



Then *Joseph* Got Up,
took the child and his mother by night,
*and went to **EGYPT.***

Mathew 2:14, NRSV

333 O Little Town of Bethlehem

CW 333

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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Glory Be to God

Printed on pages 157-159 in the blue hymnal.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,
the deeds for which he is to be praised,
according to all the LORD has done for us—
yes, the many good things
he has done for Israel,
according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

⁸He said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will be true to me”;
and so he became their Savior.

⁹In all their distress he too was distressed,
and the angel of his presence saved them.
In his love and mercy he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them
all the days of old.

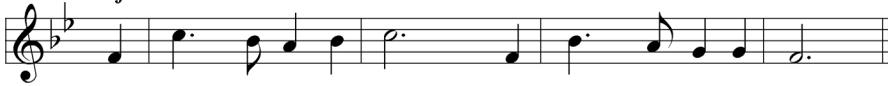
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day 148

(CW'93)

Refrain



For - ev - er let us sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 2:13–23

¹³When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸“A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

²¹So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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

Be seated

355 Let All Together Praise Our God

CW 355

Sermon

Matthew 2:13-23

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Virgin-born Son of God, hear us as we pray.
Intercede for us before your Father's throne.

You, Jesus, were given that name to show who you are for us.
You, Jesus, lived perfectly for us; your atoning death has reconciled us to our heavenly Father.

ALL: Your resurrection from the dead has given us new birth into a living hope and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for us.

You, O LORD, are the Word of God, made flesh for us.
Your living and enduring words enlighten our hearts.

You, Lord, are the faithful witness;
you reveal the Father's love for us.

Your convicting Word has pierced to the depths of our dark hearts, and we are sad
because of our many sins.
**Your comforting Word has given us victory over sin, death and the devil; in your
presence will rejoice and be at peace, forever.**

Jesus, your words have given us new birth, new life and unending hope.
**Open our mouths to freely share your unchanging words with all who are sad,
lonely, afraid.**

**ALL: Because of you, Jesus, we are glad and we rejoice together with an everlasting
hope!**

Savior and Lord, be with us in this new year as we confront temptations of many kinds.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, working in us through your Word.

Dearest Jesus, Lord of lords and King of all kings:
**Rule in each of us, in body and soul, so that whatever happens in this new year, we
will be safe as we trust, serve and obey you alone.**

By your pure and purifying words may our knowledge and understanding of you increase,
even as our devotion to you flows freely from hearts made holy by you, and for you.

**ALL: Be with us as we travel to and from our homes. Protect us from every evil.
Send your holy angels to guard us in all our ways.**

Hear us as we bring you our private petitions.

In Your name we also pray...
**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.**

Offering & Connect Card / WELS Connection

1. During this time, our ushers will be taking an offering. We also offer online giving on our app/website or scan the QR Code. If you are a guest or visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. Thank you!



2. Don't forget to fill out the Connect Card located in your pew! Please complete it and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. You may also complete the connect card on our app under "Check In" on the homepage. Thank you!

Stand

751 O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made

CW 751 sts. 1-2

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

356 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

CW 356

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New Sunday Morning Bible Study: A new Sunday morning Bible study series begins on January 8. This series will be based on Paul's prison or captivity letters (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon) - four letters he wrote while under house arrest in Rome. We'll start with an in depth look at his letter to the Ephesians. Hope you can join us!

Undecorate Church: St. John's Salem-Lowell and Juneau Campuses will be undecorating church this Sunday, January 1st.

- Salem-Lowell Campus 10:30 am
- Juneau Campus 11:30 am

If you are able, please stay and help! All help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Clickers Needed: St. John's is looking for volunteers to help "click" the remotes through our services for our screens. Please see the signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Char Lober (920-219-0122).

Horicon Committee: St. John's is looking to restart our Horicon Committee. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Dan Zank at 920-386-2842 or Nate Zank at 920-210-0594.

Pastor Call On Sunday, December 11th, St. John's called an Associate Pastor, Carl Schroeder, from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Please keep Pastor Schroeder, his wife Stacey, and their 4 children in your prayers as they deliberate where best to serve our Savior.

2023 Offering Envelopes: Your 2023 St. John's offering envelopes are available for pickup now! Envelopes are located in the fellowship hall at the Juneau Campus and in the narthex at our Salem-Lowell Campus. If you regularly attend our Horicon Campus, please email the church office at church@stjohnsjuneau.org to request an envelope be sent to our Horicon Campus. Don't see an envelope for yourself? Please sign your name on the sheet and an envelope packet will be ready for you to pick up the next week. Please do not use your 2023 envelopes until 2023. Thank you!

2023 Calendars are available! St. John's was given 2023 calendars for our members/friends to utilize this next year. Please pick up a calendar or more in the narthex and share them with your loved ones!

Volunteers (12/29-1/1)

Greeters:

6:30 PM Bob and Jody Paplham Family

8:00 AM McLain family

10:30 AM Ockerlander Family

Ushers:

6:30PM Bob Gerbitz, Ken Wolfram

8:00 AM Rick Bassette, Ralph Kaul,

Dennis Affeld, Sean Affeld

9:30 AM Don Gibson and Dan Becker

10:30 AM Tom Selchert, Marty Weinheimer,

Mark, Logan and Mason Ockerlander

Snow Removal: (Week of 1/2)

Team 4 Rick Leissring and Tony Colantonio

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (1/1)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J

Worship 9:30 AM – SL

Tuesday (1/3)

Jesus Cares 1:30 PM – C

Wednesday (1/4)

Confirmation 5:00 PM - J

Trustees 6:30 PM - J

NO Adult Choir 7:00 PM - J

Thursday (1/5)

Worship 6:30 PM - J

Saturday (1/7)

Learn to Knit 9:30 AM – J

Worship 5:00 PM - J

Sunday (1/8)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J

Worship 9:30 AM – SL

NEW Bible Class 8:15 AM – SL; 9:30 AM - J

Sunday School 8:30 AM – SL; 9:15 AM – J

Statistics 12/8-12/11

Offerings given to our Lord

General \$15,416.68

Debt \$100.00

Improvement \$135.00

Lakeside \$114.50

Missions \$1,331.90

Total \$17,098.08

Attendance

379 (43, 32, 120, 99, 85)

Statistics 12/15-12/18

Offerings given to our Lord

General \$16,122.31

Debt \$150.00

Improvement \$30.00

Lakeside \$175.00

Missions \$584.90

Total \$17,062.21

Attendance

306 (38, 35, 103, 68, 62)

At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$19,490 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$104,951.45 from the line of credit. Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!

Welcome to St. John's

WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership at any of our campuses. Please join us again soon!

PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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Joel Luetke	920-285-1351
John Baumann	651-356-4104
Karl Christie	262-309-8901

Principal

Richard Cody	920-386-4644
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Staff Minister

Ryan Kummerow	608-345-1900
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Worship Services

(same service at all locations)

Thursday

6:30pm Juneau

Saturday

5:00pm Horicon

Sunday

8:00am & 10:30 Juneau

9:30am Lowell

Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30-10:15

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15-9:00 AM

Monday

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

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