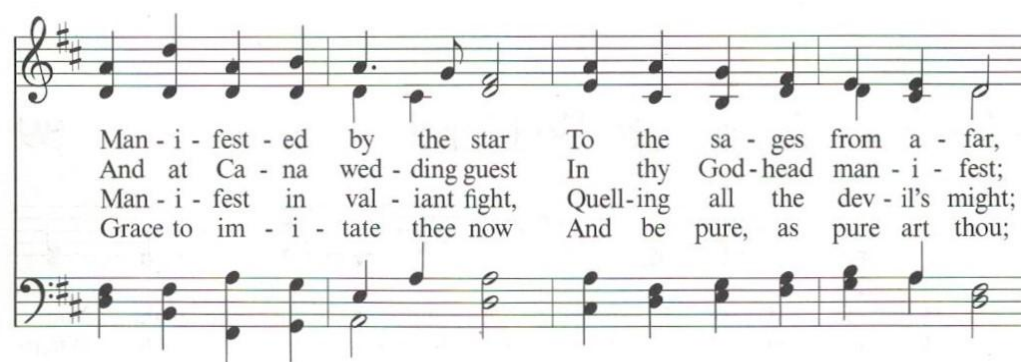
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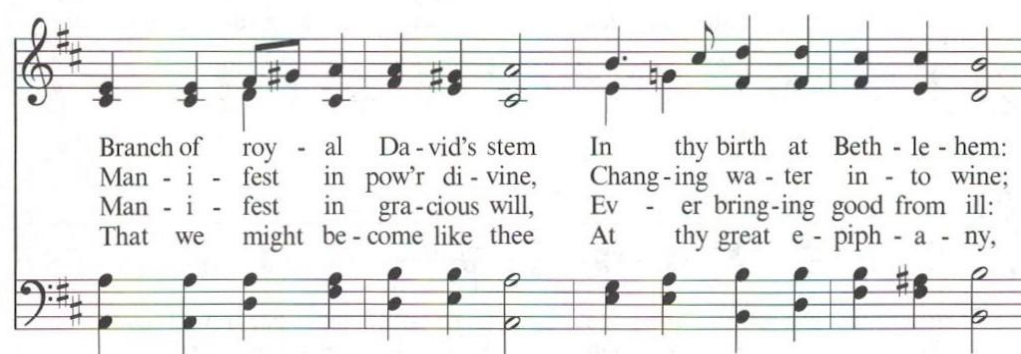
## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



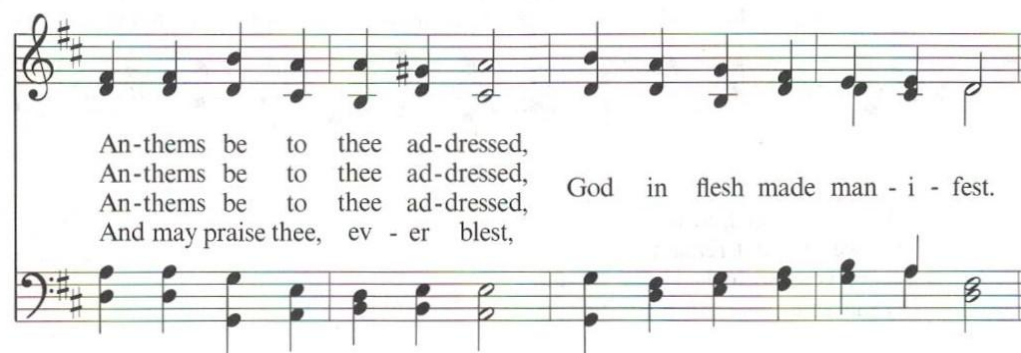
1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je-sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man-i-fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
 3 Man-i-fest in mak-ing whole Pal-sied limbs and faint-ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Pres-ent in thy ho-ly Word;



Man-i-fest-ed by the star To the sa-ges from a-far,  
 And at Ca-na wed-ding guest In thy God-head man-i-fest;  
 Man-i-fest in val-iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev-il's might;  
 Grace to im-i-tate thee now And be pure, as pure art thou;



Branch of roy-al Da-vid's stem In thy birth at Beth-le-hem:  
 Man-i-fest in pow'r di-vine, Chang-ing wa-ter in-to wine;  
 Man-i-fest in gra-cious will, Ev-er bring-ing good from ill:  
 That we might be-come like thee At thy great e-piph-a-a-ny,



