

New Year, Same Promises
“God’s Promise of Ministry”

January 22, 2023

As We Gather

Our Epiphany worship series is focusing on God’s enduring promises as we enter a new year with all of its changes. We find comfort, hope and strength that God’s promises are sure.

Today we reflect on God’s promise of ministry. He promises to call us and equip us for the work of the kingdom. We are called above all to receive God’s good gifts. But He also calls us to join Him in His mission of bring His good gifts to others. All disciples are called and equipped to such a life of ministry

Lutheran Schools Week

Today we also give God thanks for the ministry that we share in providing a Lutheran School for our community. Every day the teachers and staff of St. John’s carry out their ministry of serving the children and their families. We give thanks for our St. John’s school ministry as well as the ministry of other Lutheran early childhood centers, elementary schools, high schools, universities and seminaries.

Welcome

+ Gathering +

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” LSB 873

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise;
Triumph o’er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day’s return

Till Thy mercy’s beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

Confession and Absolution

“Hand in Hand”

When I feel I’ve lost my way
When I’m hurt, when I’m afraid
I know what to do I just call on You
When I know that I’ve done wrong
When I feel I don’t belong
I listen carefully to Your promises to me

I will take you by the hand
I will help you stand
I am with you now
You need not be afraid
By My grace, I set you free
So that you can follow Me
Every day until we reach the promised land
Hand in hand

By Your hand You made the sea
The sky, the earth and You made me
You reach out Your hand
And help the weak to stand
Your right hand is strong to save
Your right hand defeats the grave
And so I will rejoice
When I hear Your voice

I will take you by the hand
I will help you stand
I am with you now
You need not be afraid
By My grace, I set you free
So that you can follow Me
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Hand in hand

For the hands You reach out
Are the hands that bore the nails
Stretched out in love on Calvary
These hands of forgiveness
Hands of mercy and love
Are the hands that are holding on to me
Oh help me Jesus to believe
When You say

I will take you by the hand
I will help you stand
I am with you now
You need not be afraid
By My grace, I set you free
So that you can follow Me
Every day until we reach the promised land
Hand in hand

Prayer

Children’s Church

+ Service of the Word +

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.
⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹²In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, ^[b] Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You O Christ!

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

“God’s Promise of Ministry”

Offering

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the chat.

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

St. John's People and Families

Jeff, Karen, Christian, Aaron, & Samuel Craft
Jean Gonzales

Kristen Lawrence and Colt Maloney
Andrew, Jennifer, Archie, & Rex Schluter
Eric & Gail Vandeburgt

Renalto, Miriam, & Rosalejandra Cotto
Rick, Marisa, & Benjamin Dorsey

Miguel, Cassandra, & Valentina Luna
Michael, Keli, Adeline, & Andrew Manfred
Justin, Melissa, & Ellie Waldrop

+ The Service of Holy Communion +

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lord, Lord God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

People: **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.**

Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

People: **Amen.**

Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and drink)*

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628

1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” LSB 845

Where charity and love prevail,
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love,
By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other’s faults
As we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,
Let all contention cease;
Be God’s the glory that we seek,
Be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined,
We are in Him made one.

For love excludes no race or clan,
That names the Savior’s name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: Amen.

Prayer

Benediction

“On the Wings of an Eagle”

Chorus

Lift, lift me up on the wings of an eagle.
Soar, Spirit soar;
Lift me high, high above.
I call to You. My strength renew.
Come fill me with Your power.
Lift me up into the sky to fly!

You are God, my Lord.
Everlasting You are.
The mighty Creator of all things near and far.
My strength is only You,

Your cross and empty grave.
Yours alone the healing hand;
Yours alone the power to save. **Chorus**

When I’m weak, O Lord;
When I stumble and fall;
When my soul has grown weary
And my back’s to the wall,
I just call on Your name,
My Holy God on high.
Give me strength so I can run;
Give me wings so I can fly. **Chorus**

Offering

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You may also mail your offering to St. John’s (3521 Linda Vista, Napa, CA 94558)

Memory Verse for This Week

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

Matthew 4:19

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