



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

8:15 a.m.~ spoken

10:30 a.m.~ sung liturgy

# Welcome to St. John

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# Order for Worship

Welcome

Prelude~ “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

Handbell Choir

*The assembly may rise.*

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: **you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn~ "Rise, Shine, You People!"



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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## Greeting

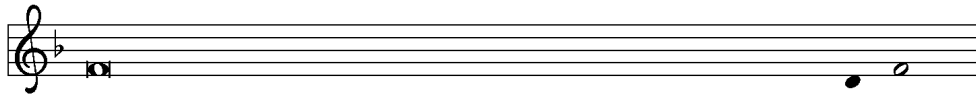
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

# Kyrie

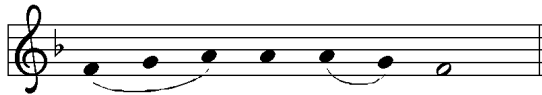
(8:15) spoken responsively; (10:30) sung



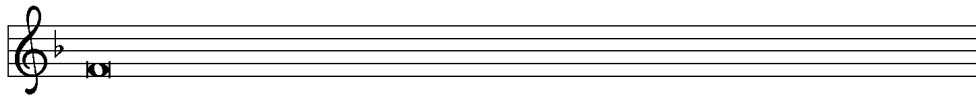
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



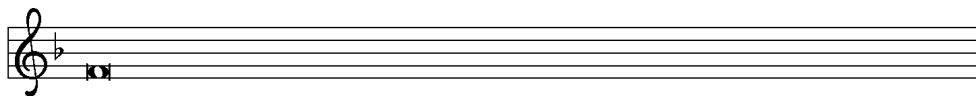
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



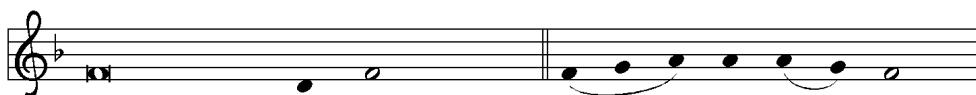
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



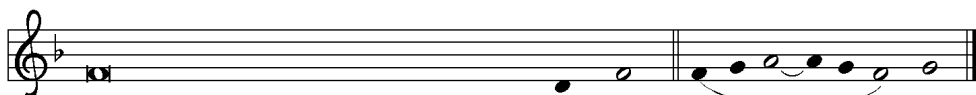
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

(8:15) Gloria

P: Glory to God in the Highest!

C: And peace to God's people on earth!

(10:30) Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



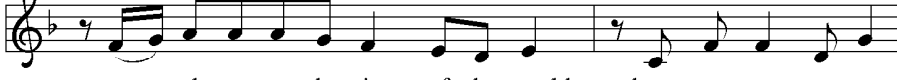
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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.



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.

## Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Children's Message

## Word

### First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

A: The first reading is from Isaiah.

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 exultation;  
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.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(8:15) Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (*Spoken responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> 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?

<sup>4</sup> **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.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

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

<sup>6</sup> **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.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”**

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

<sup>9</sup> 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.

(10:30) Psalm 27 (*Choir, then ALL*)



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

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

to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to inquire at his temple. R.

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread? R.

I believe I shall see the LORD's  
goodness

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:

in the land of the living.

to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,

Wait for the LORD; be strong;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the  
LORD! R.

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## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A: The second reading is from Corinthians.

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 knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear 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.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may rise.*

### Gospel Acclamation



Choir: Jesus preached the good news | of the kingdom\* and cured every sickness a- | mong the people. (Matt. 4:23)

### Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: 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 fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of 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 all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

Sermon

Pastor Stacey-Kyle Rae

*Following a time of silence for reflection, the assembly may rise.*

Hymn of the Day~ "Will You Come and Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

## Apostles' Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

A: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

A: Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ.  
Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority.  
Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. We pray especially for: Calvin, Roger, Patti, Maria, Carolyn, Rosemary, Angelo, Tony, Cheryl, Liz, Andy, Greg, Sivan, Joan, Corey, Kevin, Ruth, Rob, Matt, Bongchun, Bill, Jimmy, Lance, Stacey, Sean, Eleanor, Marie, Greg, Nan, Joshua, and Robert. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. We thank you for the life witness of Geri Medura. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Pastor: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

*The assembly **may be seated after sharing peace**. If you have not already done so, we ask that members and visitors please take a moment to fill out the communication slips located in each pew and place them in the offering plate.*

## Meal

Anthem~ "Sing Hey for the Carpenter"

Chancel Choir

"Come with me, come wander, come welcome the world  
where strangers might smile or where stones may be hurled;  
come leave what you cling to, lay down what you clutch  
and find, with hands empty, that hearts can hold much."