An-thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 An-thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man-i-fest.  
 An-thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 And may praise thee, ev-er blest,

**\*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

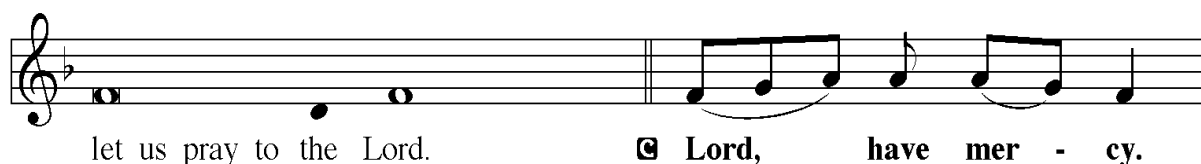
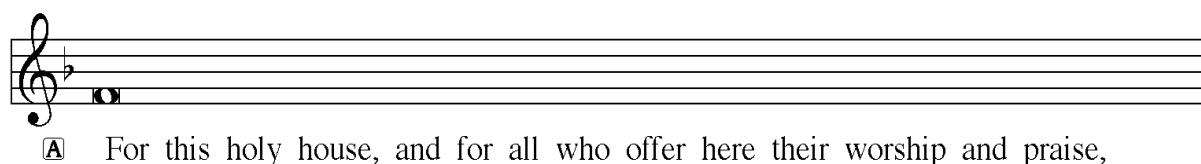
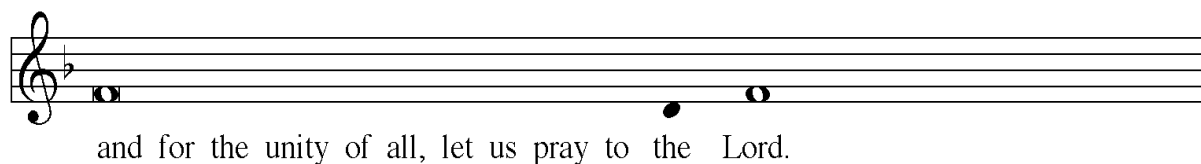
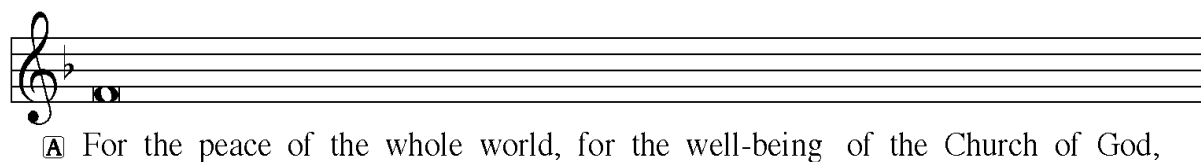
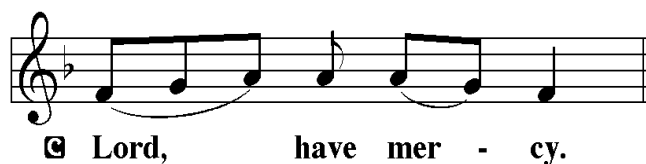
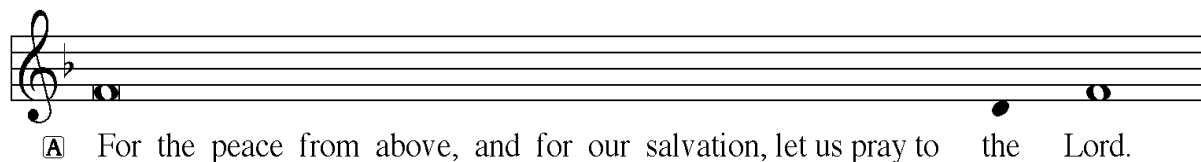
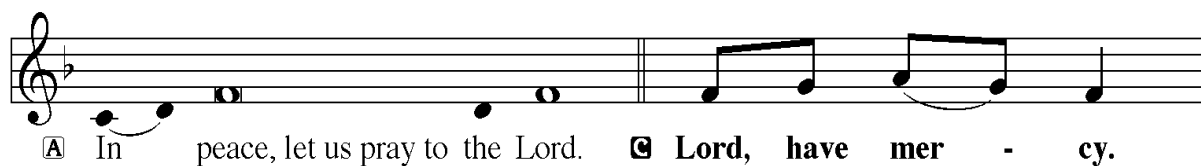
P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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

C **And also with you.**



**\*KYRIE**

**\*HYMN of PRAISE**

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,




you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**\*PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**

  
**P** The Lord be with you.

P Let us pray...

