

St. John's Lutheran Church

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January 17, 2021

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of Word and Sacrament this morning as we celebrate **the Second Sunday Of Epiphany**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Almighty God, in the quietness of these moments enable us to feel Your presence around and within us. Your awesome power and unconditional love overwhelm us. Thank You for being our God and for calling us to be Your people. Through Jesus Christ the Lamb of God we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE*Variation on "Dix"**Branson****BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.**

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* WOV 650

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

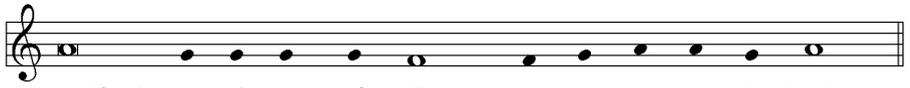
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

B Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ☐ A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

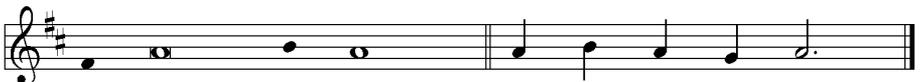


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ And al-so with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

Amen

FIRST LESSON

1 SAMUEL 3:1-20

A The First Lesson is from the third chapter of First Samuel

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶ And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am."

¹⁷ And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹ And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM

Psalm 139:1–5, 12–17



LORD, you have searched me out and known me.



LORD, you have searched me | out and known me;*
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.

**²You trace my journeys and my | resting-places*
and are acquainted with | all my ways.**

³Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,*
but you, O LORD, know it al- | together.

**⁴You press upon me behind | and before*
and lay your | hand upon me. R**

⁵Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;*
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

**¹²For you yourself created my | inmost parts;*
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.**

¹³I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;*
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

**¹⁴My body was not hid- | den from you,*
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths | of the earth. R**

¹⁵Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written | in your book;*
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was | none of them.

**¹⁶How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!*
How great is the | sum of them!**

¹⁷If I were to count them,
they would be more in number | than the sand;*
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours. R

SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

A The Second Lesson is from the sixth chapter of First Corinthians.

¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

A Here ends the reading.

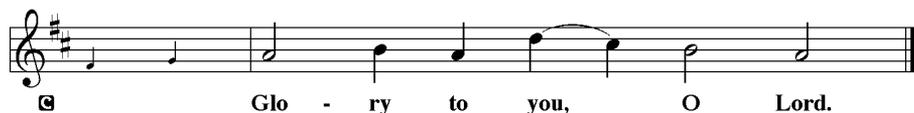
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GOSPEL:

John 1:43–51

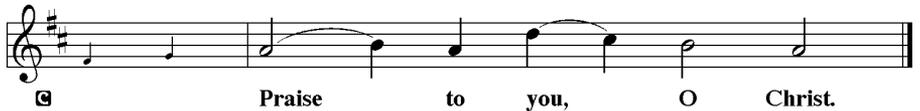
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before

Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”
49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” 50 Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” 51 And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN** "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" LBW 492

SERMON

***THE PRAYERS**

With gratitude for the gift of Christ, let us draw near to our heavenly Father in prayer, asking his mercy for the Church, the world, and all who need his loving-kindness.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, thank you for being so patient with us and calling us to be your disciples, teachers and pastors, even fools for Christ, for using simple words to reveal profound truth. Help us to do the same as we share your Word with those who don't know you well. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

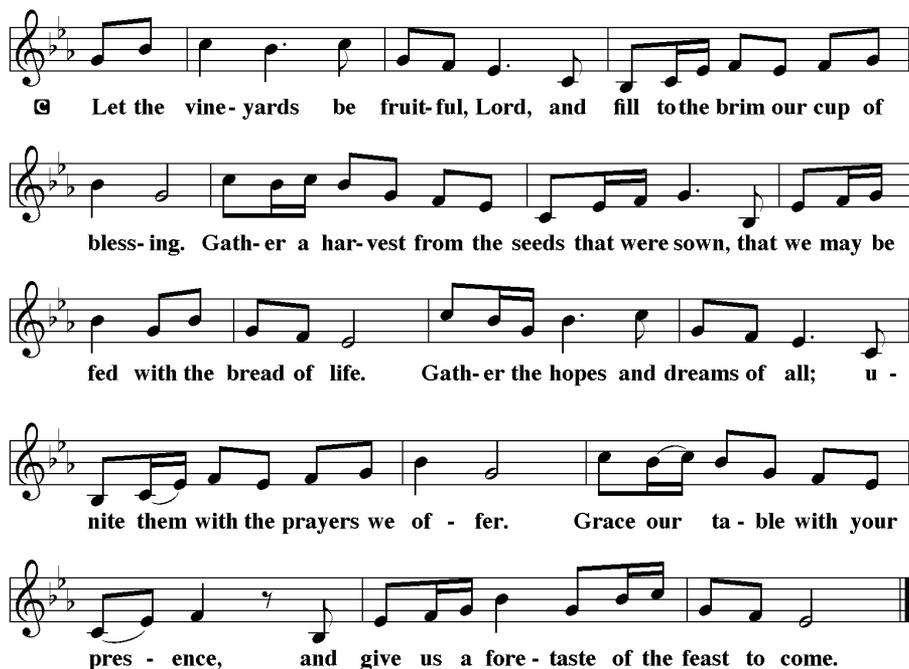
(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

