

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023**



**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

Welcome on this 5th Sunday of Epiphany when the scripture calls us to not only seek and follow the light but shine the light of Christ in our words and all we do. The Lord of sea and sky and light calls and we answer in service 'Here I am.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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**

***GATHERING HYMN ~ Here in This Place**

WOV # 718

GATHERING

718

Here in This Place
Gather Us In

1 Here in this place . . . new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new, to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Chords: D, A, C, G, Gm, Dm, C, G, D, A, C, G, Gm, Dm, C, D, C/D, Gm⁶/D, D

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Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and

A C D G A C

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peop-les to-geth-er,

D G A D A C G

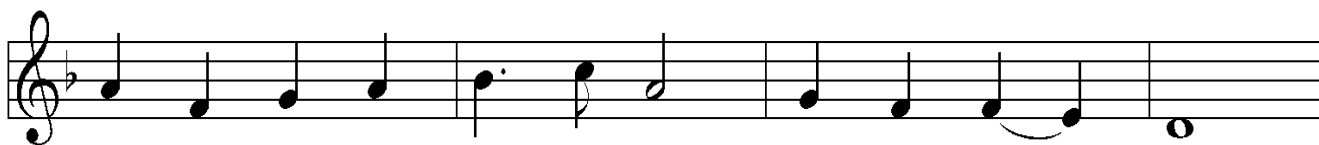
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Gm Dm C D C/D Gm⁶/D D

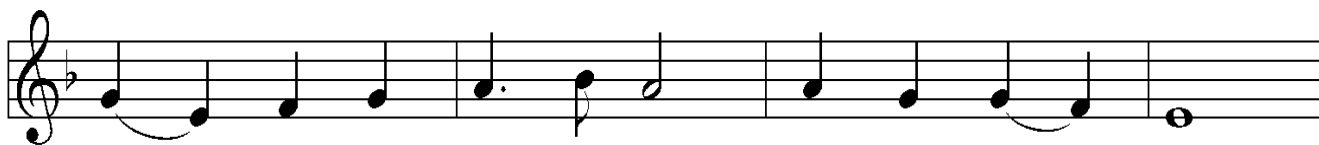
***GREETING**

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**

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

***HYMN of PRAISE**

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



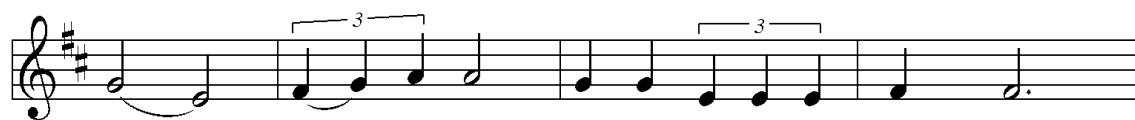
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



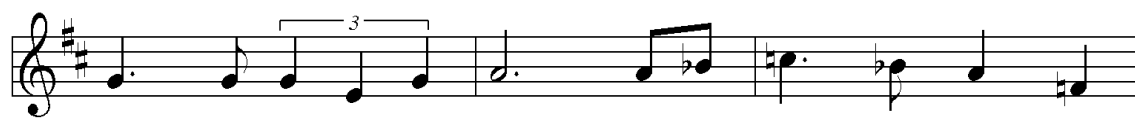
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



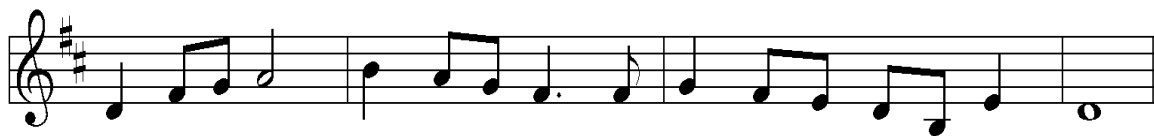
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 58:1-12

after the reading


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

Psalm 112:1-10 ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

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?

Al - le - lu - ia. 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 Matthew the 5th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

WOV # 752

WITNESS

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

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.

