



***Part 2: Committed to a Lofty Charge***

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**

**Juneau**

**Salem-Lowell**

**Horicon**

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 18-21, 2024

## Hymn 901

## “O Christians, Haste”



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing  
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
4 Send her - als forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,



to tell to all the world that God is light,  
bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;

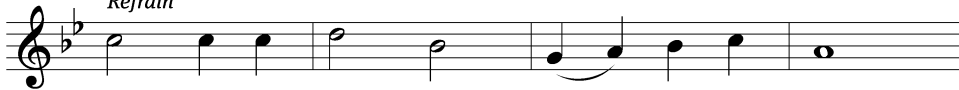


that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
with none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
or of the life he died for them to win.  
and died on earth that they might live a - bove.  
O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

### Refrain



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, ti - dings of peace,



ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

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*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

CW 172

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**

CW 174

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 to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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

*Jonah 3:1–5,10 EHV*

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded.

Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. <sup>4</sup>Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least... <sup>10</sup>When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 62B

## “Rest in God Alone”

### Refrain

Rest in God a - lone, rest in God a - lone, my soul.

### Tone

Truly my soul finds / rest in God;  
my salvation / comes from him.  
Truly he is my rock and my sal- / vation;  
he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken.  
Yes, my soul, find / rest in God;  
my hope / comes from him. *Refrain*

Though your rich- / es increase,  
do not set your / heart on them.  
My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my / refuge.  
Trust in him at all times, you / people;  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14–21 EHV

<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again. <sup>16</sup> As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. <sup>17</sup> So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come! <sup>18</sup> And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. <sup>19</sup> That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Special Anthem by our PreK-Kindergarten

9:30AM

*God Loves Me Dearly*

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 22:22

Alleluia. I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

Mark 1:14–20 EHV

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.” <sup>16</sup> As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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

*Be seated*

Hymn 743

“I Hear the Savior Calling”



1 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to me;  
2 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! He leads a soul to me,  
3 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! He gives this charge to me:  
4 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! He chang-es hearts for me;  
5 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen - cy;



my eyes, once closed in blind - ness, are o - pened now to see  
a soul in bit - ter an - guish, one need - ing to be free.  
to serve the best I'm a - ble, what - e'er the call may be.  
from door to door I wit - ness to share my Sav - ior's plea.  
each mo - ment souls are dy - ing, soon comes e - ter - ni - ty.



that I my - self was help - less to live e - ter - nal - ly,  
The gift I have to of - fer is Christ, my Lord's de - cree  
Thus hand in hand with oth - ers who share the gos - pel key  
Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, no word on bend - ed knee,  
And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, this is my hum - ble plea:



but, dy - ing, Christ did save me, and now he calls for me!  
that all have been for - giv - en; my Sav - ior calls for me!  
we spread the gos - pel ti - dings; my Sav - ior calls for me!  
be - yond the sim - ple gos - pel; my Sav - ior calls for me!  
pre - pare me for my mis - sion, for you are call - ing me!

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*"With God, Improbable Goals Do Not Exist"*

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

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

**You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the

sick and the disheartened. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

**Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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 / WELS Connection**

*Stand*

## Offering Hymn 749 v.1

## “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn  
to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful  
songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

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## 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*

## Hymn 746

## “I Love to Tell the Story”



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 The Sav - ior of all peo - ple has brought his peace to you;  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
now go and tell the sto - ry, for oth - ers need it too.  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know it's true;  
To ev - 'ry land and na - tion ring out the gos - pel call;  
And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
pro - claim that Christ is ris - en and grants his peace to all.  
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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**Thank you to the Jensen family for providing the flowers on the altar in loving memory of Stacey Goldberg!**

## Announcements

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### **Nominees for Council:**

The Nominating Committee is looking for a few good men to serve on the Church Council!

*"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." -Romans 12:6-8*

Candidates are needed for Board of Education, Elders, Trustees, Chairman, and an apprentice for Treasurer. If you would like to be considered for any of these positions, please talk to, call, or text Pastor Mount (920.344.1524), Pastor Brandt (608.343.2209) or Chairmen Weisensel (920.382.4782). The Committee will take any volunteers under consideration and contact you further after meeting. The election is in April (a list of candidates will be published 2 weeks beforehand). Terms start in September; May - August is intended for the new men to become familiar with what is going on at the Board and Council level.

Councilmen attend 2 meetings a month: with the Board they are serving on and the Council meeting. Thank you for considering serving our Lord by helping to provide leadership in His church!

### **Salem-Lowell Altar Guild:**

The Salem-Lowell Altar Guild will meet on Sunday, February 4 after the 9:30 service.

### **Statements and Offering Envelopes:**

Giving statements and new offering envelopes are available in the narthex of the Juneau and Lowell Campuses. Horicon members' items are located at the Juneau campus. Please pick them up as soon as possible!

