

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
January 14, 2023 9:45 AM
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

This is the day that the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

We gather with our songs, prayers, and praises to give thanks to the Lord.

We join in worship in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING SONG *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow; Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness; Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be; Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name

Bridge: You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name
You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Jesus is here...

...Come and See!

He calls us to worship...

...Come and See!

He showers us in mercy...

...Come and See!

He forgives our sins...

...Come and See!

He invites us to tell others...

...Come and See!

Holy God, as we come to you for worship this day, may we see and hear your promises declared, so that we may go out to tell others the Good News you bring us. Open our ears and our hearts this day, and make us receptive to the Word you want us to hear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Little Light of Mine*

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Verse 1: This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Verse 2: Hide it under a bushel no I'm gonna let it shine

Hide it under a bushel no I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel no I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Verse 3: Don't let Satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Verse 4: Let it shine till Jesus comes I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine tell Jesus comes I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine tell Jesus comes I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray: **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1–10 [11–20]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make

both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

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

SECOND READING (from Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)

¹Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

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

SONG *Here I Am, Lord*

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Vs. 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?"

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.

Vs. 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?"

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.

Vs. 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?"

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.

GOSPEL: John 1:43–51

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him,

"Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him,

"Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God!

You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he

said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

SERMON

HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me?* #798

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.

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have already given us all that we need. Help us trust your continued care,
that we may share with others the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service,
and remind us of the great joy that awaits those who answer your call. Accept our gifts and give us new songs of praise as we celebrate the opportunity to be in ministry, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING LITANY

Come and see!

**The light of God has come into our world
to proclaim God's justice and love;**

Come and follow!

**Christ our companion has redeemed our world.
He draws us into a loving family**

Go and tell!

**The Spirit has equipped us for service
to love our neighbors as we do ourselves**

and to bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

Come and see, come and follow, go and tell!

In God's Love the nations of the earth will put their hope.

BLESSING

May the God of glory live in you, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG *Send Me Out*

Jesus Lord of my salvation, Savior of my soul
Send me out to the world to make You known
Jesus King of ev'ry nation, This world's only hope
Send me out to the world to make You known (Send me out to the world)

Chorus: I wanna be Your hands and feet
I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak
I wanna run to the ones in need In the name of Jesus
I wanna give my life away All for Your kingdom's sake
Shine a light in the darkest place In the name of Jesus (In the name of Jesus)

Carry to the broken-hearted, Mercy You have shown
Send me out to the world to make You known
To the ones in need of rescue, Lead me I will go
Send me out to the world to make You known (Send me out to the world) **Chorus**

Chorus: I wanna be Your hands and feet
I wanna be Your voice ev'ry time I speak
I wanna run to the ones in need In the name of Jesus
I wanna give my life away All for Your kingdom's sake
Shine a light in the darkest place In the name of Jesus (In the name of Jesus)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting The Annual Meeting will take place on January 28th after second service.

Book Club: Book Club meets Monday, January 22nd at 7pm to finish the discussion of Jen Hatmaker's Book, *7 Days of Christmas, A Season of Generosity*.

Wednesday Evening Activities this Wednesday. Supper is at 5:30pm; Confirmation at 6:30; and Choir at 7pm. Meal for 1/17: Chicken Tetrizzini

If you have left any containers here at the church, they are on a table in the gym. Please pick them up. Thanks!

THIS WEEK

TUES Do-Days

WEDS. 7AM Men's Breakfast

5:30PM Supper

6:30PM Confirmation

7PM Choir

NEXT 8:30AM Traditional Worship

SUNDAY 9AM Sunday School

9:45AM Contemporary Worship

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OFFERING: Offerings to the ministry here at St. James can be given in several ways:

- You can place offerings in the baskets
- You can sign up for online giving at **stjamesmc.org**, where you can sign up for recurring offerings or a one-time donation.

You can give an offering with your time. There are many opportunities for you to serve both here at Church and out in our community.

We thank you for your continued support of our ministry!