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## LESSONS

## First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 43:1-7

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 ~ *with response*

*The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.*

## Second Lesson ~ A reading from Acts 8:14-17

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

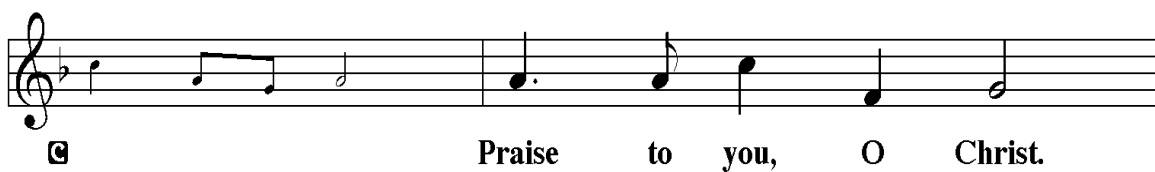
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.



*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord



**MESSAGE**

**Rev. Ela J. Robertson**

HYMN ~ *Oh, Love, How Deep* verses 1-4

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*Oh, Love, How Deep*

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, Be -  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race, Of  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore His  
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; For

yond all thought and fan - ta - sy, That  
 high - er or of low - er place, But  
 ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore; For  
 us his dai - ly works he wrought, By

God, the Son of God, should take Our  
 wore the robe of hu - man frame, And  
 us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew; For  
 words and signs and ac - tions thus Still

mor - tal form for mor - tal's sake!  
 to this world him - self he came.  
 us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 seek - ing not him - self, but us.



**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**\*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *See Celebrate***

**P** The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to  
pray for the church, the world, and all that has made.

*A brief silence.*

**\*PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end  
of the front and back pews on your way out or as you come up for communion.

**\*OFFERTORY**


☐ 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given  
 us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your  
 gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered  
 himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **REMEMBERING our BAPTISM**

### **AFFIRMATION of BAPTISM**

P You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord. (Psalm 23)

[Please respond when invited with the words “**We do, and ask God to help and guide us.**”]

P Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:  
live among God’s faithful people;  
hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper;  
proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;  
serve all people following the example of Jesus; and  
strive for justice and peace in all the earth?”

**C Response: We do, and ask God to help and guide us.**

P People of God do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

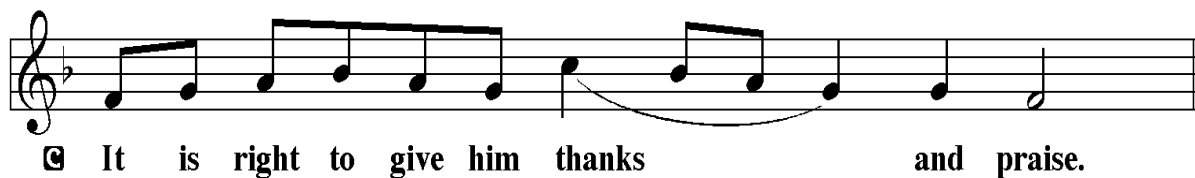
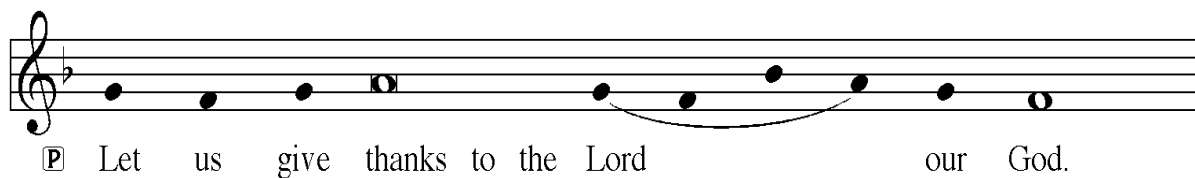
**C Response: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us pray:

**C We give thanks O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen (ELW p. 237)**

P Together let us remember and affirm our Baptism.