*Sing hey for the carpenter leaving his tools!  
Sing hey for the Pharisees leaving their rules!  
Sing hey for the fishermen leaving their nets!  
Sing hey for the people who leave no regrets!*

"Come walk in my company, come sleep by my side,  
come savor a lifestyle with nothing to hide;  
come sit at my table and eat with my friends,  
discovering that love which the world never ends."

“Come laugh with me, come share with me, come close to my fears,  
come find yourself awash with my tears;  
stand close at hand while I suffer and die,  
and find in three days how I never will lie.”

“Come leave your possessions, come share out your treasure,  
come give and receive without method or measure,  
come loose every bond that’s resisting the Spirit,  
enabling the earth to be yours to inherit.”

Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule  
Music: John L. Bell, arr. Ralph M. Johnson

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*We are grateful for your support of St. John. Here are the ways to share tithes and offerings:  
-You may make use of the offering plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary, or scan  
this QR code to use Square.*



Scan to give an offering.

*-Simply giving - You can arrange for a regular gift (weekly, monthly, quarterly) to be deducted from a bank account. Please contact Laura Smeltzer, our bookkeeper, to arrange this. Her email address is [stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com).*

***For communion:*** *We practice a "standing station" distribution of communion. An usher will indicate to you when it is time to come up. They will have empty cups for you to take if you are to have wine, and proceed down the center aisle. First, receive the wafer from pastor, putting your hands out. Then, if you are receiving wine, hold up your empty cup to the pouring chalice to receive the wine. Grape juice is in the tray beside the cup in pre-filled cups. Younger children or anyone not receiving are welcome to come up for a blessing from the pastor. You will return to your pew from the side aisle. Christ is the host of this meal, his real presence in bread and wine, and **all are welcome at the table.***

***The assembly may rise.***

### Offertory Prayer

P: God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

(8:15) spoken responsively; (10:30) sung

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P: 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

(8:15) spoken; (10:30) sung

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

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## Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to boldly pray:

C: **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.**

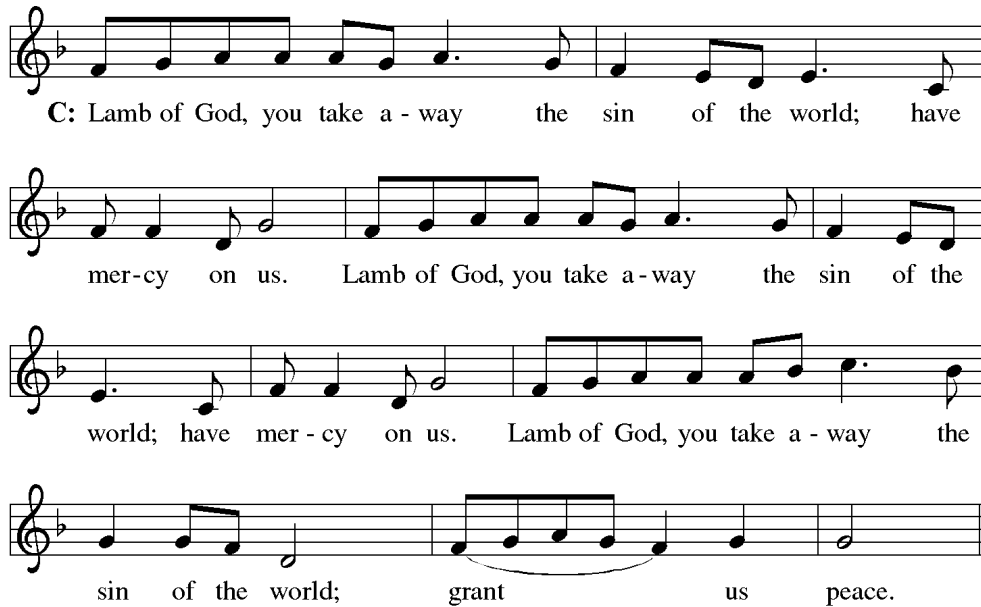
## Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Communion Canticle ~ Agnus Dei

(8:15) spoken; (10:30) sung



C: 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.

