



*Fueled by Christ's redeeming love,
St. John's is called into a joyful life of
welcoming hospitality, grace-filled
worship, transformational relationships,
and Gospel-driven service in the world.
St. John's is an RIC congregation.*

A vibrant community living faith boldly through Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, and Serving

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

Welcome! Whether in the pews or online, whether for the first time or you've come more times than you can count, we are glad you are here. You are welcome to participate in every part of the worship service, including Holy Communion. Those of you joining online are invited to prepare a cracker or piece of bread and some juice or wine for partaking at that point in the service. Those in person are encouraged to sit in the forward half of the sanctuary both for audio and visual benefit. You're invited to create and wear a name tag, and to fill out a Fellowship Card from your pew rack and hand it to an usher.

PRELUDE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Lynette Maynard

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

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.

KYRIE (*ELW Setting 3*)

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy Jesus, you sent many into the world to proclaim your kingdom on earth. Send us, equip us, and walk with us so that everyone can learn of your abundant love. Amen.

During the singing of verses 1 & 3 of the canticle, children of every age are invited to join Edith in 'Grace Space' at the back of the sanctuary for the Word of the Week. Visitors are welcome!

SCRIPTURE CANTICLE

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

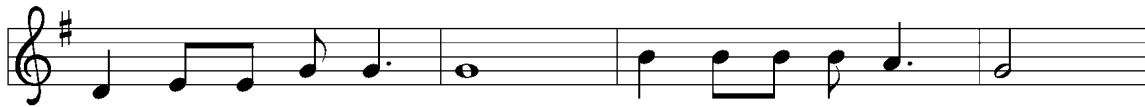
(vv. 1 & 3 before, v. 1 after)



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

WORD OF THE WEEK

Edith Bohardt

After the Word of the Week, children may return to be with their families in the pews or remain in 'Grace Space' while the people sing verse 1 of "This Little Light."

PSALM

Psalm 122

Let us read Psalm 122 responsively.

¹I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

²**Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem — built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

⁴**To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."

⁸**For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you."**

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-13; 30-44

The holy gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And all ate and were filled; ⁴³and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Mark Tiede

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* **ELW 579 (vv. 1, 2 & 5)**

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 THE CHURCH

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Creator of the ends of the earth, bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need, especially Kathy Cashin, Brian Conrad, Bruce Walker, Jan Sammelson, Lana Tiede, Debbie Tuvey, George Tuvey, Nels Tuvey, Debra Jacobs, Sandy Rader, Kris Schepers, Karen O., Jeannie C, Kris Roe, Veronica Sjoval, and others we name in our hearts *An intentional moment of silence* God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

God who calls each of us by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

The ways of financially contributing to St. John's ministry are listed on the 'Worship Notes' page of this bulletin.

Musical Offering

I Love to Tell the Story

William G. Fischer
arr. Larry Moore

A word about 'The Offering' *The offering is an important part of Christian worship. In all other parts of the liturgy we receive from God forgiveness, love, peace and hope. In the offering we actively participate in God's grace by giving. The Offering Cards available in the pew racks are for you to place in the offering plate as a representation of your financial contributions given electronically and of your non-financial generosity. Your offerings, offering cards, and pledge cards may be placed in the offering plates set near the sanctuary entrances. These are then presented to God as your weekly offering.*

OFFERTORY

He Came Down

ELW 253 (vv. 1 & 2)



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional
Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

COMMUNION HYMN

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

ELW 737 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Communion Note:

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communion will be served in continuous fashion as directed by the Ushers. Wafers, wine (red) and grape juice (white) are offered. Anyone choosing to not commune is welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let an Usher know.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish you, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* **ELW 308 (vv. 1, 3 & 4)**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* David M. Cherwien

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (vv. 1, 3 & 4)



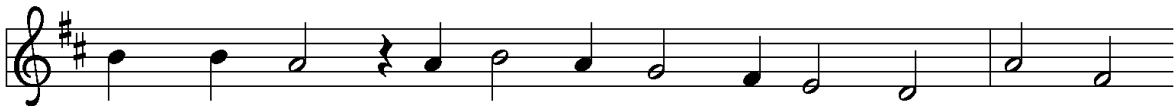
1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

Lord, You Give the Great Commission (vv. 1, 2 & 5)



