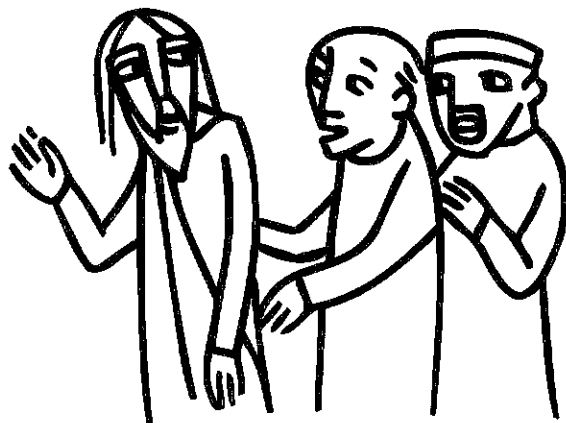


# St. John's Lutheran Church

Norfolk, Nebraska



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

8:30 AM

Pastor Randy Rasmussen

**Sunday, January 15, 2023 8:30 AM**

## **Gathering Together**

Welcome to God's grace – where the world's labels don't apply.

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Step into God's time and presence. Hear God's gentle whisper: "Be still and know that I am God." Let your body and mind rest, and open your heart to God in worship and prayer. Welcome each other in the love of Christ. Extend hospitality to those new in our midst. "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it!"

### **GATHERING MUSIC & RINGING OF THE BELL**

#### **PRAYER TREE**

#### **TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME**

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**Stand**

**GATHERING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" ELW #705, Verses 1, 3, and 4**

#### **GREETING**

P: 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.**

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#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Sit**

# HEARING THE WORD

God speaks to us in scriptures sung, read, and proclaimed.

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## First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from Isaiah

*After the reading:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians

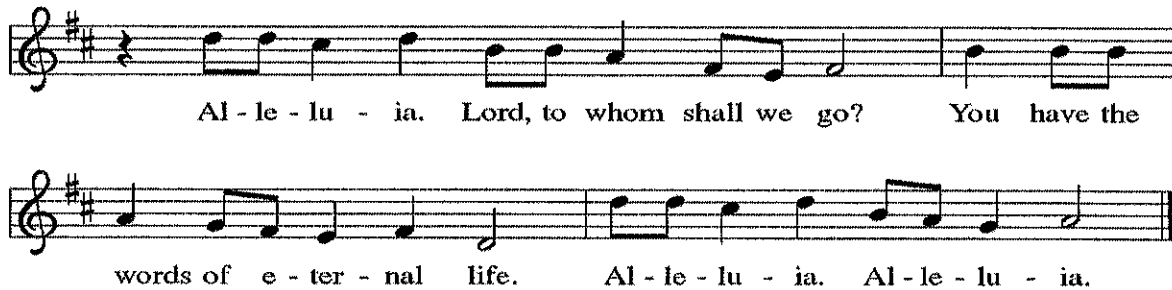
*After the reading:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Stand**

### 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.

## Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sit**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Shelli Rasmussen

### SERMON Pr. Randy Rasmussen

**Stand**

**HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ Be Our Light" ELW#715 Verses 1, 4, 5**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**Sit**

**SHARING THE MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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**GATHERING OF THE OFFERING**

**Stand**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **ACCLAMATION OF FAITH**

Together we acclaim our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and taste the joy of God!

**Sit**

### **COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to eat & drink at the Lord's Table. Jesus Christ is present in the bread & wine. Come and eat! Holy Communion is served below the altar. Following the usher's direction, please proceed down the center aisle toward the altar. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the pastor during communion. Red wine and white grape juice are available in each tray of cups. After communing, you may return to your seat down the side aisle. If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper where you are seated, please tell the usher, who will ensure the gifts of God come to you.*

**"O LAMB OF GOD"**

**COMMUNION HYMN: "Now We Joint in Celebration" ELW #462**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **SENT FORTH TO SERVE**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Stand**

### **BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN "Take My Life That I May Be" #685, Verses 1, 2, 4**

### **SENDING**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Our Mission: *Disciples Through God's Love, Celebrating In Jesus' name.***

