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Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

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.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* Dale Wood
(© 1992 The Sacred Music Press)

(Please stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Rise, Shine, You People* **ELW 665**

(Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.; Dale Wood, 1934-2003; Text and music © 1974 Augsburg Publishing House)

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 week's schedule

Today	9 am Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship 9 am Handbell Choir (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship 11:30 am Altar Guild Meeting (Smith Building) 11:30 am Executive Meeting (Parlor)
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Mon.	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (office closed)</i> 7 pm Council Meeting (Smith Building)
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Tues.	
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Wed.	7 pm Social Ministry/Evangelism Meeting (Smith Building)
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Thurs.	
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Fri.	Newsletter Articles Due
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Sat.	DE-MD Synod: Road Trip
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Counting our Blessings

Sun.	Attendance: 113	2022	
1/8	Offering: \$4,354	November Offering Income	\$23,272
	Homebound: 17	November Other Income	\$ 5,956
		November Total Income	\$29,228
		November Expenses	\$26,853
		YTD Offering Income	\$228,363
		YTD Other Income	\$ 26,096
		YTD Total Income	\$254,459
		YTD Expenses	\$326,976



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Ruth Skarda, Janet Roth, Gladys Downs, Bill Spink, Raymond Miller, Matthew Miller, Bill & Bonnie Rogers, Jim Morrow, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Joan Murphy, Tim Dunn, Donna Bobloch, Yung-Mee Rhee, Fred Turkin, Audrey Vargo, Jeanne Hartman, Darlene Wilder, Rebecca Hornbarger, Livie Bach, Bob Murphy, Jen Schoenfliess, Pearl Johnson, Sharon Hunt, Lee Hall, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Mary Jo Rother, Bonnie Kellner, Kristin Weger, Linda Fliegel, Helen Bender and Doug Adams

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Robert Henschen, Trudy Anderson

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

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.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)* **Psalm 40:1-11**

I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none
can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

And so I said, “Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.’”**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.



It's time to start preparing the 2023 Annual Report. If you are responsible for preparing a Ministry Report for the Annual Report, please email your report to the church office by Friday, January 27th. Thanks in advance.

Tickets can now be reserved for St. John's 4th Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast on Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. Flyers with details are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, on the website and in the weekly emails. We need a final headcount by Friday, February 10th.



Mark your calendars for our Youth Sponsored, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21st from 6-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can come!

Save the Date for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10-14th from 9 am-12:30 pm. We will starting our planning soon. As always, we will need many volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haacke at haackefamily@comcast.net.



Venmo is Here! We are happy to announce that you can give your offering using Venmo. Enter [@stjohnsparkville](https://venmo.com/@stjohnsparkville) in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.

Pastor Amy, Pastor Mathew, and the St. John's Congregation,

Your generosity has made such a difference for our school family this Christmas. Though-out the year, the Food for Thought program provides children & parents some peace of mind during their weekends. We are so grateful for your support and kindness. On behalf of our students & families and from the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!

Have a safe & healthy Christmas season and we will see you in the new year!

Sincerely,
Katie Oppenheim & Caitlin Arena,
School Counselors—Carney E.S. 2022



Announcements & Upcoming Event

Next Week— Sunday, January 22nd—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

† 9 am— **Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship**

† 10 am— **Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel** at stjohns.lutheran.church.parkville.md.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of Carl Wehr's 85th birthday and in memory of Dot Smith's birthday by Ginny, Denise, Dave and David.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: February 5th, 12th, and 26th, March 5th, 12th and 26th, April 16th and 23rd, June 4th, 18th, and 25th, July 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th, August 6th, 20th and 27th. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



Food for Thought Program is in great need of: **Chef Boyardee single serving meals, chicken & tuna salad kits and single serving cereal.** We are now packing two bags of food for the weekend for 25 children each week, therefore our supply is depleted quickly. Please help if you can!

