

St. John's Lutheran Church

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January 5, 2020
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



*The
Word
became
flesh and made
his dwelling among us.*

John 1:14

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 the Word this morning as we celebrate **the Second Sunday of Christmas**. 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:

We lift our voices in prayer to You, Lord, and You hear; we present our lives in prayer, and You see; grant to us Your peace and wholeness in all that we do. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE*We Three Kings**Bock****BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSON 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** “Good Christians Friends Rejoice” LBW 55GREETING**

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. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal



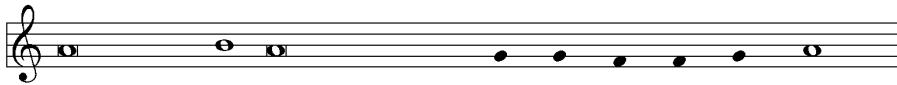
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al- might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:**JEREMIAH 31:7–14**

A The First Lesson is from the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah.

⁷ For thus says the Lord:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
‘O Lord, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.’”

⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country

And gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,

and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,

and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’”

¹¹ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob

and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴ I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
declares the Lord.”

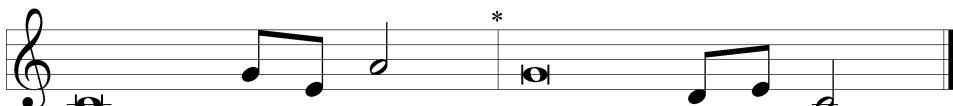
A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 147:13–21



Wor-ship the LORD, O Je - ru - sa - lem; praise your God, O Zi - on.



Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;*
praise your | God, O Zion;

¹⁴for He has strengthened the bars | of your gates;*
He has blessed your chil- | dren within you.

¹⁵He has established peace | on your borders;*
He satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

¹⁶He sends out His command | to the earth,*
and His word runs | very swiftly. R

¹⁷He gives | snow like wool;*
He scatters hoar- | frost like ashes.

¹⁸He scatters His | hail like bread crumbs.*
Who can stand a- | gainst His cold?

¹⁹He sends forth His | word and melts them;*
He blows with His wind, and the | waters flow.

²⁰He declares His | word to Jacob,*
His statutes and His judg- | ments to Israel.

²¹He has not done so to any | other nation;*
to them He has not revealed His judgments. | Hallelujah! R

SECOND LESSON:

EPHESIANS 1:3–14

A The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Ephesians.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for

the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The bottom staff continues the melody with the lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." The music features eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

GOSPEL:

JOHN 1:1-18

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

The musical notation consists of a single staff of music starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It contains the lyrics "Glo - ry to you, O Lord." The music features eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but

of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

P The Gospel of the LORD.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN

"*We Three Kings*"

WOV 646

SERMON

*NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*THE PRAYERS

Filled with wonder and joy that God's gift of Grace has been given in the Son born for us, let us pray for the church, the good creation, and the needs of all.

Holy God, gather and deliver Your people. Guide Your church according to Your will in the coming year. Mend our divisions and unite the baptized, that the world may know the light of Christ.

Lord in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

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

C Amen

*PEACE

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"He Is Here"

arr. Jeffries

*OFFERTORY

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are:

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 musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with initials indicating the speaker: P (Priest), C (Congregation).

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

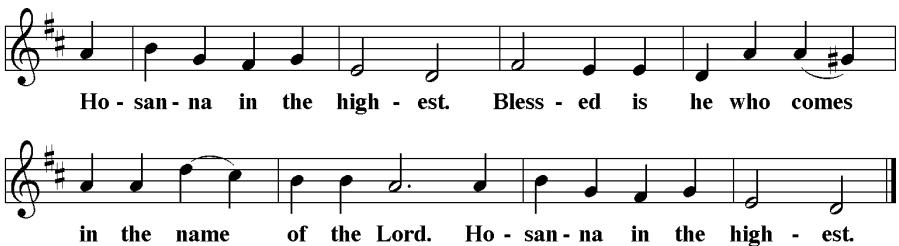
PREFACE

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with initials indicating the speaker: C (Congregation).

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

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



EUCARISTIC PRAYER

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.

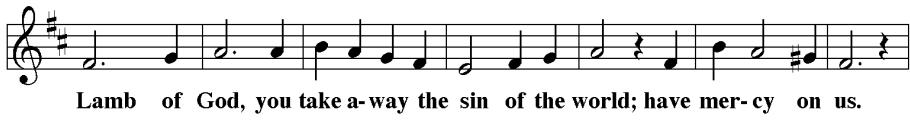
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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





COMMUNION HYMNS (*Sing the First Two verses of each:*)

LBW 41, 54, 44, 65, 50, 71, 70

***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.*

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

***CANTICLE**

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev 'ry people: A light to re - veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

*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.



*RECESSATIONAL HYMN

"The First Noel"

LBW 56

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Forest Green

Wood

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Annual Reports

All Committee chairs, Sunday school presidents, organization presidents and treasurers, **please submit your reports to the church office ASAP, if you haven't yet.** Our goal is to have the reports ready 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting on January 26. With everyone's cooperation, we can do it! If possible, please e-mail your report to:

stjohnskittanning@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday 1/5	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Committee
	5:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	First Communion Parents
	rescheduled	Gr 9-12 Youth Group
Monday 1/6	7:00 p.m.	Property
	7:30 p.m.	Fireflies
Tuesday 1/7	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Task Force
Wednesday 1/8	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	First Communion Class
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 1/9	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	12:00	Ladies Bible Study at Craft House
	2:45 & 7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Saturday 1/11	9:00 a.m.	Finance Committee
Sunday 1/12	8:30 a.m.	Worship: communion
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Gr 6-12 Youth Group

Annual Congregational Meeting

Scheduled for - January 26th, 2020

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 26th. We will review the Bulletin of Reports, approve a budget for 2020 and elect an Endowment Trustee



The flower chart for 2020 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 event. The price of altar flowers will be \$50.

YOUTH GROUP: Please note-Due to illness, Julie is rescheduling tonight's youth group. She will contact everyone on new date and time!

WINTER JAM + LOCK-IN

3:30PM JANUARY 17 - 5AM JAN. 18

WINTER JAM IS FOR ALL AGES

LOCK IN IS 6TH GRADE AND UP



2020 LOCK IN EVENTS Cost: \$15, to cover concert
PIZZA BAKE OFF, UGLY COOKIE PARTY,
NINTENDO, GLOW GAMES, GAGA, GROSSEST GAMES EVER VOL. 3
PRIZES, FUN AND MORE
Girls bring snack to share
Boys bring pop to share

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	Lance Whiteman
Lector	Tyler Heller
Acolyte	Ashleigh Choncek, Calise Czekanski, Jerah Wranich
Communion Assistants	Patty Kirkpatrick, Kyle Kirkpatrick,
Ushers	John Cerutti, John Graff, Brett & Megan Taylor
Camera Operator	Bill Bouch

STAFF MEMBERS

Assistant to the Pastor	Nancy Cerutti
Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Sexton	Michael Craft
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer

Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew.

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.