# Third Sunday After Epiphany January 22, 2023

# Pastor Daniel SargentPastorJim SeefeldtOrganistKevyn Lange, Brent & Wanda RichlenCounting Team

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Order of Service	Service of the Word, page 38			
Hymns	229,	81,	338,	321
First Lesson			Isaiah	9:1-4
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 27 (page 75)			
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:10-17			
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 4:12-23			
Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed			
Sermon Text	Isaiah 9:1-4			
Worship Theme		"Walk	in the L	ight!"

**Welcome to All** Thank you for joining us in worship today, and a special welcome to our guests who are with us. May the Word and promise of our Lord's love for us in Jesus fill your heart and soul with his peace. If you are a guest with us today, please sign our guest book in the entrance area.

*Prayer Requests* Please remember the following in your prayers:

\*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week.

Contact Pastor Sargent for any prayer requests and to inform him of any family members entering the hospital.

Also, if you would like a special prayer put in the bulletin, please contact Brenda Polzin or email the request to stjohn-grover@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon.

**Funeral List** We have a wonderful list of people to help serve at funerals. THANK YOU! If anyone else is interested in helping serve, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**Annual Voters' Meeting** Sunday, January 29, we will be having our annual voters' meeting after the 10:00am service. It will be held in church. ALL VOTERS AND CONGREGATION MEMBERS are encouraged to attend this meeting. An agenda will be distributed within the next few weeks for preview by everyone and to help prepare for any questions during the **OPEN FORUM** of the meeting.

We will be needing any individual reports for the 2022 annual report no later than January 18, 2023. Please email to Brenda Polzin at stjohngrover@gmail.com so we can get everything compiled for the meeting. The earlier you turn them in the better as Brenda will be on vacation January 15-24. THANK YOU!!

**Adult Bible Study** The **FIRST** Thursday of the month at 6:00pm, Zion, Peshtigo will be holding an Adult Bible Study. The next one will be February 2, 2023. Everyone is welcome to join!!

*Sunday School* We are still looking for Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested in helping let Pastor Sargent know.

*Bible Study* Our Bible Study is called "Grand Themes & Key Words". Our lesson for this Sunday is called "Fasting". Next Sun-

day we will look at **"Line of the Savior".** Please come and join us for this study at 9:00.

*Seroogy Candy Bars* St. John Lutheran Youth Group is selling Seroogy candy bars at the cost of \$1.50 each.

At the request of congregation members, we will continue to sell candy bars for future events of the Youth Group!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

**Homebound/Shut-ins** Please take note of our members who are not able to be with us at our Sunday services. Remember them in your prayers and if you are able, reach out to them with a card or a letter.

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3)

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*Livestream Volunteers* We are still in need of volunteers to help with the live-streaming. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sargent.

**2023** Altar Flowers Sign Up A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate flowers for special dates in memory of a loved one or for another special occasion.

*Weekly Bulletins* You can now find the weekly bulletins on our website(stjohnpeshtigo.org). Go to the website, click on "weekly bulletins", then click on the link for the bulletin.

**Changes** To better help us keep our records up to date (address changes, landline disconnection, cell phone numbers, family members move, etc), it would be greatly appreciated if you could fill out a form which is located in the rack in back of church. You may return to any usher, Brenda Polzin, or Pastor.

Worship & Daily Devotions on WOCO The worship broadcast on WOCO AM 1260 today (11:00 am) is hosted by *St. John, Grover*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *First Ev. Lutheran, Green Bay by Pastor Paul Schleis*.

#### Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Due to Brenda Polzin, Church Secretary being on vacation 1/15/23 -1/23/23, these statistics that are normally given will be updated totally by the following week.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday6:30pm Zion ServiceWednesday4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)

# Friday 8:15am School Chapel Devotion Saturday 1:00pm Lutheran Pioneers Outing Sunday 9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00am Worship Service w/ WELS Connection 11:00am Annual Voters' Meeting w/Open Forum

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "G" - Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel & Laura Rohde

# Offerings for the Lord's Work

Included in General Fund Income Total:

Special Gifts & Offerings:

### Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

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Proposed motion to the Voters Assembly to amend Article 8 "Suffrage and Eligibility" of the Constitution & Bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John.

#### To add the following to Article 8:

"The eligibility probation period of at least one year can be suspended for a qualified candidate if proposed, voted on and approved at the Annual General Meeting."

# ARTICLE 8 Suffrage and Eligibility (page 13)

All such male members of the congregation who have completed their eighteenth year and have and have read and signed the Constitution and its By-Laws (or original German one) shall have the right to vote. When a male member is being recommended for voting membership, he is required to be present and sign the Constitution at the congregational meeting at which he is accepted, or present a valid reason for his absence. Only such members, however, are eligible for office, who have been voting members for a period of at least one year and had fulfilled their duties faithfully and are leading an exemplary life.

## **School News**

- ⇒ The CEA will hold a meeting today, Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 11:00 am following our church service. They will meet in the 6th—8th grade classroom.
- ⇒ Our children in Grades K—8 will be recording the song, *Blest Are They*, this Friday. The recording will be shown in church next Sunday, January 29 as well as shared with our other area Lutheran churches.
- ⇒ The school will hold a Social Studies Fair this year on February 3, from 2:15—2:45 pm. Friends and family are invited to come and view the students' work. If you are unable to attend that Friday, the school will be open on Sunday, February 5, from 11:00—11:30 am for you to come and see the work the children have done.
- ⇒ St. John is now part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). Open enrollment begins Wednesday, February 1 through Thursday, April 20. Parents who would like to apply for the 2023-2024 school year can contact our School Choice Administrator Hannah Langebartels at choiceadmin@stjohnpeshtigo.org or phone (414) 758-8607 for more information.

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#### FIRST LESSON

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. 3 You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time, like the celebration when people divide the plunder. 4 For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them. You have broken the bar on their shoulders and the rod of their oppressor, as you did in the day of Midian.

#### PSALM OF THE DAY

#### SECOND LESSON

10 Brothers, I am making an appeal to you using the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that you all express the same view and not have any divisions among you, but that you be joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11 For the news I heard about you, my brothers, from members of Chloe's household, is that there are rivalries among you. 12 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." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that I baptized you into my own name. 16 (I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides them, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel—not with the wisdom used in

#### ISAIAH 9:1-4

*PSALM 27 (PAGE 75)* 

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-17**

speeches, so that the cross of Christ would not be emptied of its power.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV)

#### GOSPEL

#### MATTHEW 4:12-23

12 When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. 14 He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 15 Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death a light has dawned. 17 From that time, Jesus began to preach: "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near." 18 As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. 19 He said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 They immediately left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

# Have A Blessed Week!