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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?"

Chords: G, Em, Am⁷, G, C, Am, G, C, D

Refrain

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

Chords: D, G, Gsus⁴, G, C, G

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

Chords: Am⁷, G, C, D, G, Gsus⁴, G

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

Chords: C, G, Am⁷, D, G, Gsus⁴, G

***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 ~ *Found in Celebrate

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

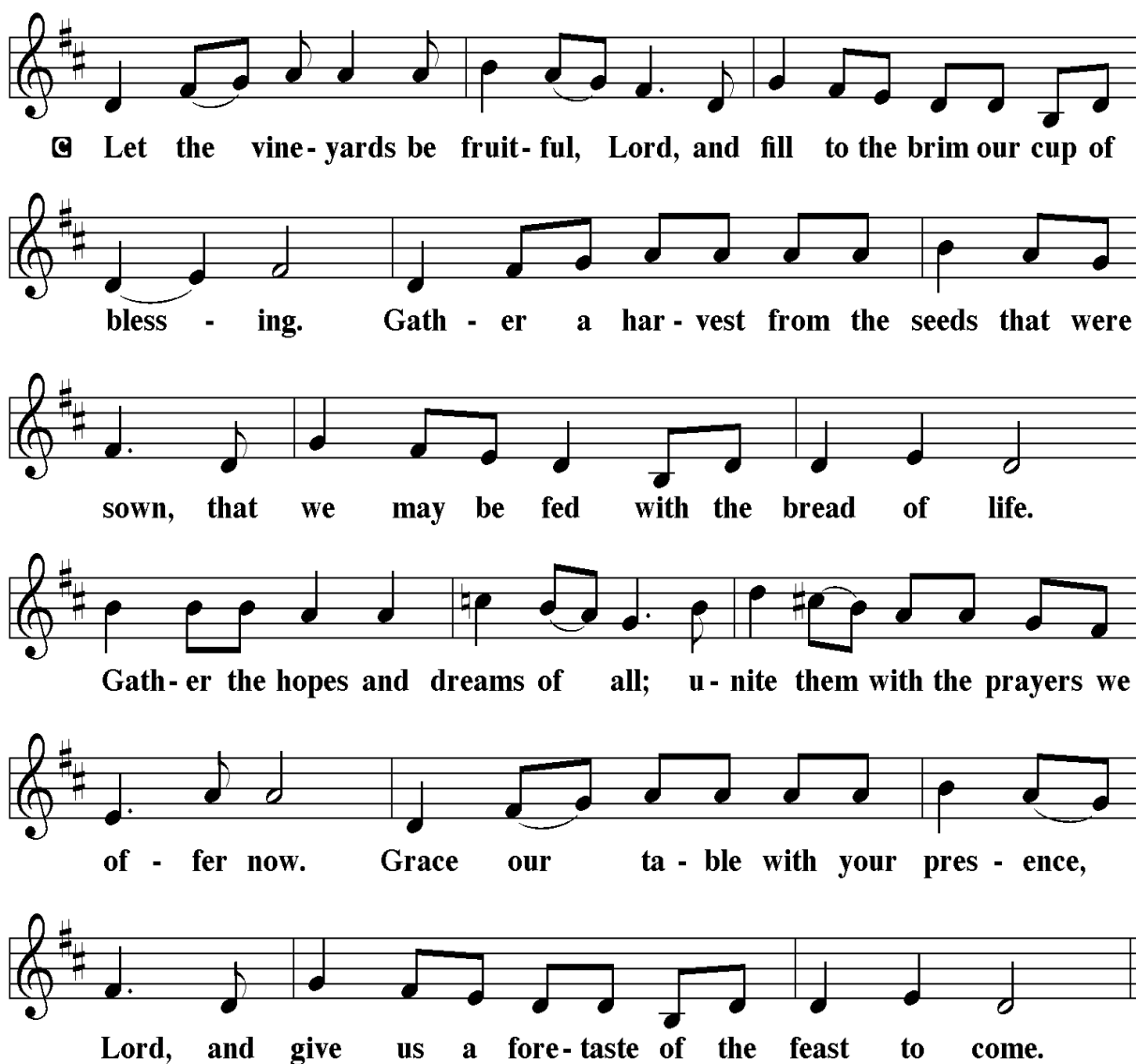
A brief silence.

