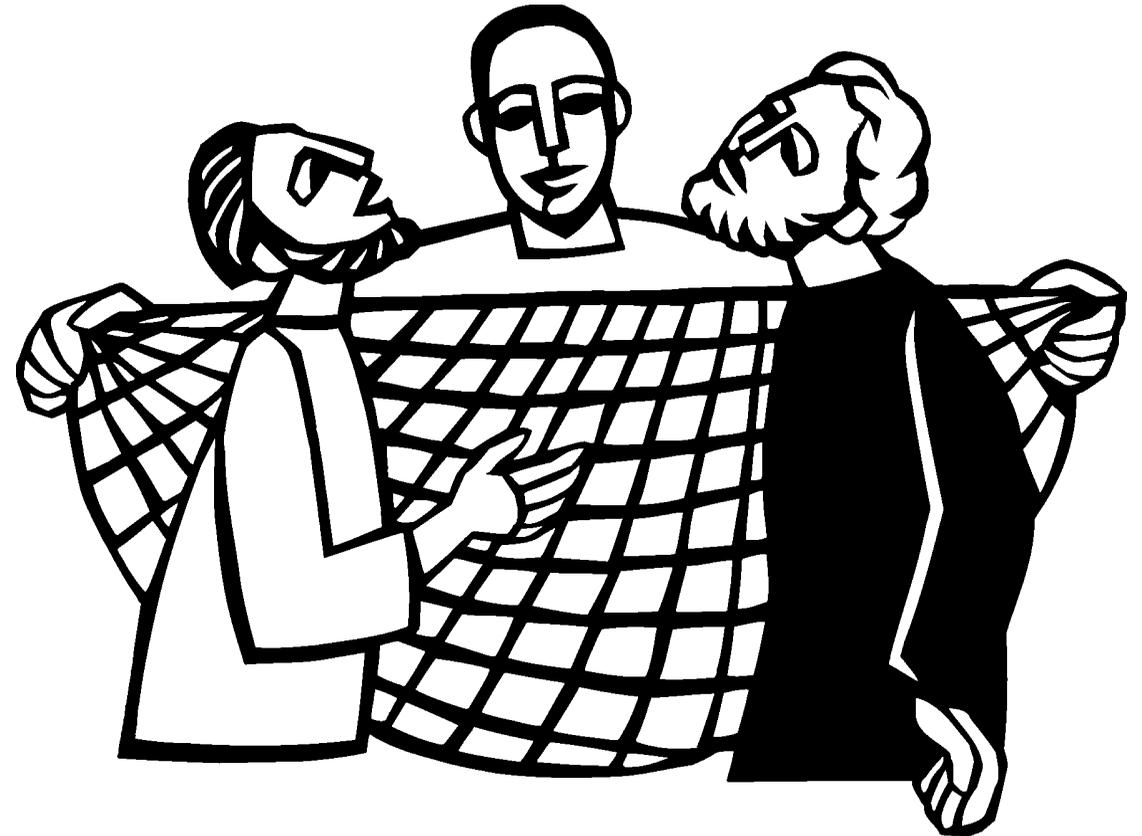


# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 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

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

*(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**                      *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*                      *James Southbridge*  
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*(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**                      *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*                      *ELW 520 (vv. 1, 4)*  
(Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3; Gesangbuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.; Music: Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673)

## 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.**

## STAFF

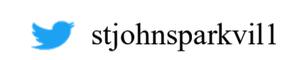
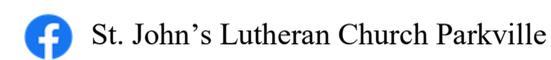
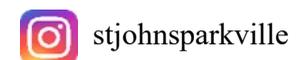
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**Notice of live streaming:**  
Today’s worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.



This week's schedule	
Today	9 am Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship 9 am Handbell Choir (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship 1 pm Member Function (Fellowship Hall) DE-MD Synod: Road Trip
Mon.	
Tues.	7 pm Family Ministry Meeting (Smith Building)
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.	
Fri.	
Sat.	

Counting our Blessings			
Sun.	Attendance: 101	2022	
1/15	Offering: \$4,460	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 OF THE DAY**

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord  
**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**WORD**

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)* Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

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

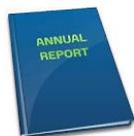
**For family & friends:** Mary Margaret Wroten, Joan Murphy, Tim Dunn, Donna Bobloch, Yung-Mee Rhee, Fred Turkin, Audrey Vargo, Jeanne Hartman, Rebecca Hornbarger, Livie Bach, Bob Murphy, Jen Schoenfliess, Pearl Johnson, Sharon Hunt, Lee Hall, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Mary 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

**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!



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>.



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

**Save the Date for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10-14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:haackefamily@comcast.net).



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

## 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

**Matthew 4:12-23**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
 the people who sat in darkness  
 have seen a great light,  
 and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
 light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked 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. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

*ELW 798*

*(Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949; Music: Scottish traditional; Text © 1987 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)*

**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.**

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL**

**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**

*Bread of the World*

*Lyndell Leatherman*

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

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Bob Berner
Crucifer	Gabby G.
Acolyte (s)	Olivia S., James W.
Lector	JoAnn Weiland
Communion Assistant	JoAnn Weiland

**Announcements & Upcoming Event**

**Next Week— Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>—4<sup>th</sup> 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 honor of Sheila Bender's birthday by Charles Bender.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at [rm\\_hills@yahoo.com](mailto: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, snack crackers and cookies.** 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!

**COMMUNION HYMN**                      *Now the Silence*                      **ELW 460**  
(Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2008; Music: Carl F. Schalk, 1929-2021; Text and music © 1969 Hope Publishing Company)

*I Come with Joy*                      **ELW 482**  
(Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company)

**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**                      *We Are Marching in the Light*                      **ELW 866**  
(Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom is Coming, 1984; Music: South African traditional; arr. Freedom is Coming; Tr. and arr. © 1984 Walt Utryck, admin. Lion Music Corp.)

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**                      *Toccatina in A Minor*                      *Gerald Peterson*  
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**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!*

(Text: Gloria Gaither; Music: William J. Gaither, Greg Nelson; Text and music © 1982 River Oaks Music Company; CCLI Song #15991; permission for use granted under CCLI License #11527942)

**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.*

## 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.