2023 Offering Envelopes are here. Please pick them up from the tables outside of the Sanctuary. If you don't have envelopes and would like a box, please contact the church office. If you see envelopes for a friend or neighbor who is not able to get to church, please deliver them. The cost of mailing the envelopes is very expensive, so we would like to deliver as many as possible. Thanks for your help!



Reminder....Altar Guild will be meeting on the third Sunday of the month beginning today, after worship, in the Smith Building.

Today at 3 pm to there will be a service to commemorate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The service, which is sponsored by our synod's chapter of the African Descent Lutheran Association, will be held at Peoples' Community Lutheran Church (6200 Loch Raven Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21239) and will feature guest speaker Dr. Tracey Durant, Executive Director of Equity with Baltimore City Public Schools.



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

John the Baptist’s witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

ELW 737

(Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926; music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918; Text © 1984 Hope Publishing Company)

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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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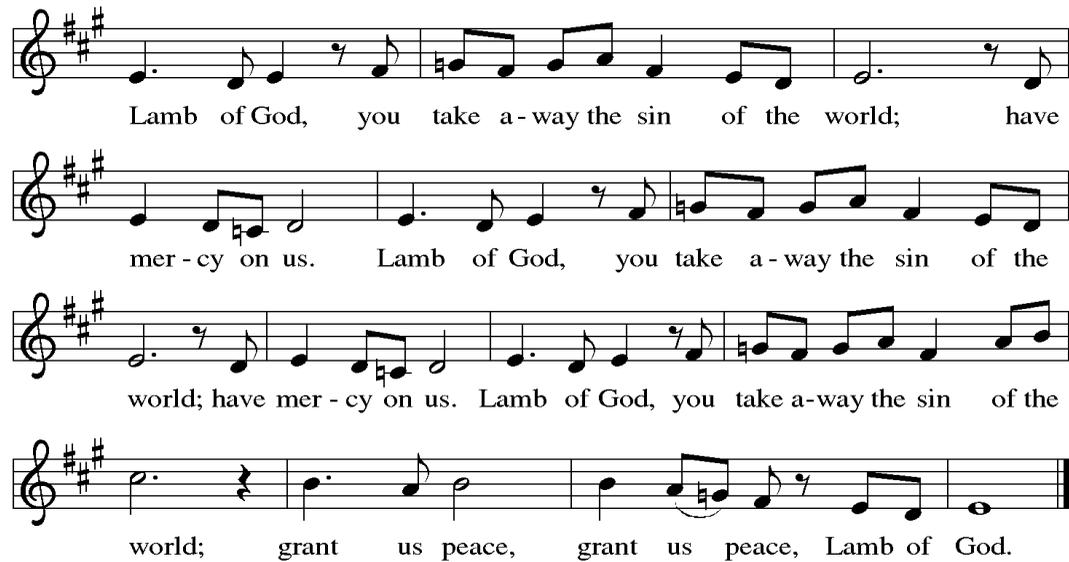
Rejoice, My Soul, Rejoice!

David Paxton

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Bob Berner
Crucifer	Simon B.
Acolyte (s)	Emily B., Alec B.
Lector	Lee Smith
Communion Assistant	Lee Smith

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LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult* **ELW 696**

(Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895; Music: William H. Jude, 1815-1922)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

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 *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* **ELW 314**

(Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947; Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893; Text © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.)

**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 CHURCH

After each petition Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Morning Prayer* *Mark Roberts*

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*(An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.)
(Please stand as you are able.)*

OFFERING HYMN

We Are So Blessed

*We are so blessed by the gifts from your hand.
I just can't understand why you've loved us so much!
We are so blessed we just can't find a way, or the words that can say,
"Thank you, Lord, for your touch."*

*Refrain: When we're empty you fill us 'til we overflow;
when we're hungry you feed us and cause us to know
we are so blessed, take what we have to bring,
take it all, everything. Lord, we thank you so much!*

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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

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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 assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*