# **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**



## **\*PREFACE**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.

P 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.

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P 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:**

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.

**COMMUNION and REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

*Maintaining social distancing we will each come forward to take the bread and wine from the plates. Remaining standing you may pause for blessing and prayer and to receive a remembrance of baptism from the font before returning to your seats. A receptacle for the cups is at the end of the front pew.*

P The Bread of Life. The body of Christ, given for you;

**C Amen.**

P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C Amen.**

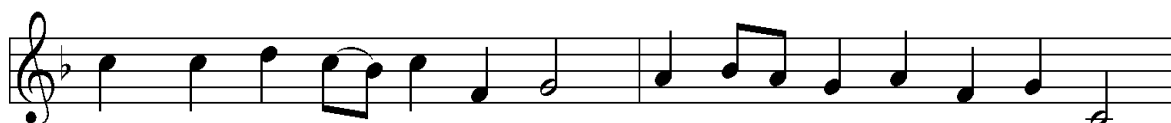
P The water of life - remember your Baptism - you are a child of God.

**C Amen**

*(After all are seated)*

P Forever clothed in Christ in Baptism, may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

**INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL**

- Recognition and thanks
- Words to Council

**P:** On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to render the duties of the office to which you have been elected? If so answer in unison: *Yes, by the help of God.*

- Words to Congregation (**Congregation stand**)

**P:** People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized as outlined in our constitution and resources. If so answer in unison: **Yes, by the help of God.**

- Declaration and Prayer

**\*THE BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C Amen

**\*HYMN ~ I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

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WITNESS

**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky***Here I Am, Lord*

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

G Em Am<sup>7</sup> G C Am G C D

*Refrain*  
 D G Gsus<sup>4</sup> G C G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am<sup>7</sup> G C D G Gsus<sup>4</sup> G

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

C G Am<sup>7</sup> D G Gsus<sup>4</sup> G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

**\*DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

**Organist:** Seulki Susie Yoo

**Church Office:** 935-2032 **Email us at** [secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org)

**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

**Today**

**Greeter:** Deb French; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

**Next Sunday, January 16**

**Greeter:** Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** Mike Harshbarger

***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share  
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another  
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community  
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Deb French in honor of her grandchildren.

Please remember in prayer ~ Don F. Smith, Camden Peachey (grandchild of Regina Peachey) Susan Keller, Steve Rodgers, Stacey Spicher, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Ohesson), Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We thank the outgoing council representatives Denise Chester and Sue Lynch for their service to this church and our Lord. Ed Bilich is serving another term, along with new representative, Nancy Penepacker. Council members are asked to remain for a brief meeting following the service.

Volunteers are needed to help with Sunday morning duties. A sign-up can be found on the table in the narthex. Still needed this month ~ **Lay reader 30<sup>th</sup>**



St. John's has Meals on Wheels January 25th, 27th and February 1st and 3rd. Please sign-up in the narthex if you can help provide the following desserts ~

Thursday, January 27 ~ money to purchase pies

Tuesday, February 1 ~ 5 quart fruit salad and 5 dozen cookies

Thursday, February 3 ~ 3 Angel food cakes (homemade or purchased locally)

Committee sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex. There are two new committees this year. They are Mission and Website. Please prayerfully consider serving on one...or possibly two!

The following dates are still available to sponsor 2022 altar flowers. Please contact the church office or sign-up in the narthex, if you are interested.

February 6 and 20, July 24 and 31

October 9 and November 27

**Please remember to notate** whether you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered. At this time, the cost remains at \$40.00.

### **Cancelling Sunday/Special Church Services**

Winter is officially here, and along with it, the possibility of bad weather. If there is snow/ice expected, the council president, vice president and pastor will determine if conditions require cancelling the worship service. This will be completed **no later than 6pm** the day before.

The church secretary will change the answering machine message to include the cancellation information. An email will be sent to all members who have supplied the church with their email address, and will also be posted on the church's website and facebook page.

If bad weather is being predicted please check to see if services are being held before leaving the house.

January 1 thru December 31, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 27   Offering ~ \$1,730.00  
St. John's ~ Income \$ 205,143.51   Expense \$ 202,368.55  
Net Income \$ 2,774.96

Daycare ~ Income \$ 329,670.98   Expense \$ 303,112.02  
Net Income \$ 26,558.96