

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023**



**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

Welcome on this 4th Sunday in the season after Epiphany as we seek Christ's healing light wherever it appears in the world and finds a place in our heart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fifth Sundays of the month are an opportunity to focus on current concerns, special themes and favorite songs. Today special songs, prayers and reflections will be interspersed throughout our service in gratitude to the healing and wholeness that Christ brings.

***HYMN ~ In Christ There Is No East or West**

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In Christ There Is No East or West 359

Chords: C, G7, C, F7, Bb, F, C, F, Am, Dm7, G7, C, Am, C, Am, C, G9, C, G7, C, F, C, G7, C

1 In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
 2 In him shall true hearts ev-'ry-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
 3 Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;
 But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing all man-kind.
 Who serves my Fa-ther as a son Is sure-ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in him Through-out the whole wide earth.

***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**

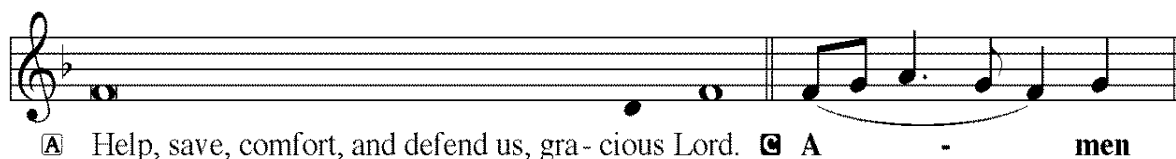
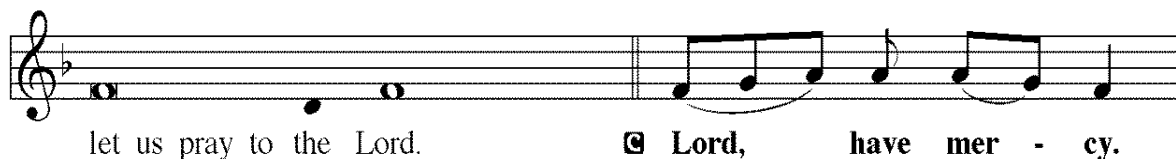
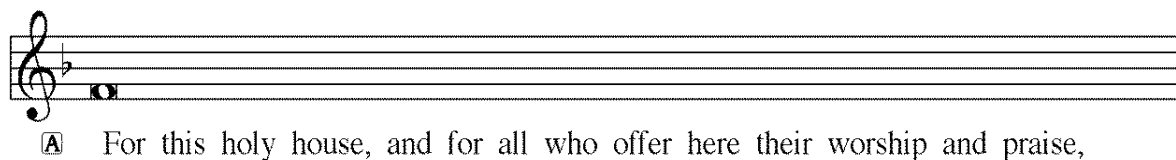
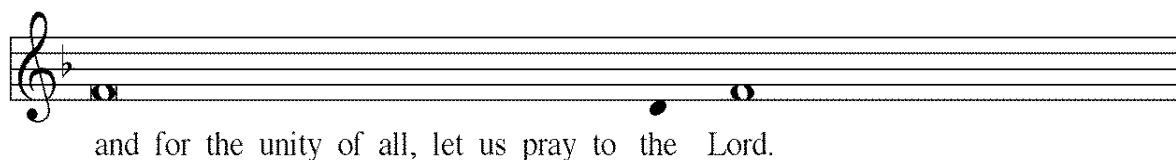
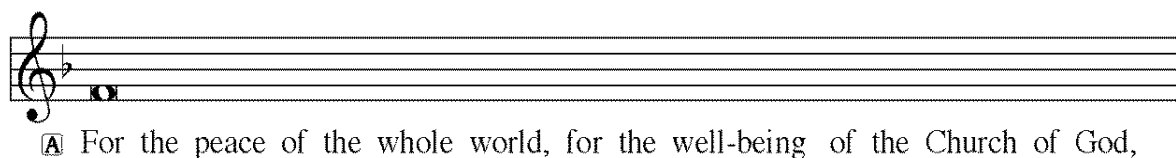
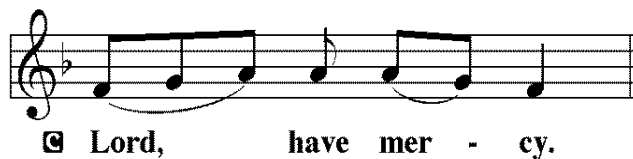
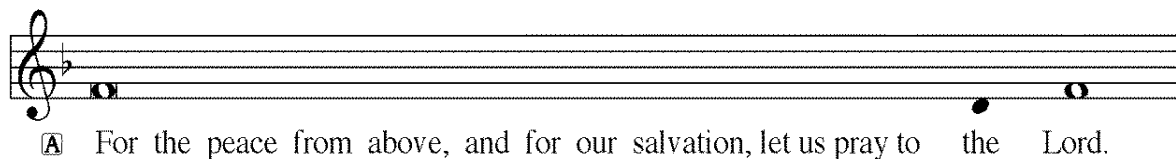
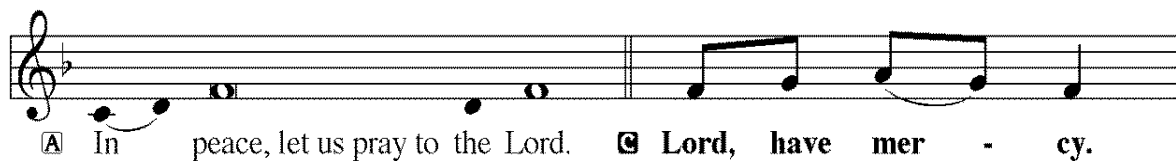
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