*The assembly may be seated. The meal is shared.*

## Communion Anthem~ "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Handbell Choir

John A. Behnke

## Post Communion Blessing

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

P: Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

P: May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn~ “Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult”



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old St. An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
make us hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me.”  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”  
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
C: **Thanks be to God**

## Postlude~ “Gagliarda per Organo”

Giovanni Maria Trabaci

## Assisting with Worship

Pastor	Pastor Rachel Manke
Director of Music	Lawrence Baker
8:15 Usher	
10:30 Usher	
8:15 Lector	Tia Schwab
10:30 Lector	Andrea Greyson
8:15 Communion Assistant	
10:30 Communion Assistant	Arianna Greyson
8:15 Acolyte	
10:30 Acolyte	
Video Technicians	Phil Wood, Adam Kiefski, Xavier Mitchell, & Megan Kiefski
Counters	Andrea Greyson

*Our full prayer list is printed on a separate piece of paper which is available near the bulletins. Names will remain on our list for **a month and then be removed**. If you want to be sure that someone remains there, contact the church office.*

## This Week at St. John...

### Sunday, Jan 25

8:15 Worship  
9:15 Adult Class  
10:30 Worship

### Monday, Jan 26

10:00 *No Quilters today*

### Tuesday, Jan 27

5:45 Cub Scouts

### Wednesday, Jan 28

1:30 Visual Arts Class

### Thursday, Jan 29

12:15 *No Pastor's Bible Study this week*  
10:00 Visual Arts Class  
6:30 Bell Choir  
7:30 Chancel Choir

### Friday, Jan 30

10:00 Visual Arts Class  
6:30 Boy Scouts Troop 98 [FH, MPR, YC]

### Sunday, Feb 1

8:15 Worship  
9:15 Adult Class/SS School  
10:30 Worship



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## *Happening at St. John*

**Altar Flowers** - Remember that YOU can sponsor our weekly flowers for Sunday worship. They are not actually in the budget, so your sponsorship is helpful. Celebrate an occasion, remember a saint of yours, etc. \$30 is the cost. The sign-up sheet is at the base of the stairs in the Great Room.

**Transfiguration Vespers ~ *Glory Fills the Night*** - February 15 at 7:30 p.m. We gather in the evening before our Lenten journey begins. Join us for an expanded setting of Evening Prayer as part of *The Arts at St. John's* as we sing and ponder the mountaintop experience with the disciples in scripture and song. The service concludes with a moving Farewell to Alleluia. Invite a friend and share this evening experience together.

**Ash Wednesday** - Our usual Ash Wednesday evening service this year will be a on **February 18th at 7 pm**. This year we are hosting our neighbors of the S.P.A.M. Ministers group to get the Lent series started. Our liturgy will be our usual and we will host the traditional soup supper at 6 pm before the service. Can you help with the soup supper? Make soup? Organize bowls and such? PLEASE let pastor know

**Lenten Services** - We will once again join our neighbors of the S.P.A.M. Ministers group and their congregations for weekly Wednesday Lent services at each other's churches. The theme for preachers this year is "Encounters with Jesus". The schedule and locations will be posted soon.

**Save the Date: Chili Cookoff Fundraiser** - Mark your calendars for a youth fundraiser on **March 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** A panel of judges will select one winner, and attendees will vote to determine a Crowd Favorite. We're still looking for 4-5 more chili chefs to participate and go head-to-head with Troop 98 and the other chefs already signed up. More details to come - but we wanted to get this on your family calendars now!

## *News and Info*

**Snow Policy** - Last weekend's weather certainly caught many of us off guard! As there is great potential for snow again this weekend we thought we might communicate a plan for cancellation and communication. The plan is that by 7:00 am on Sunday we will send out an email and post on Facebook if we are CANCELLING services (one or both - and include any changes to morning classes). If you don't get an email or see a posting on our Facebook page you might assume that we are on. As best as we are able we will livestream anything that goes on in person.

**Annual Ministry Meeting** - Please note that our annual February ministry meeting will be held on **February 22nd**. We will have ONE SERVICE that day at 9:30 am and following will be our usual brunch and meeting. Voting members especially, plan to attend to hear where we've been and where we are headed as a congregation and ministry. **Committee reports due to the church office by Feb. 5th; email [stjohn1802@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn1802@gmail.com).**

**Giving Envelopes** - For members who make use of them - the 2026 giving envelopes are placed on a table in the Great Room. Please PICK YOURS UP!!! :) If you see a name that you might deliver to, please do!

**Thank You** - Thank you from the staff for remembering us at Christmas with your generosity!

**Sanctuary Heat Update** - Good news on our ongoing heating issues in the sanctuary and Troster Room - we are on the schedule for repairs in the coming weeks!

**Weekly Monday Quilters** – We will not meet this Monday, January 26th due to the weather.

**Weekly Thursday Bible Study** - We will not meet on Thursday, January 29th.

***Bulletin Announcements & Weekly Email** - To request the inclusion of an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Monday of that week. To request inclusion in the weekly email, contact Katie Myers by Monday of that week.*



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