



Making Disciples for Life



January 28-29, 2023

TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Lutheran Schools Week | January 29, 2023

Service Elements taken from: Divine Service, Setting 4, Pew Hymnal (LSB) p. 203
For your convenience, all hymn lyrics will also be displayed on the screens at the front of the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

9:30 Guiding Star

Choraliers

11:00 I Love to Tell the Story

Grades 2-5

OPENING HYMN: *From All that Dwells Below the Skies*

LSB #816

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB p.203

Invocation/Confession

Gloria

Prayer of the Day

(9:30) Guiding Star

Choraliers

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-10

Worship Bible p. 603

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 1:5-10; 3:14-15

Worship Bible p. 995

Alleluia

LSB #951

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Worship Bible p. 835

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(On Screen)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *From Galilee's High Mountain*

LSB #835

MESSAGE

Pastor Marc Schwichtenberg

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB p.208-210

Hymn: *Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling*

LSB #826

Nunc Dimittis

LSB p.211

POST COMMUNION PRAYER/BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

LSB #923

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER:

The Bible teaches that along with the bread and wine of Holy Communion we also receive the true body and blood of our Savior. Jesus' own words, "this is my body" and "this is my blood for the forgiveness of sins" reveal His Real Presence in the sacrament (Luke 22, 1 Cor. 10:15-16). The Bible also teaches (1 Cor. 11:23-32) the Lord's Supper, properly received brings great blessings, but improperly received without understanding can actually incur God's judgment. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the Biblical teaching of communion, please feel free to commune today. If you have any questions, please first speak to a pastor.

As you come forward, gluten free wafers are available by request, as well as individual cup choice of wine or lighter colored non-alcoholic grape juice (located in the center of the trays). Common cup is also offered during Traditional Praise services at the altar only.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in Traditional Praise on the first, third, and fifth weekends of the month; and in Modern Praise on the second and fourth weekends of the month.

THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY!

Week of January 29, 2023

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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The last chapter of the gospel of Matthew records what has come to be known as “The Great Commission” of our Savior Jesus: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age!” (Matt. 28:19-20) These important words of promise and purposeful sending have shaped and molded the life-giving calling of God’s

people for over two thousand years! As we continue to see the Lord have His way among us in these exciting days as a St. John church and school family, may the Lord continue to show us how He desires to shape us for the future... especially for the sake of those who do not yet know Him!

HOLY BAPTISM – This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Eleanor Jane Bartosik, daughter of Lauren and Hunter at the 10:45 AM Modern Praise service. May God richly bless Eleanor and her family.



BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

GET INTO THE WORD THIS WINTER | Join a group!

There are many new opportunities at St. John to grow in your faith through God's Word. Many bible study groups started meeting this month. Check out the *Get Into the Word* Bible study listing, available in print and on our website.

Please note that not all classes start in January; see individual class listings for more details.



ARE YOU READY TO MAKE ST. JOHN YOUR HOME? | Starts Monday, January 30

Have you or someone you know been searching for an opportunity to learn or rediscover what real faith in Jesus is all about in a non-threatening environment where your real questions can be answered? Maybe you're new to St. John School or maybe you have been worshipping as a guest and finally feel led to make St. John your official church home. Whether transferring from another church or brand new to the Christian faith, The ONE Class is for you...and now is the time! Come join Pastors Marc, Steve, and Jon on an 8-week, action-packed journey through God's Word as they help you discover what Christian Lutheran faith is all about! You will also learn more about our St. John mission and vision!





The class meets on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. (Free childcare is available.) After completion of the series participants are welcomed to prayerfully consider official membership as part of the St. John family.

Registration information is on our website. Please contact church@stjohnrochester.org or call the Pastoral Office at 248-402-8020 if you have any questions. We hope you can join us!

SHARED LIFE

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING | 12:30PM

TODAY (Sunday) is the Special Congregation Meeting being held at 12:30 PM in the sanctuary seeking final approval to the Phase 2 School Expansion and Renovation. Please plan to attend this important gathering and continue to pray for the Lord's leading as we walk together seeking His will in these important and exciting days!