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

Ellis Frank	Brandon Matties	JoAnn Berglund
Sara Fegley	Cody Hoefler	Carol Timperley
Tami Darville	Ken Wragge	Kay Curtis
Susan Skogstoe	Dan Timperley	Derek Johnson
Lexi Rivera	Stacie Schutte	Tom Hagstrom
Richard Juracek	Keagan Sullivan	Roger Peters
Todd Uhlir	Heidi Henry-Kahny	Bob Frady
Tyrone Uhlir	Lisa Christensen	Tammi Stephenson
Susan Frank	Gail Gubbels	Beverly Schwede
Everett Behrendt	Amy Comstock	Cory Taylor
Mary Brooks	Kathleen Kruse	Jill Barr
Jerry Fiedler	Jean Schmeckpepper	Zander Barr
Allen & Rosemary Schwartz	Wendy Kramer	Zella Dederman
Karmon Lienemann	Carla Hart	

Altar flowers on this Second Sunday after Epiphany are sponsored by:

Gale & Donna Short in honor of Kevin & Kimberly Keller's birthdays & Aubrey's baptism

AND

Dale & Sara Fegley in memory of her parents



*~Thank you for your donation of \$3,337.16 to Mercy Meals for Pack Away Hunger. Merry Christmas! -Rhonda Wrenholt, Director of Mercy Meals*

*~We want to thank you for the generous \$154.90 donation as well as the items that have been donated. The donations will be used throughout the building to support our Veterans and their spouses. Sincerely, Jerry Eisenhower, Administrator & Stephanie Eckert, Activity Supervisor at Norfolk Veterans Home*

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#### Office Staff

Pastor Randy Rasmussen  
Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator, Shelli Rasmussen  
Office Assistant, Cindy Nelson  
Custodian, Ken Schillinger

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY, January 16 (MLK Day)

1:15pm.....Chosen ChristCare  
7:00pm.....Solid Rock

### TUESDAY, January 17

7:00am.....Men's Text Study  
10:00am.....Text Study

### WEDNESDAY, January 18

1:00pm.....Searchers ChristCare  
NO CONFIRMATION  
7:00pm.....Church Council Meeting

### THURSDAY, January 19

9:00am.....Rebekah Circle

### SATURDAY, January 21

5:00pm.....Gathering Worship

### SUNDAY, January 22

8:30am.....Fesitval Worship  
9:45am.....Sunday School  
9:45am.....Financial Forum  
11:00am.....Celebration Worship



It's GAME DAY here at church, too! Fellowship Outreach Committee invites EVERYONE to a game day on Sunday, February 12, immediately following the 11am worship service. Lunch (sloppy joes and chips) will be provided. You can bring a munchie to share if you'd like. Games will be available, but you are encouraged to bring your own favorite game to play. There will also be a snowflake craft for all ages to participate in. The festivities will go from noon-2pm and you are encouraged to invite a friend for the fun. Start making plans to attend!

## STATISTICS

Attendance 1/8/2023.....39,45,47=131  
Weekly offerings needed for ministries.....\$8,213.56  
Offerings received 1/8/23.....\$4,558.34  
Weekly Deficit.....(\$3,655.22)  
YTD Deficit.....0

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS WEEKEND

**Saturday, January 14**

Reader-Carolyn Vahle

**Sunday, January 15, 8:30am**

Council/Communion/Usher-Brenda Carhart, Reader-Carol Waggoner

Coffee Hosts-

**Sunday, January 15, 11:00am**

Council/Reader-Brian Nissen, Communion-Terry Hall

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday, January 21**

Council-Brenda Smith, Reader/Usher-Mark Nelson

**Sunday, January 22, 8:30am**

Usher-Brenda Carhart, Reader-Carol Waggoner

Coffee Hosts-Carhart Family

**Sunday, January 22, 11:00am**

Council/Usher-Adam Bloomquist

Text studies will continue on Tuesday mornings. There will be a men's text study at Hy-Vee East every Tuesday at 7am. Everyone is invited to a text study here at the church on Tuesdays at 10am in the Bethany Room. Pastor Randy will be discussing the lessons for the upcoming weekend & these discussions often lead into fun stories, memories and etc.

**The Annual Meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church is scheduled for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm (the Financial Forum is Jan. 22nd between worship services). Please make plans to attend!**

**\*\*\*Hope to see you at the SHCOKED event happening THIS Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> starting @ 1pm in the Bethany Room for Operation Gratitude, lunch, games and future planning!\*\*\***