

We Join Together in Worship

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Dickinson, ND
Sunday, January 16, 2011 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements, Introduction of the Day, Confession/Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spread out the heavens and the earth, who gives light and breath to the nations, who makes all things new. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Holy and healing God,
we confess that we have fallen short of the life you desire for us. We choose our priorities over your commandments. We divide the body of Christ. The earth groans under our demands. Have mercy, O God. Restore us and all things to health, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." You belong to Christ, and through the power of the cross + your sins are all forgiven. God is faithful and will strengthen you, that your light may shine before others, that you may be God's holy people in the world. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn – See Insert – Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

Kyrie & Canticle of Praise – ELW Page 120 (*This is the Feast... Page 122*)


Prayer of the Day

Word

Scripture Readings – see insert (*response: The word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.*)

Psalm Tone: 

Gospel Acclamation – ELW Page 124 (*repeat the Alleluias after the verse*)


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: **In the Word was life,* and the life was the light of all people.** (*John 1:4*)

Gospel *(before reading: **Glory to you, O Lord.** after reading: **Praise to you, O Christ!**)*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW #502 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Apostles' Creed, Prayers, Sharing of Peace – ELW Page 127

Meal

Offering

Offertory Hymn – ELW #310 *(verse 4) Songs of Thankfulness (An Epiphany Hymn)*

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Present in thy holy word;
Grace to imitate thee now, and be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

Prayer and Great Thanksgiving – ELW Page 129 *(Holy, Holy – Page 130)*

Lord's Prayer and "Lamb of God" Hymn – ELW Page 134-5

Distribution of Bread and Wine – **Hymns #308, #313, #314** *(Epiphany Hymns)*

All the baptized are welcomed to receive the bread and wine offered in our Communion Meal.

Communion Blessing and Prayer – ELW Page 136

Sending

Blessing

Hymn – ELW #501 *Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus*

Dismissal – ELW Page 137 *(response: **Thanks be to God!**)*

Postlude

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Website: StJohnELC.org

Mission: “Living in Service to Christ”

***Worship: 7 p.m. on Thursday // 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. on Sunday
(10:30 a.m. Sunday Service Broadcast on KDIX Radio)***

For Thursday, January 13, 2011 and Sunday, January 16, 2011

Presiding Minister: Pastor Lisa Lewton
Preaching Minister: Pastor Ted Johanson
Assisting Ministers: Gayle Homiston (Thursday)
Dann Greenwood (8:00 a.m.)
Brittany Lantz (10:30 a.m.)
Deacons: Sandy Beaudoin (8:00 a.m.)
Tim Lantz (10:30 a.m.)
Organist: Cheryl Hewson
Cantor: Mike Stevenson (8:00 a.m.)
Servers: Hallie Hoffer (Thursday)
Leah Grove & Dustin Lindstad (8:00 a.m.)
Brooke Anton & Logein Chernich (10:30 a.m.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: All the baptized people of God are invited to the Lord’s Table. You may stand or kneel to receive the elements. Children who commune should extend their hands to receive the elements. Children who are not communing are asked to have hands folded to receive a blessing. *You may ask a server to provide a gluten-free wafer or grape juice if needed.* Come to the table; all are welcomed!

WORSHIP INFORMATION: Attendance last week was 307 . . . Transmitters are available for the hearing impaired. Ask an usher for help . . . If it is uncomfortable for you to stand during the service, please feel free to remain seated . . . If you are a visitor, or if you simply forgot your offering envelope and wish to designate your contribution, please use a **pew envelope** . . . The nursery is located in the Commons Area. Children’s **worship bags** are available during worship in the Commons Area and in the church entry.

2010 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available in the Commons area. Please save us postage and pick yours up today.

BAPTIZED SUNDAY is Jilyn Marie Beasley, daughter of Dawn Beasley. Her sponsors are April Berger and Kyle Hauck.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Check out our website for more information at www.stjohnelc.org)

*Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
7:00 p.m. Yoga Class / upstairs*

*Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Angel Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Carol Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Confirmation*

*Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship
7:00 p.m. Circle 4 at Bev Olheiser Home
7:45 p.m. Church Organ Presentation*

Friday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast / Bible Study at Ramada

*Next Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Church Organ Presentation
5:30 p.m. Senior High Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group*

WND SYNOD: Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will present a program on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Bismarck. Clergy, GIFTS participants, and all members of ELCA churches are welcome to attend.

WINTER WEAR COLLECTION: We will be collecting new winter hats and new or gently used boots, gloves and scarves for children in the Dickinson Public Schools. Items may be dropped off in the baskets in the Commons Area and the Narthex and will be delivered at the end of January.

EARLY CONFIRMATION for 4th graders will be on Sunday, January 16, 23 & 30 at 9:15 a.m. in the basement. Students and parents will learn about the sacrament of Holy Baptism and continue learning the books of the Bible. All students must bring a parent or significant adult with them to complete this class.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation is on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 12:30 p.m. The agenda includes the election of new Council and Trust Fund Committee members, and acceptance of the 2011 budget. Youth will provide a luncheon at 11:30 before the meeting.