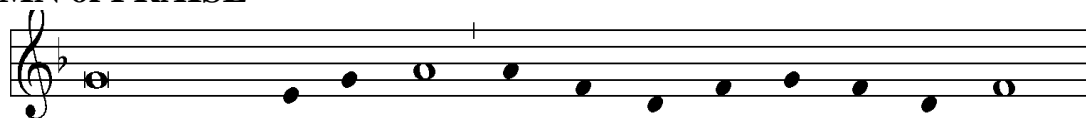
***GREETING**

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,

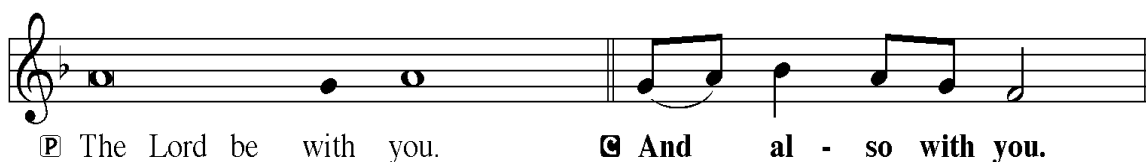


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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

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



P Let us pray...

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Micah 6:1-8

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

*Psalm 15 ~ *with response*

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

after the reading

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

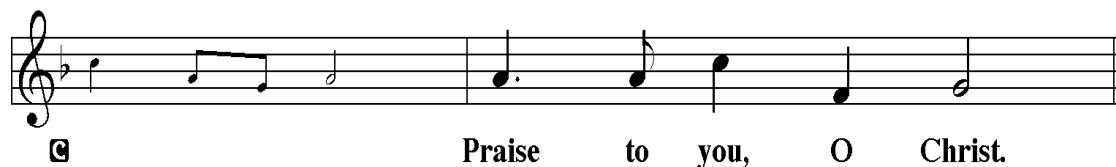


*Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter



After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



MESSAGE

HYMN ~ *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

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Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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Musical notation for the hymn "Rise Up, O Saints of God!". The notation is on two staves (treble and bass clef) in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts With no - bler zeal might burn.
 As heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, His word of hope pro - claim.
 Re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; Give jus - tice larg - er place.
 Stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, With love the weak sus - tain.

- 5 Commit your hearts to seek
 The paths which Christ has trod
 And quickened by the Spirit's power,
 Rise up, O saints of God!

***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**

***THE 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.

*OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *See Celebrate*

P Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

*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

*THE BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

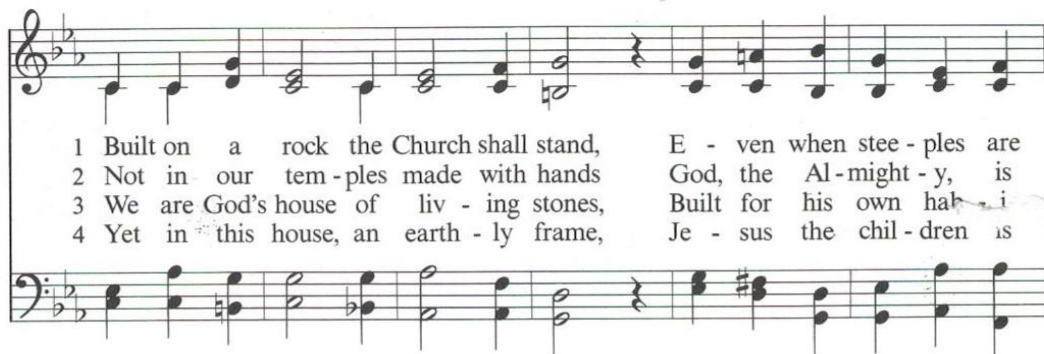
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen

