***St. John Lutheran Church***

February 16, 2025                                                                                                9:30 a.m.

*Blessings and curses abound, as we listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and as we find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING REFLECTION                  Love, No Exceptions                                   Shift Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN  ***Gather Us In #532***

GREETING, LITANY & PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING                                  Jeremiah 17:5-10

 The Word of the Lord

 **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING                                  1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Celtic Alleluia #174***

      The Gospel According to Luke

 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL                                                          Luke 6:17-26

       The Gospel of the Lord.

 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE                                                      Let Me Level With You                              Pastor Steve

**OUR RESPONSE**

HYMN OF THE DAY                      ***Blest Are They*** (Leader/**Congregation**) ***#728***

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ***(Sung)***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY                                     ***Great Gifts We Give*** ***tune*** ***#408***

***Unchanging Father of Lights in whom the world delights, by whom we live:***

***help us to understand your ever-open hand brings blessings to the land; great gifts you give!***

***Therefore your praises we sing, and in our hands we bring gifts in return.***

***Use them, we humbly pray, to spread the light of day that all, by its glad ray, your love may learn.***

**THE MEAL**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER ***(Sung)***

DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lord, I Need You* Worship Choir

COMMUNION BLESSING

**SENDING**

SENDING PRAYER

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

HYMN ***O God of Mercy, God of Light*** (vss. 1-2,5-6) ***#714***

POSTLUDE

**LEADERS IN THE SERVICE**

 *Pianist: Denise Nienow*

*Liturgist: Linda Albrecht*

*Audio-Visual: Erik Magelee, Josh Hengel, Bryan Bennett & Carl Nienow*

*Council: Julie Lux & Aaron Annis*

**CHURCH STAFF**

*Caryl O’Brien, Custodian*

*Anna Stenzel, Office Manager*

*Mary Larson, Newsletter Editor*

*Judy Berkeland & Denise Nienow, Music Directors*

 *Steve Berkeland, Pastor*

***Welcome* to St. John Lutheran Church**

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship or are just passing through,*

*we hope our service has blessed you on your journey as* your *presence has been a blessing to* us.