ADULTS NEEDED FOR YOUTH QUAKE!: Youth Quake is the big junior high overnight event in Billings MT February 25-27. Jess is looking for 3 adults to participate as advisors. As an advisor, your trip is paid for. If you are interested, please talk to Jess Throlson at the church office: jthrolson@stjohnelc.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for the New Testament - section 1 continue on Wednesday, January 19, 26 & February 2 at 7:00 p.m. A list of the students who need to complete the class is on the Confirmation bulletin board in the Commons Area.

CONSTITUTION QUESTIONS – Three questions will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, February 13, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.

1. Shall St. John bring into its constitution all of the *required elements and language of the ELCA model constitution for congregations?
2. Shall St. John include C5.05 establishing a “mission endowment fund” for “mission work beyond the operational budget of this congregation”? (Such a fund is already part of the Trust Fund.)
3. Shall C13.02 include retiring council members to be part of the Nominating Committee (adding to three appointed members)?

The proposed additions to the constitution can be found under “Docs” (top of page) in *StJohnELC.wordpress.com* and are available in the church office.

BUG EVENT COMING IN FEBRUARY Attention all girls in grades 5-8! **Beautiful Unique Girl** will be here on **February 3 from 5-8:30 p.m.** to throw you a beach party in the church basement! This group out of Canada was here two years ago and were so much fun we asked them back! **In order to register, you need to turn in \$10 to Jess Throlson at the church office by January 23.** The total cost per person is \$35 and the church will pick up the other \$25. Moms, if you are interested in helping with this event, please let Jess know.

ORGAN RENOVATION PROJECT – PHASE 3 (Epiphany Project)

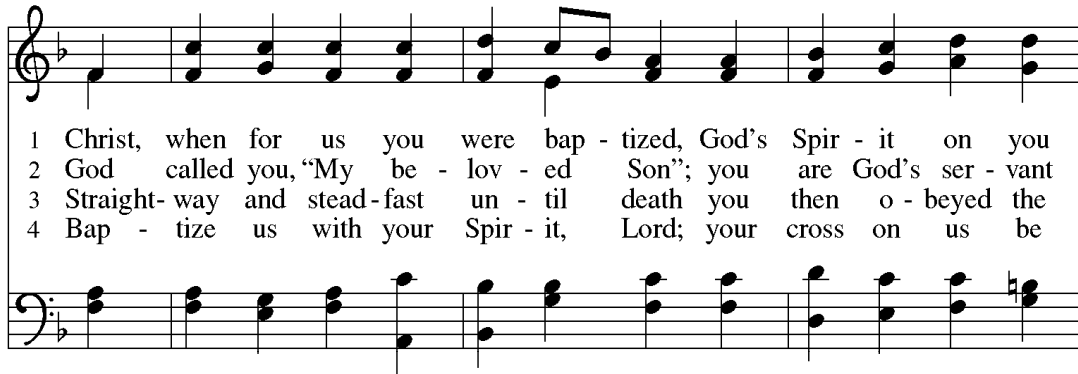
Consider how you might contribute to this project. The Organ Committee intentionally developed Phase 3 to provide several very different giving levels that could provide many meaningful contributions. How might you challenge your own giving?

- A gift of: \$10 adds a...Note (pipe) to the “Organ Chest”
- A gift of: \$120 adds an...Octave (12 notes) to the “Organ Chest”
- A gift of: \$600 adds a...Rank (60 Notes or 5 Ranks) to the “Organ Chest”
- A gift of: \$2,400 adds a...Mixture (4 combined Ranks) to the “Organ Chest”

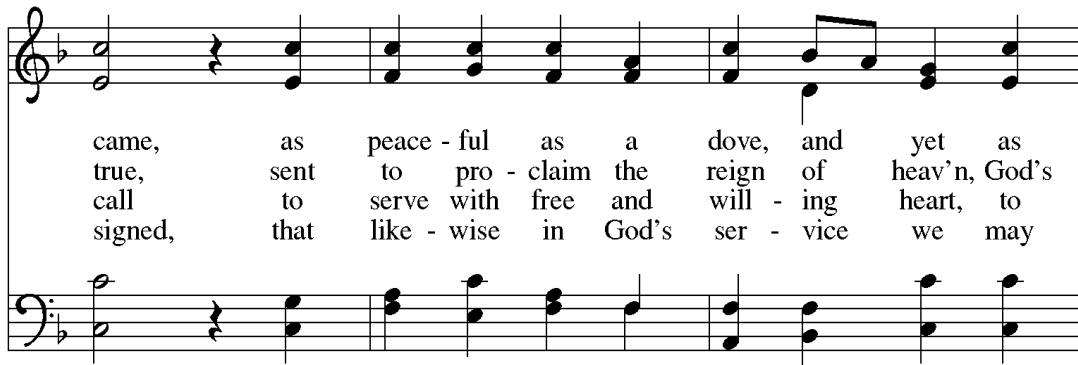
Individual gifts will be combined as needed to build each rank. A Rank symbol (five pipes) will be placed into one of the spaces each time a rank is built. Watch the growth and development of the chart as we move from week to week. All gifts marked “Organ Fund” will be folded into this project. Let’s have some fun “building” the pipe chest!!