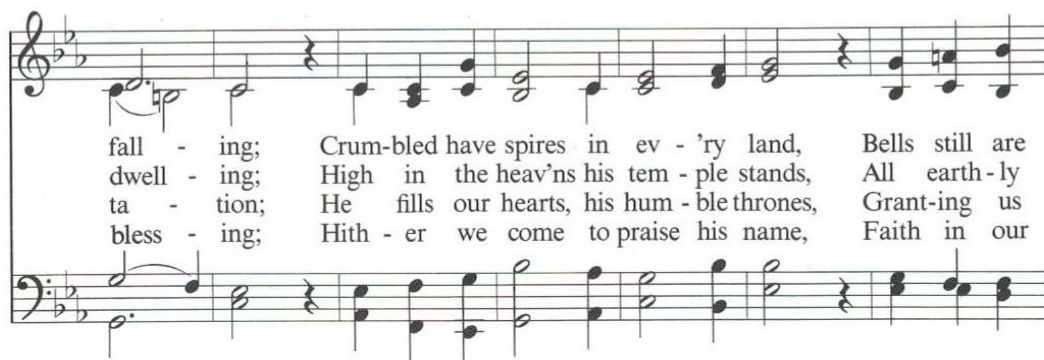
*HYMN ~ *Built on a Rock*

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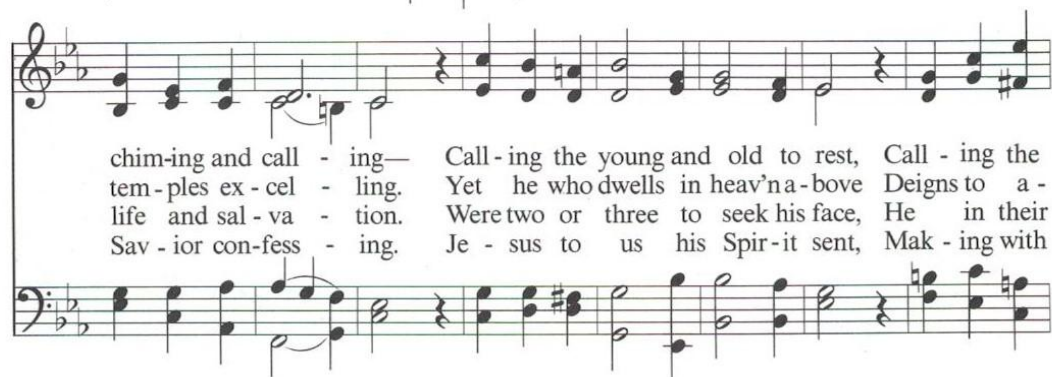
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Built on a Rock


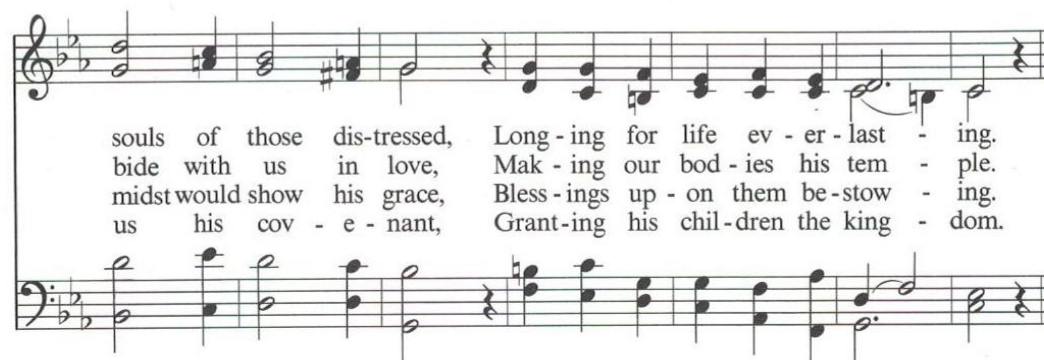
1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, E - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his own hab - i
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, Bells still are
 dwell - ing; High in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, All earth - ly
 ta - tion; He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, Grant - ing us
 bless - ing; Hith - er we come to praise his name, Faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— Call - ing the young and old to rest, Call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove Deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, He in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, Mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, Long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst would show his grace, Bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, Grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

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5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear God's Word
Where he this promise is bringing:
I know my own, my own know me;
You, not the world, my face shall see;
My peace I leave with you. Amen

© Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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

Pianist: Diane Shetler

Today

Altar Care: Brenda Boring; **Flower Delivery:** Brenda Boring

Greeters: Chelsea Reed; **Lay Reader:** Chelsea Reed

Sound: Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, February 5

Altar Care: Michele Harshbarger; **Flower Delivery:** Carol Fultz

Greeter: Gwen Hornberger; **Lay Reader:** Gwen Hornberger

Sound: Ed Bilich

Church Office: 935-2032; **Email us at** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org

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

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

January 29, 2023

*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.

Please remember in prayer ~ Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Don F. Smith, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Don Wolfe (VVH).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER ~ any committees which met in 2022 are asked to please have their yearly report to the church office ASAP. Thank you!

Committee sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider serving.

St. John's has Meals on Wheels in February. Please sign-up in the narthex if you can help provide the following desserts.

Tuesday, February 14 ~ 4 cans of cherry pie filling

Thursday, February 16 ~ 5 Angel food cakes (homemade or purchased locally)

Tuesday, February 21 ~ 5 dozen cookies

Thursday, February 23 ~ money to purchase pies
(give to Sue Lynch or church office)

The church is covering the cost for any weeks the flowers are not sponsored, and there are still quite a few dates available. Sign-ups can be found in the narthex. **Please remember to notate** whether you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered. Currently, the cost remains at \$40.00.

January 1 thru January 26, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 20 Offering ~ \$1,135.00

St. John's ~ Income \$9,977.10 Expense \$15,209.49
Net Income - \$5,232.39

Daycare ~ Income \$39,967.60 Expense \$34,285.01
Net Income \$5,682.59