



**St. John's Lutheran Church † Third Sunday After Epiphany**  
**January 22, 2022 Facebook Live 9:00 a.m.,**  
**In-Person 9:00 a.m.**

Welcome to our worship service this morning. Thank you for our shared ministry to the Gospel and your continued love for your church as we continue to be a "Fountain of Life Flowing into a River of Compassion for the world."

**Welcome & Announcements**

*(An usher rings the church bells 5 minutes before church service starts)*

**Prelude - "Praise to the Lord" arr. Fred Bock**  
*(Acolyte - When music starts light candles)*

**Gathering Hymn: "When Morning Guilds the Skies"**



1. When morn-ing gilds the skies, — my heart a - wak-ing cries, may  
 2. Does sad-ness fill my mind? — A sol - ace here I find, may  
 4. Be this, while life is mine, — my can - ti - cle di - vine, may



Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer to  
 Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss? My  
 Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song through



Je - sus I re - pair, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 com-fort still is this, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 all the a - ges long, may Je - sus Christ be praised!

**(Choir only)**

3. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound;  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply,  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>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.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup>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.**

**Message:** *“Wild and Precious Life”* Pastor Christine Emerson

## **Hymn of the Day “You, Who Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” ELW#817 v.1, 3, 4**

1 You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.

### *Refrain*

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

3 You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary--  
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

4 You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

**Pastor:** Parents, you bring Taylee Loren to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to fulfill these promises?

**Parents:** We do.

**Pastor:** Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Taylee Loren in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsors:** We do.

**Pastor:** People of God, do you promise to support Taylee Loren and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**People:** We do. *(Please include your responses in the Comments.)*

**Pastor:** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that she who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**Pastor:** Taylee Loren, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**Pastor:** Let us pray...We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise

**Offering** – St. John’s Choir, “*Put on Love*” arr. Lee Dengler

As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved,  
Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.  
Bear with each other and forgive as God forgave you.  
Over all these virtues put on love, put on love, which binds us all together,  
Which binds them all together in unity.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.  
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.  
Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual song with gratitude in your hearts,  
with gratitude in you hearts for God, for God.  
Whatever you do, whether in word or deed,  
do it all in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God,  
giving thanks to God. Amen.

**Offertory** – “**Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil**” ELW#512 v. 1

*(Acolyte will collect the offering from the ushers to place on the altar)*

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**Offering Prayer**

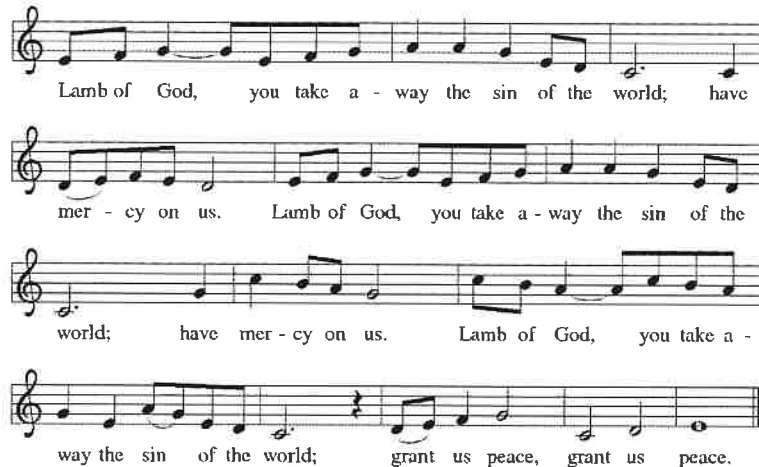
Let us pray. Eternal God, **you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

**Invitation to Communion** *(Please Sit)* –

*(Acolyte- comes forward for communion. The 2 ushers will go to the front of the Sanctuary and begin releasing worshippers to receive a wafer and wine.)*

**Lamb of God ELW S112**



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.

**Communion Hymn “I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light” ELW#815 v.1-3**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

**Post Communion Blessing & Prayer** *(Please Stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

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### **Serving at worship today:**

Pastor – Christine Emerson

Worship Assistant: Cora Klawiter

Acolytes – Erica Neuhaus, Kailey Meininger

Ushers – Norb Kirk, Gary Kersten

Communion Servers – Julie Neuhaus, Julie Kersten, Cheryl Mattison

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Choir, JuBellation