ORGAN RENOVATION PROJECT – SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED You are invited to attend one of two special presentations to hear details about the renovation: Thursday, January 20 at 7:45 p.m. and Sunday, January 23 at 11:30 a.m. Plan to attend “Sweets and Tunes” an evening of special music and delicious treats on Friday, February 25 at 7 p.m. A limited number of tickets will be on sale.

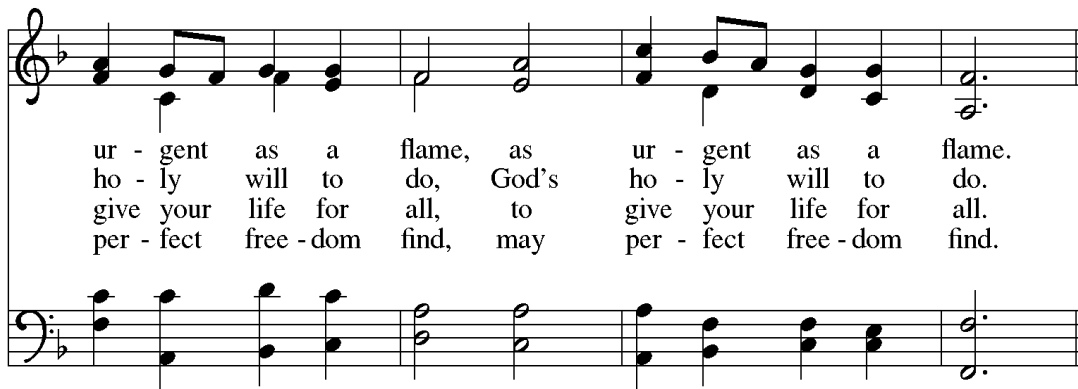
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Sunday, January 16, 2011

Second Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 2

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who spread out the heavens and the earth,
who gives light and breath to the nations,
who makes all things new.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and healing God,
**we confess that we have fallen short
of the life you desire for us.
We choose our priorities over your commandments.
We divide the body of Christ.
The earth groans under our demands.
Have mercy, O God.
Restore us and all things to health,
that we may do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

Hear the voice from heaven:
"You are my own, my beloved."
You belong to Christ,
and through the power of the cross

+ your sins are all forgiven.
God is faithful and will strengthen you,
that your light may shine before others,
that you may be God's holy people in the world.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of God in Christ Jesus,
poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW)

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer,
by your Spirit hold us forever,
that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you,
follow you and joyfully find you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW)

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. (12)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW)

Alleluia. In the ^l Word was life,*
and the life was the light ^l of all people. Alleluia. (John 1:4)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1–7

Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
 he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
 and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
 for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength —
⁶he says,
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
 "Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 40:1–11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,
 who stooped to me and | heard my cry.
²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,
 and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**
³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.
⁴**Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!**
They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies. R

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- | pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than | I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;

you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required. R

⁷And so I said, "Here I | am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

⁸I love to do your will, | O my God;

your law is | deep within me."

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the | great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: John 1:29–42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

For leaders in the church and all the baptized, that we may invite others to come and see Christ revealed in water and word, bread and wine. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For our nation, for our president and the members of congress, that we labor together for the common good, raising up those overwhelmed by poverty or violence. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For coastlands and distant islands, for urban, suburban, and rural communities, that in using wisely the resources of the earth, we honor your creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those unemployed or underemployed, for those living with oppression, poverty, hunger, illness, or anxiety (*especially*), that you strengthen them with grace and courage in the face of their need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For our community of faith, for those living in care facilities and those absent from us,

and for those seeking signs of your presence, that you nourish us all at your bountiful table. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for all your holy ones who served you in life and now rest in your peace. Gather us, with them, until the day of your coming in glory. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world.
Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ever-faithful God, you have taken us again into your arms and nourished us as your dear children. Lead us and guide us, that we may share our bread and your healing light with those who hunger and thirst, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament

with those who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*.
May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers,
that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ,
all may know your grace and healing revealed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God the Father, the Majestic Glory;
God the Son, the Morning Star;
and God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
bless you and + grant you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 17, 2011

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Monday, January 17

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Tuesday, January 18

Confession of Peter

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week

in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Wednesday, January 19

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Friday, January 21

Agnes, martyr, died around 304

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.