OFFERING "Chorale" Dupre

*OFFERTORY



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

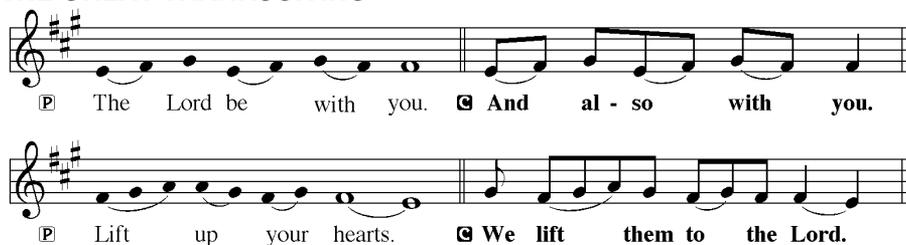
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

*** PREFACE**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

*** SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: 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



C 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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 203, WOV 710, 711, 709 (8x)

***COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present
in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.
Please inform Pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer.*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C Amen**

*CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray....Pour out upon us the spirit of Your love, O LORD, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

*BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



☞ A - men

*RECESSIONAL HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" LBW 503

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Ancient of Days"

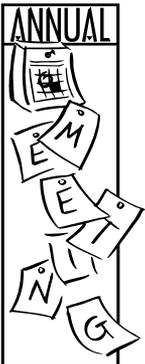
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
Monday 1/18	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday 1/20	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour via Facebook
Thursday 1/21	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Mailing
		Pray for NALC Life Conference
Friday 1/22		Pray for the March for Life
Sunday 1/24	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



The flower chart for 2021 has been posted in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special occasion. Flowers are \$50.00.



Annual Congregational Meeting **Rescheduled for January 31, 2021**

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 31st. We will review the Bulletin of Reports, approve a budget for 2021 and elect an endowment trustee.



Annual Reports

All Committee chairs, Sunday school presidents, Organizational presidents and treasurers, **please submit your reports to the church office by January 18th.** Our goal is to have the reports ready 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting on January 31st. With everyone's cooperation, we can do it! If possible, please e-mail your report to:

stjohnskittanning@gmail.com

Mechling-Shakley Veterans Center

The local Mechling-Shakley Veterans Center has been "locked down" for a significant time due to COVID. We are taking up a collection of items such as non-perishable foods, toiletries, cleaning supplies and monetary donations. A more detailed list of needs can be found in the narthex. The purpose of the collection is to brighten their days during this oppressive time.



DRIVE-BY PARADE

The St. John's Care Team has been reactivated!

During these difficult times, if there's any help you may need from your church family, please contact the church office @ 724-548-2051.

In addition, COVID pending, the Care Team will be holding another meal distribution on **Saturday, February 13, 2021**. Anyone can pre-order a meal. This is a great time to remember a neighbor or family member who could benefit. The menu will consist of your choice of chicken noodle (homemade) or tomato soup, ham salad or chicken salad sandwich and cookies.

Donations are optional and not required to receive a meal, but will be accepted at the same time as the meal pick-up. Feel free to support this worthy cause!

Please call the church office by Thursday, February 4th to reserve a meal. Meals can be picked up at the side alley entrance to the church between 2:00-3:00 PM on Saturday, February 13th. Also donations of cookies would be most appreciated! A few individuals willing to deliver meals to our shut-ins are also needed. Cookies should be left at the church prior to Friday, February 12th. Please let the church office know if you are able to assist with cookie donations or delivery.

John 15:12 says "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Please join us as we share our love with those within our church family, our neighbors, friends, family and those in our community.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister
Lector
Acolytes
Camera Operator

Lance Whiteman
Christine Whiteman
Elizabeth Shafer
Keith Livengood

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry
Secretary
Sexton
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith
Christine Lettrich
Michael Craft
Rebecca Veith
Elizabeth Cramer

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

GRACE
happens



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