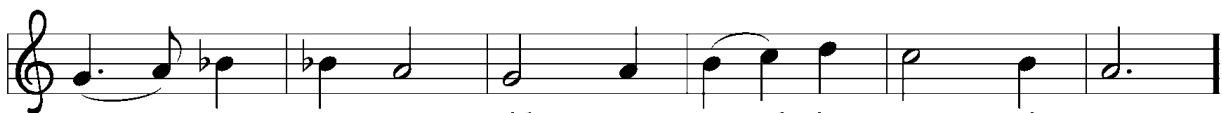
1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings in person and online**
 - ◊ Live on YouTube (link posted on St. John's Facebook page and website).
- Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.
- Nursery care is available upstairs in Grace Place, 9:30-12:30 on Sunday mornings.
- Activities for children are available at the back of the sanctuary in Grace Space.
- "The Story at Home" devotional sheets are available at the entrances.
- Fellowship time is offered each Sunday following worship.

The Offering is an important part of Christian worship. In addition to placing your offering in the plate, you may also contribute offerings to the ministries of St. John's by:

- **TEXT** the word 'Give' to 612-800-0444 and follow the prompts,
- **GIVE** through our website or your Breeze member app, or
- **MAIL** your check to: St. John's Lutheran Church
4842 Nicollet Ave,
Minneapolis, MN 55419

St. John's 'Guest' WiFi pw: #MartinLuther

Reading for February 11 - Transfiguration Sunday

Mark 8:27—9:8 (Psalm 27:1-4)

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Our Life Together

Today

Nursery for age 3 and younger, 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Chili & Cornbread Contest following worship (FH)

Tuesday, February 6

St. John's Staff, 10 a.m. (Lounge)

Cross+Generational Team, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Metropolitan Men's Choir, 7 p.m. (FH)

Wednesday, February 7

Confirmation at Bethlehem, 6:30 p.m.

St. John's Choir, 6:45 p.m. (FH)

Thursday, February 8

Holy Conversations, 10 a.m. (Lounge)

ECFE (Child Care), 5:30 p.m. (FH)

Saturday, February 10

Conference Assembly, 9 a.m.—12 noon (Holy Cross Lutheran Church)

Metropolitan Men's Choir, 9 a.m. (FH)

Sunday, February 11 — Transfiguration Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion, 10 a.m. in person & online,
nursery available 9:30-12:30

Grace Place for children, 11:15 a.m. (top floor)

Fellowship & Backpack Packing following worship (FH)

Worship Committee, 11:15 (Lounge)

TODAY—ST. JOHN'S CHILI & CORNBREAD CONTEST!

Come, taste, and vote for your favorite entry during Fellowship today! Vote with cash cast in corresponding baskets. One chili chef will be awarded the Golden Ladle and one cornbread chef the Golden Spatula. All money will go to charity.

FOOD BACKPACK MINISTRY—St. John's provides food-filled backpacks for 20 food-insecure Justice Page Middle School families once a month. During the winter months, much of the food will be ordered online and delivered to church. Monetary donations are appreciated to Backpack Ministry.

Join in packing food next Sunday, Feb. 11 during fellowship hour. Delivery to the school will be on Thursday the 15th.

SHROVE (FAT) TUESDAY PARTY: February 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in FH—

Join in celebration before our Lenten journey begins! Come for pancakes, games, music, an ice cream sundae bar and fellowship. Then gather for worship at St. John's on **Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m.**

TOWELS & SOCKS FOR HOMELESS—Missionary Circle invites the congregation to donate socks and towels for use by shelter guests. Donations may be brought and left on the office lobby pew or delivered to the church.

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2023 were emailed on Jan. 29. If a member has given and we don't have their email on file, email accounting@stjohnsmpls.org or call the church to receive a print copy.

St. John's Lutheran Church
A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Our Mission:

Fueled by Christ's redeeming love, St. John's is called into a joyful life of welcoming hospitality, grace-filled worship, transformational relationships, and Gospel-driven service in the world.

Our Core Values:

Welcoming

Celebrating and caring for all people. Our doors are open.
You belong. Come as you are.

Worshiping

Gathering together to joyfully thank God in prayer and praise for Jesus, who calls us, centers us, and sends us into the world.

Healing

Reflecting God's unconditional grace and love by walking together through the joys and pains of life.

Serving

Gratefully responding to the needs of the world with the abilities God has gifted us.

Our Vision for the Future:

A vibrant community living faith boldly