

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant: *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

Officiant: *Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God.*

People: He covers the sky with clouds; He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

Officiant: *His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of the warrior;*

People: The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love. (Psalm 147:7-8, 10-11)

## “GOD OF WONDERS”

Verse 1 Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky,  
The heavens are Your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

Chorus God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy;  
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2 Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.  
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night.

Bridge Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth,  
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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Officiant: *God of wonders, who created all things and gloriously reigns from everlasting to everlasting, have mercy on us, Your people. As we confess our sins, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Most merciful God,*

People: You call us to get up and serve You, but we are sinful people, made sick and sedentary by our evil ways. You promise strength to those who hope in You, but we turn inward, placing our hope instead in the things of this world. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. By Your Holy Spirit, lead us from our sinful ways.

Officiant: *“The Lord ... gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ... Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” (Isaiah 40:28-31a) Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

Officiant: *Let us pray. Everlasting God, You give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of Your healing and wholeness, that Your Good News may be made known to the ends of Your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

People: Amen.

## ISAIAH 40:21-31

## 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

## MARK 1:29-39

## “PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”

Verse 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Verse 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by His gracious ordaining?

Verse 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again. Gladly forever adore Him!

# Saint John's Ministries and Activities

## TODAY AT SAINT JOHN'S

WELCOME! Visitors: Local first-time visitors are invited to bring their Friendship Card to the Welcome Center for a special gift. *THANKS FOR JOINING US!*

Chancel Flowers: Given by Arnold and Darlene Sanderson in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

8:00 AM Classic Grace: Traditional worship service. *WORSHIP CENTER*

9:00 AM Fellowship: Join us downstairs for coffee, donuts and conversation. *LARGE FELLOWSHIP HALL*

9:30 AM Church Year Bible Study: A weekly reflection on each Sunday's Lectionary readings. *LARGE FELLOWSHIP HALL*

“Life in Christ” Class: Those interested in joining Saint John's or looking for a refresher on Lutheran theology are invited to attend. *SMALL FELLOWSHIP HALL*

Sunday School and Youth Bible Study: The children and youth take an in-depth look at the Bible stories from today's worship service, using lessons that point to Christ as the Savior while integrating a strong Law and Gospel focus. *PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY: ROOMS 201-205 (WEST WING), SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES, HIGH SCHOOL: JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH ROOMS (DOWNSTAIRS)*

10:45 AM Hearts Afire: Contemporary worship service. *WORSHIP CENTER*

## THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STUDIES & EVENTS

TUESDAY Mission Guild Meeting: Members, bring your Winter 2011 Quarterly for the Bible study, “The Blessing of Stress.” 7:00 PM, ROOM 301

WEDNESDAY Bread of Life Bible Study: Morning study and discussion; currently working through 1 Samuel. 9:30 AM, ROOM 302

Woman-to-Woman Bible Study: All women are invited to “Stepping Up: A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent,” a new study by Beth Moore. 9:00 AM, ROOM 301; *BABY SITTING PROVIDED*

FRIDAY Men's Bible Breakfast: All men are invited to come enjoy breakfast and an interesting group Bible study on Hebrews. 6:30 AM, *McCoy's Morning Glory (1003 West Horsetooth)*

## COMING SOON TO SAINT JOHN'S

SUN, FEB. 19 Battle of the Praise Bands: Come support our Haiti mission group and enjoy an afternoon of great contemporary Christian music. 2:00 PM, *WORSHIP CENTER*; \$5/\$1 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR AT THE DOOR ON THE NINETEENTH

SUN, FEB. 26 Pancake Breakfast: Please join Saint John's Boy Scout Troop 96 for our annual Pancake Breakfast! 9:00 AM, *LARGE FELLOWSHIP HALL*; ADULT TICKETS ARE \$5, KIDS ARE \$3, UNDER 5 ARE FREE!

## MINISTRY TO CHURCH & COMMUNITY

STAFF Your Dishes Want to Come Home: There are several dishes in the

kitchen (along the north wall) that have been feeling neglected—they have been left behind after potlucks and other church events. *STOP BY THE KITCHEN TO RESCUE YOURS BEFORE THEY'RE PUT AWAY FOR THE MARCH GARAGE SALE*

HUMAN NEEDS Helping Hands: Have a project at home that you're unable to do because of illness or ailment; do you need a group of friends to help with a move or downsize; maybe you just need a ride to the store or the pharmacy? *SAINT JOHN'S HELPING HANDS PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING, AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP; CALL BRENT AT 461-5843 IF YOU NEED (OR CAN LEND) A HAND*