WE CONTINUE TO GIVE THANKS for the blessing of all those who belong to the St. John Church & School staff. Many have celebrated important milestone anniversaries of their time here at St. John, and the many years they have been called servants of our Lord in serving in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Please join us as we remember these dedicated individuals and give thanks for them:

Karen Neumeyer	10 years at St. John
Lynette Novack	20 years at St. John
Todd Pehlke	25 years as a called LCMS church worker
Pastor Marc Schwichtenberg	25 years as a called LCMS church worker



OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans in Service) | Friday, February 10 at 12:00 PM

The next OWLS luncheon will be held at noon on Friday, February 10, in Concordia Hall. It will be a Valentine theme and the speaker will be our own Pastor Mac (Gil MacDonald) who will enlighten us with the meaning of "Christian Love". We will provide broasted chicken and beverages. We ask you to bring a potluck side dish (A-H dessert, I-Z salad). Please RSVP to Roger Guetzkow by Tuesday, February 7 at 248-377-9048 or e-mail rjguetzkow@comcast.net.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL | Sundays at 9:30 AM

Sunday School is offered weekly at 9:30 AM in the school classrooms. All children ages 3 (toilet trained) through 6th grade are welcome to attend. No registration is required and there are no attendance requirements. We look forward to seeing your children and sharing with them the love of Jesus!

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | July 10-14

VBS is planned for **July 10-14** from 9:00 AM-Noon. Registration opens February 14. More details coming soon.



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE | Friday, February 11 at 6:00 PM

Mark your calendars for the St. John Daddy Daughter Dance, to be held Friday, February 11, in our gymnasium starting at 6:00 PM. Hosted by St. John Child & Family Ministry, this event is open to girls in Preschool 4's to 5th grade from both our church and school. (Girls in 6th – 8th are welcome if they are interested). Registration is required and is now open at <https://conta.cc/3QTDszX>. The cost is \$25 per family. As this event

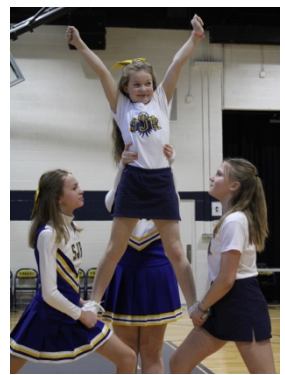
will be “Glow in the Dark” themed, Dads/Grandpas are welcome to wear neon colored clothing. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Steve Wilson at swilson@stjohnrochester.org.



SCHOOL NEWS

National Lutheran Schools

Week: It has been a great week celebrating God's work among us through Lutheran Schools. Highlights included Vocation Day, the 8th grade vs. Teacher volleyball game with a cheer from St. John and Lutheran Northwest cheerleaders, Drop Everything and Read (DEAR), a STEAM assembly, and a cereal box collection to benefit area food pantries. Today our students participate with our choirs singing in worship, giving thanks and praise to God. Our students, teachers and families are thankful for the support and prayers of the congregation – thank you!



2023-2024 Enrollment: Current student re-enrollment and congregation early enrollment concluded this past Friday. Any remaining spaces will be made available starting this Wednesday, February 1 with Open Enrollment. The application link will be available on our website. Contact Beth Dameron, Director of Admissions for more information at 248-402-8012 or school@stjohnrochester.org.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS | Starts Sunday, March 5

The sacrament of communion is an important part of a Christian's walk with Jesus. First Communion class is offered for those families interested in having their child (6th grade and older) take communion. Parents will attend class sessions with their child and work together to decide if their child is ready to receive the sacrament. Please sign up for the class at www.stjohnrochester.org/discover/middle-school. Classes will take place on March 5, 12, 19, and 26 in Luther Hall from 9:30-10:30 AM. For more information, please contact Director of Child and Family Ministry Steve Wilson at swilson@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8006.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN | February 24-25 | 8:00 PM - 7:00 AM

