



PRELUDE

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” arr. by Wilbur Held, organ

WELCOME

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear;**

**we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

- 1 Making their way down through the ages,  
sinners and saints have heard God's call:  
wealthy and poor, powerful, lowly,  
Jesus' disciples, one and all.  
Gathered for worship, offering thanks,  
the greatest with the least  
have come to share this feast.
- 2 Making their way all the world over,  
Christians assemble on this day,  
hearing the Word, sharing the Banquet,  
learning to walk in Jesus' way.

## “Making Their Way”

- Members of Christ, united in love,  
they seek our God to know,  
and so together grow.
- 3 Making our way season by season,  
pilgrims, we journey till life's end,  
traveling light, sharing the riches,  
caring for stranger as for friend,  
till in the joy of longing fulfilled,  
together we will come  
to our eternal home.

## GREETING

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm 84 (chant responsively)  
Hebrews 2:14-18

## ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## SCRIPTURE:

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 2:22-40

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Becky Whelpley and Pastor Brian Halverson

## SERMON SONG

- 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.

## “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

- 2 You know full well what I have, Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will for working.  
Refrain
- 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

## APOSTLES' CREED

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 INTERCESSION

God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

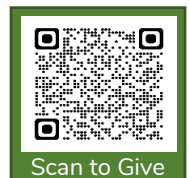
### OFFERING

### “Many Gifts, One Spirit” arr. by Allen Pote, choir

*Offering is an act of worship – giving back to God in response to the blessings, grace, and love received.*

*Offering may be given by:*

- Going to our website [makedisciples.com](http://makedisciples.com) and clicking on “Ways to Give”
- Scanning this QR code.
- Texting to Give to 844-605-2105
- Mailing to St. John's Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045



### OFFERTORY

### “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## OFFERING PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

### 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.**

### Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Lamb of God

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.

## Distribution

*Please self-serve your communion.*

*Whatever you have to represent the bread and wine is acceptable.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS (See last page)

## BENEDICTION

### SENDING SONG

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

### “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

## DISMISSAL.

Go in peace. Following Jesus, making disciples, serving the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



# Announcements

## Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Roger and Carole Lewis in honor of the property team.

Please use the sign ups on the website to sponsor altar flowers to honor a loved one or to celebrate an event. Cost of the weekly arrangements is \$38.

## On the Calendar:

- Feb 2 (Semi)Annual Congregational Meeting (Noon)
- Feb 2 Last day to order Subs and Pizzas
- Feb 9 Subs and Pizzas pick up

## Super Bowl Subs and Pizza



Place your order today (or by February 2) for food to enjoy during the Super Bowl. Our youth are making subs and pizzas for your celebrations. Pro tip: order extra to share.

## (Semi)Annual Meeting

Our (semi)annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 2 at noon. Meeting highlights will be approval of the 2025 budget and Nominating Committee.



## Coffee Hospitality - Host

We have an opportunity for one additional person or couple to join the Sunday Morning Hospitality Team. Commitment is once a month. Contact Barb Lange for more information at 262 542-4010 or [sleepyb916@aol.com](mailto:sleepyb916@aol.com).

## Coffee Hospitality - Treats



Do you like to bake? Does having a sweet treat elevate your cup of coffee? Do you like to share?

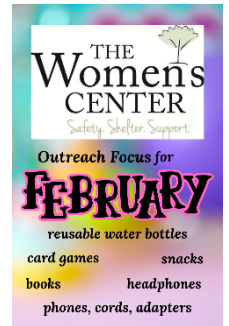
Use the QR code to select a week or two to provide treats for our Sunday morning coffee fellowship time.

## February Outreach

St. John's members can make a difference in the lives of women and their children who are sheltering from abuse at the Waukesha Women's Center and the five transition houses.

The greatest needs, as suggested by the Center are:

- ✓ reusable water bottles
- ✓ silk and satin bonnets / head scarves for hair protection
- ✓ young adult chapter books (no violent or sexual themes)
- ✓ adult chapter books (no violent or sexual themes)
- ✓ card games (Uno, Skip-Bo, Farkle, etc.)
- ✓ word search/sudoku activity books
- ✓ individually packed snacks
- ✓ hand soap
- ✓ 2025 planners
- ✓ USB-C phone charging cords
- ✓ phone charger wall adapters
- ✓ wireless headphones (child and adult sizes)
- ✓ wireless ear buds
- ✓ TracFone phones and minute cards.



## Loaves and Fishes Meal

St. John's has the privilege to serve the community Loaves and Fishes Meal a few times a year. This meal is provided for the homeless and hungry in Waukesha. Our next opportunity is Sunday, February 23. The set up shift begins at 12:30, the serving/clean up shift begins at 2:00. Use the QR code to sign up to serve! Contact Dawn with questions. [nytwnd88@gmail.com](mailto:nytwnd88@gmail.com)



## Preschool Enrollment is Open for 2025-2026



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