

# Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

- The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod -

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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
& Life Sunday  
January 22, 2023

Reverend Michael Mathey, Pastor

**The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

**Teaching Points**

***Kyrie eleison*** (KEE-ree-ay ay-LAY-ee-zon) From the Greek, it is a direct address to God, meaning "Lord, have mercy." The ten lepers, blind man Bartimaeus, and others addressed Jesus with these words. The Kyrie appears early in the Divine Service. It is not part of the confession of sins but a cry to God to have mercy on us and all humanity.

**From the Small Catechism**

*The Lord's Prayer: The Fourth Petition*

Give us this day our \_\_\_\_\_.

*What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to \_\_\_\_\_ without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to \_\_\_\_\_ this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and \_\_\_\_\_ of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout \_\_\_\_\_, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, \_\_\_\_\_, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

## Divine Service I

Hymn: "The People That in Darkness Sat"

LSB 412

### Confession and Absolution

Invocation and Exhortation (p.151)

Corporate Confession (p.151)

*Stand*

### Service of the Word

*Psalm 27 verses 1-9* (prayed responsively by whole verse)

Kyrie (p.152)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.154)

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Sit*

First Reading: *Isaiah 9:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made 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 dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light 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 they are glad when they divide the spoil.  
<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**bring an offering and come into his courts!**

**St. John Sunday School:** singing “Jesus Loves Me”

### Epistle: *1 Corinthians 1:10–18*

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Is Christ 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 may 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 preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

Alleluia (p.156)

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12–25*

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

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

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of  
death,  
on them a light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

<sup>18</sup>While walking 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 fishers of men.”

<sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

<sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he



## Announcements

### Remember in our Prayers:

Our Shut-ins

### Next Week at Bethlehem and St. John

**Beth:** Sun. Jan. 29 8:00am: Divine Service w/HC  
9:15am: Sunday School  
9:15 am: Bible Study

**STJ** Sun. Jan. 29 9:15am: Sunday School  
10:30am: Divine Service w/HC  
11:45am: Bible Study

**STJ:** Wed. Feb. 1 6:00pm: Confirmation

**Lutherans for Life:** There is a box in the entry way if you wish to make an offering for Lutherans for Life.

**Pennies for Life** offerings will be collected through January.

**Bethlehem/St. John Quilters:** There are quilts available in the Parish Hall. If you know of someone who could use one; please take as many as you need to give out.

**Thank you** to John and Carol Krampien for the beautiful Poinsettia for Christmas!

**Beth. Passion Play Trip** The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play is an inspiring production celebrating the joyous time when Our Lord walked the earth and commemorated his death and resurrection. A cast of 100 people in a portrayal of Christ's ministry presented with beautiful costumes, in a production appropriate for all ages. It will be Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, show time at 1:00pm at The Xavier Fine Arts Theater in Appleton. The cost is \$70.00, this includes, the cost of the bus, ticket for the show, and a supper meal at the Pizza Ranch. A snack can be brought along on the bus for your noon meal.

**Pickup times:** 9:30am at Abbotsfords Hardees,  
10:00am at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and at  
10:30 at Edgar Family Resturant

We need to make reservations by February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Marlene Schreiber at 715-383-0259, or sign up at Bethlehem Church.

**Attention:** Annual reports for 2022`

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Dear co-workers in the ministry of Christ Jesus,

It's time to gather reports for the Annual Reports for 2022

The purpose of the Annual Report is to keep all the Church membership fully aware of what's going on and what's being planned. It's an opportunity always to recognize individuals and organizations and to encourage one another in the faith. The more people are "*in the know*," the better.

Reports can be submitted on paper to me at the office, or you may e-mail them to me at **[secretary@stjbeth.org](mailto:secretary@stjbeth.org)**. **Please make sure you have the correct address for the church office in your contacts..**

Office Secretary

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