### **Tuesday Evening Bible Class:**

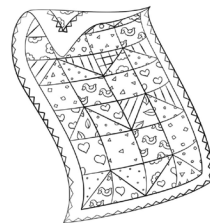
Our study of the intertestamental period continues this coming Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, at 6:30pm. In this class we will discuss the Apocryphal book Sussana, considered an addition to the book of Daniel. We'll also look at some of the Wisdom Literature found in the apocrypha, especially the pseudepigraphal works attributed to Jeremiah and Solomon. Don't worry about bringing anything to class, copies of our readings will be made available.

### **Divine Call Updates:**

- Mr. Cody has received a call to St. John's Lutheran School, Lewiston, MN. Please keep Mr. Cody and his family in your prayers as he deliberates the two calls he now holds!
- Mr. Lober has returned his call to Living Hope Lutheran School, West Allis, WI.
- Mrs. Schultz has returned her call to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Iron Ridge, WI.
- Mr. Kummerow has accepted our call to continue as our Staff Minister.

### **Sewing Workday:**

A sewing workday is planned for Thursday, January 25, in the Juneau church basement from noon to 4:00 p.m. Come for an hour or two, or the whole time as your schedule allows. We will be sewing bags for walkers and small quilt tops to make lap robes. Bring your sewing machine if you choose and sewing supplies, scissors, thread. You can bring fabric if you wish. We have donated fabric and batting that will be used for both projects.



Do you know someone who could use a bag for their walker? Please let us know!

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Cindy Raube, 920-360-9352.

### **School Basketball:**

Help is needed at our school's home basketball games! Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers to help with concessions and the scoreboard are also needed. If you could assist in any of these ways, there is a sign-up at school or contact: 920-386-4644 / [school@st.johnsjuneau.org](mailto:school@st.johnsjuneau.org). The next home games are 1/27, 2/2, and a tournament on 2/3.





## **Volunteers** (1/18-1/21)

### **Greeters:**

6:30 PM Matt and Char Lober  
8:00 AM Carol Soldner, Lexi Voigt  
10:30 AM Diane Pamperin, Linda Tonn

### **Ushers:**

6:30 PM Lee Weiss, Dylan Stegner  
8:00 AM Chuck Wolfram, Bruce Soldner, Nick Voigt, Rick Cody  
9:30 AM Ken Leistico, Larry Westenberg, Wyatt Stowell, Oscar Stowell  
10:30 AM Tony Colantonio, Blake Tonn, Blake Tonn II, Blake Tonn III

### **Juneau Snow Removal:** (Week of Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Team 3 Mark and Andrew Buelter

## **Statistics**

### *Offerings given to our Lord*

	<u>1/4-1/7</u>
General	\$ 24,017.76
Debt	\$ 709.61
Improvement	\$ 560.00
Lakeside	\$ 289.90
Missions	\$ 1589.90
Total	\$ 27,167.17

### *Attendance*

Weekend of Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 363 (28,47,116,53,63)

*At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$20,246 (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 \$147,215.44. from the line of credit.** Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!*

# **This Week at St. John's**

## **Sunday (1/21)**

**Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J**

**Worship 9:30 AM- SL**

Bible Class 8:15 (SL) & 9:30 AM (J)

Sunday School 8:30 (SL) & 9:15 AM (J)

Blood Pressure Checks 9:00 AM- J

## **Monday (1/22)**

Readings Bible Class 6:30 PM- J

Board of Ed. 6:30 PM- School

## **Tuesday (1/23)**

Time Between the

Testaments 6:30 PM- J

## **Wednesday (1/24)**

Confirmation 5:00 PM- J

Council 6:30 PM- J

Adult Choir 7:00 PM - J

## **Thursday (1/25)**

Sewing Day 12:00-4:00 PM- J

**Worship 6:30 PM- J**

## **Saturday (1/27)**

**Worship 5:00 PM- H**

## **Sunday (1/28)**

**Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J**

**Worship 9:30 AM- SL**

Bible Class 8:15 (SL) & 9:30 AM (J)

Sunday School 8:30 (SL) & 9:15 AM (J)

# 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.

### Pastors & Assistant

David Brandt 608-343-2206  
Nicholas Mount 920-344-1524  
Joel Luetke 920-285-1351  
Duke Backhaus 414-559-6107

### Principal

Richard Cody 920-386-4644

### Staff Minister

Ryan Kummerow 608-345-1900

### Worship Services

#### Thursday

6:30 PM Juneau

#### Saturday

5:00 PM Horicon

#### Sunday

8:00 AM Juneau

9:30 AM Lowell

10:30 AM Juneau

### Bible Classes

#### Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15 AM

#### Monday

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

#### Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

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#### Juneau Campus

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