Emergency Help: If you need emergency financial help, please contact Pastor Bestian for counseling and assistance. *YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO VISIT SAINT JOHN'S FOOD AND CLOTHING BANK TUESDAY MORNINGS BETWEEN 9:00 AND 11:30*

ELDERBERRIES Expanding One's Quality of Life: The Elderberries are invited to this annual one-day seminar for mature adults. *SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM, BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (LAKEWOOD); \$10 REGISTRATION, WHICH INCLUDES THE PRICE OF LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAKS, IS DUE TODAY—CALL DIANE (493-3331) FOR MORE INFORMATION*

I Love to Tell the Story: The Elderberries are invited for lunch and a program on quilts called “I Love to Tell the Story.” *FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 11:30 AM (CARPOOL FROM SAINT JOHN'S AT 11:00), IMMANUEL LUTHERAN (LOVELAND); RSVP REQUIRED: SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER BY FEBRUARY 14 OR CALL DIANE (493-3331)*

PRESCHOOL Gift Certificate Fundraiser: Purchase gift cards at the Welcome Center at face-value while supporting Open Arms Preschool. *WE HAVE MANY OTHER CARDS IN STOCK AND A HUGE LIST OF OTHER COMPANIES OFFERING GIFT CERTIFICATES*

THRIVENT Hug Me, I'm Irish: This quarter, Thrivent Cares—Members Share is supporting the teachers at Irish Elementary School by purchasing whiteboards and classroom supplies—supplies which these teachers often purchase out of their own pockets. *SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER TODAY IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPONSOR A TEACHER AND HELP FULFILL THEIR WISH LIST!*

COMMUNITY Tune in to The Lutheran Hour: LutheranHour.org or Sunday mornings. 850 KOA AT 6:00 AM OR 1310 KFKA AT 9:30 AM

2012 Bach Festival at St Luke's: St Luke's Parish Choir, St Paul's Parish Choir and The Rocky Mountain Chamber Singers will perform at this year's Bach Festival in honor of its founder, Ed Anderson, Professor Emeritus of Music at Colorado State University and Music Director Emeritus of St Luke's. *SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 4:00 PM, ST LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (2000 STOVER ST)*

Heaven and Hell as Revealed in Scripture: Pastor Jared Melius of Mount Zion Denver, will present a program on heaven and hell at this year's annual Lay Theological Conference. *FEBRUARY 18, 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM (REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30), PEACE WITH CHRIST (1412 WEST SWALLOW ROAD); CONTACT MICAH LILE (356-2206 OR MICAHLILE@YAHOO.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP*

Lifeline Screening: A LifeLine Screening can help you avoid a stroke for just \$149—and they're coming to Saint John's. *FEBRUARY 10, LARGE FELLOWSHIP HALL; CALL 800-679-5192 TO REGISTER OR GRAB A PINK FLYER FROM THE WELCOME CENTER*

## MESSAGE, CREED, OFFERING & PRAYERS

## PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant: *The Lord be with you ...*

Officiant: *It is truly good, right and beneficial ... evermore praising You and singing:*

People: Holy, holy, holy is our Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.  
(sung) With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings!  
You are my everything, and I will adore You!

Officiant: *Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. In great love You sent Jesus, Your Son, to us, to bring us strength and healing. He reached out to heal the sick and suffering, preached the Good News to the poor and, on the cross, opened His arms to all. Our Lord Jesus Christ ... Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20)

Officiant: *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

People: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

## DISTRIBUTION

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## BENEDICTION

Officiant: *May God the Father, who created you and nurtures you, the Son, who gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak, and the Holy Spirit, who will bear you up on eagle's wings, bless you and give you peace, now and forever.*

People: Amen.

Officiant: *Go in peace. Share the Good News!*

People: Thanks be to God.

## "SHOUT TO THE NORTH"

Verse 1 Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak; in your brokenness, complete.

Verse 2 Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of Love.

Chorus Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 3 Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we'll fly.

Bridge We've been through fire, we've been through rain;  
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with You. You've burned the truth on our lips!

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

SPEAKER Pastor Brian Bestian

OFFICIANT Pastor Ron Nickel

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*Joyfully SHARE Christ's love, SPREAD God's Word & SERVE all people.*



# Hearts Afire

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The Baptism of Our Lord

## AS WE GATHER

Today's Old Testament lesson, from Isaiah, tells—or, rather, demands!—that we listen. "Do you not know? Have you not heard?" What are these words that the prophet is so insistent that we hear? "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." We see our eternal, almighty God at this work in the Gospel. Jesus is beset on all sides by the sick and the demon-possessed and helps them up to health and service. In Jesus, we, too, are lifted from death and sin. As we worship and serve God, He will strengthen our faith and lift us up to soar on wings like eagles.