All middle school students are invited to this overnight gathering to grow in God's word and spend some fun time together. The cost is \$5 per student and is open to anyone in 6th-8th grade. Bring a drink or snack to share. Parent helpers are needed for this event – please contact Steve Wilson at swilson@stjohnrochester.org. Registration is required - click here to register <https://conta.cc/3Df1ph5>

LIGHTHOUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY | Grades 6-8 | Tonight 6:00-8:00 PM

Lighthouse is a place where Middle School students can come and feel safe and at home. It is also a place for students to bring their friends to share Jesus. Join us tonight (Sunday)! For more information, please contact our Director of Child and Family Ministry, Steve Wilson, at swilson@stjohnrochester.org.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY | Grades 9-12 | Tonight 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Join us this week (Sunday) in the Youth Room as a new devotion series on Apologetics will begin. Hope to see you there!

For more information about High School Youth Ministry, contact Melissa Hammett at mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

FINANCIAL UPDATES

“We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing!” 2 Thessalonians 1:3

GENERAL MISSION & MINISTRY OFFERINGS (as of 01/22/2023)

Offerings for week ending January 22 \$63,366

Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings: \$1,618,035

Y.T.D. Actual Offerings: \$1,536,437

Y.T.D. Variance to Budget: \$(81,598)

(St. John's fiscal year is 7/1/22 through 6/30/23)

Budget to Actual for the week of January 22 138%

Year-to-Date Offering Budget to Actual 95%



2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT. Please look for your giving statement to arrive soon.

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT FAMILY OF GOD, DETROIT

Our St. John family makes, takes, and serves a meal to those at our mission partner, Family of God, Detroit, on the first Sunday of each month. If you are willing to join in this ministry and share the love of Jesus with others, please contact our St. John Liaison, Mary Becker at 248-652-1279.

On the third Sunday of each month, our St. John family also makes bagged lunches for the Clark Park ministry led by our mission partner, Family of God. Sandwiches are made in our church kitchen following our worship services and then delivered to Family of God. If you would like to serve by making lunches and/or delivering the lunches, please contact St. John Liaison, Darlene Fuery at 248-310-1383.

CONSTANT PRAYER

NEED PRAYER? Did you know that the St. John Prayer Ministry Team members pray for those on our weekly prayer list? Prayer Team members are also available in the Library on Sundays from 9:00 – 10:00 AM to provide personal, confidential prayer for anyone who would like prayer. You are welcome to experience the blessing, encouragement, and comfort of having others pray for you in caring and Christ-honoring ways.

WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR WHATEVER IS ON YOUR HEART

To submit a prayer request, please email it to prayer@stjohnrochester.org at any time or click on one of the prayer request links on our Online Worship Resources webpage. These requests are received by our pastors and are passed along (or kept confidential when requested) to our prayer warriors and are also included in our weekend worship.



Healing & Peace: Peter Harris – hospitalized / Joan Becker –recovering from a recent fall / Ruth Schlecht – recovering from surgery / Don Kleckner – home hospice / Cheryl Leczel – recovering from surgery / Dave Ehlen –hospitalized / Andrew (great nephew of the Guetzkow's) – recovering from successful surgery / Jessica DeJong (cousin of Spresney family) – eye cancer

Bereavement: – “for the family & friends of” Sherry Fedototszkin / Bill Zirngibl (son-in-law of Irv Becker) / Rudy Blattner (father of Sue Trinklein)

All2Jesus: (member prayer) – *“Thank you Lord, for this once in a lifetime opportunity! May your people fully see what you are doing for the future of your kingdom. Let us all be inspired to grow in our faith and generosity and step up to meet the challenges placed before us. The lives of countless generations are on the line and you have placed before us this chance to ‘Let the little children come!’”*

Gospel Impact: The All2Jesus Special Congregation Meeting

Thanksgiving: Baptism of Eleanor Jane Bartosik - daughter of Lauren and Hunter / Future City Team winning Regionals for the 17th year



Traditional Praise: Sundays at 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM (Online at 8:00AM)

Modern Praise: Saturdays at 5:00 PM | Sundays @ 10:45 AM (Online at 10:45AM)

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