***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 on your way out.

***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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, 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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

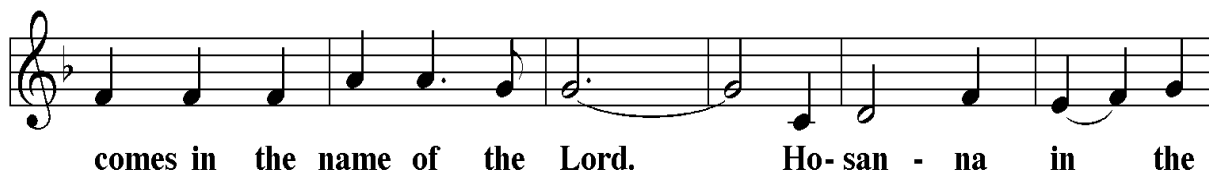
C **And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**



***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P 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.

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.

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.

C **Amen**

***LORD's PRAYER**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as is in heaven. Give us today
our daily bread; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who
sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and
for ever. Amen**

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion:

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

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.

(After all are seated)

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace.

C Amen.

(We Omit Lamb of God)

***CANTICLE**

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

*HYMN ~ *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

WOV # 651

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Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with love and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

To stanzas
E/A D

End
A

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A D A E/A A D

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

A E/A D E⁷ C[#]m F[#]m

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

D E⁷ C[#]m F[#]m G

set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry. Shine on

Esus⁴ E G Esus⁴ E Refrain

me, shine on me;
me, shine on me;

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

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

Sound: Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, February 12

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

Greeters: Jim and Georgianna Buchanan; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

Sound: Joe Kanagy

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

*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).

FROM the PASTOR

On Sunday Feb 12, Lisa Griffith will offer special music, “You Raise Me Up” at both churches. A special Valentine's gift and an appropriate prelude to Transfiguration of the Lord next week! She will also be offering special music for Ash Wednesday Service on Feb 22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 26 following worship. Year-end reports and other pertinent information will be available in member mailboxes next Sunday. Any envelopes still remaining will be mailed the following day.

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

Thursday, February 16 ~ **1 Angel food cake** (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.

Committee sign-up sheets will remain in the narthex through the end of this month. Please prayerfully consider serving.

FEBRUARY 5, 2023: TASTE OF CAMP

Hungry for camp but can't wait until the summer? Always wanted to try camp but not sure you'll like it? Camp Mount Luther has an event for you! On February 5, 2023, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., you can get a Taste of Camp! Enjoy songs, food, games, a campfire program, information on the 2023 program, and more! Those who attend will get Camel Bucks to spend in the camp store this summer. Campers from synod congregations who attend this event will get Camel Bucks for all their congregation's Summer 2023 campers.

FEBRUARY 19, 2023: CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUNDAY

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has designated Transfiguration Sunday each year as “Mount Luther Sunday” to help promote outdoor ministries in the synod. Members of USS congregations are encouraged to celebrate outdoor ministries on February 19, 2023. Mount Luther is an extension of our ministry together and we hope all congregations will join in celebrating outdoor ministries by offering financial support, keeping the camp staff in prayer, and by participating in the numerous events and activities this ministry offers. Ideas to celebrate Camp Sunday are here: <https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023-Mount-Luther-Sunday-Flyer.pdf> For a bulletin insert to use that day, click here: https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/General-Bulletin-Insert-2023_v2.pdf

January 1 thru February 2, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 24 Offering ~ \$1,241.00

St. John's ~ Income \$22,278.64 Expense \$20,371.939
Net Income \$1,906.71

Daycare ~ Income \$48,999.62 Expense \$46,593.30
Net Income \$2,406.32