



**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**January 29, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.**

*Divine Service Setting Four with Holy Communion*

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven  
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

The word “boast” is one that can have a wide variety of meanings and applications. Initially we may portray the word in a negative way, as we teach the children that it is not polite to boast. Yet there is a form of “blessed boasting.” Hymn writer Johann Olearius, who lived in the seventeenth century, sums up that form of boasting simply as he writes: “The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast” (*LSB* 794:4). Boasting in Christ can be more than polite. Boasting in Christ, lovingly and winsomely expressed, can be a confession of faith.

### † Prayer Before Worship †

Grant that Your Holy Spirit will strengthen us, so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers as we demonstrate the Spirit’s fruit of patience as we listen to our friends and await Your answers to prayer; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Prelude    Meditation on “Beach Spring”**

**Gilbert M. Martin**

**Welcome & Sharing of the Peace**

**Choral Call to Worship    “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”**

**Johann Sebastian Bach**

*(Please Stand)*

**Processional Hymn    #409    “Hail, O Source of Every Blessing”**

**Confession and Absolution**

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**P:**    In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:**    **Amen.**

**P:**    Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C:**    **who made heaven and earth.**

**P:**    If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C:**    **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P:**    Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take

refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Introit** *Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 1:6*

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**C: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P: but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

**C: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.**

P: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**C: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Kyrie**



**Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

## Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

## **Old Testament Reading**

**Numbers 14:1-4, 10-12, 17-19, 26-30, 36-39**

*(Israel Refuses to Enter Canaan.)*

14 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. <sup>2</sup> And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" <sup>4</sup> So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."

<sup>10</sup> And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them? <sup>12</sup> I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

<sup>17</sup> And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying,

<sup>18</sup> 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.' <sup>19</sup> Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

<sup>26</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>27</sup> "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me. <sup>28</sup> Say to them, 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: <sup>29</sup> The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. <sup>30</sup> Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.

<sup>36</sup> Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land, <sup>37</sup> those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

<sup>38</sup> But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.

<sup>39</sup> Then Moses told these words to all the children of Israel, and the people mourned greatly.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**All: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

**Epistle Lesson**

**I Corinthians 1:18-31**

*(Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.)*

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

## Alleluia and Verse

Organ Introduction

Cantor only sings Alleluia first time through, then congregation:



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

Cantor: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

*(The Beatitudes)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

**Hymn of the Day #842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"**

**Sermon**

*(Please Stand)*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P:** LORD, in Your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

*(Be Seated)*

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem "Siyahamba"**

**South African**

*The children are invited to come forward and help the Adult Choir.*

*(Please Stand)*

**Offertory Hymn #781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own," v. 1**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly." Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)  
Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

**† Service of the Sacrament †**

**Preface**

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

**C:** **And also 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.**

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Words of our Lord

## Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Be Seated)*

Distribution Hymns: #625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"  
#683 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"  
#555 "Salvation unto Us Has Come" vv 1-5

*(Please Stand)*

## Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Prayer

P: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that we shall ever put our hope in Jesus, Your Son and faithful servant; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**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.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn #848 “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”**

### **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** “La Romanesca”

**Antonio Valente**

**Today's Ushers:** John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

**Worship Assistants:** Don Henderson, Dale Mierisch

**Cantor:** Jennifer Anderson

**Altar Guild for January:** Kae Elliott, Mae Elliott, Renee Henderson, Sarah Strahm

**Lock-ups for January:** Bob Hoisington, Don Adamick, John Williams

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Carol & Reg Koontz.

**Pew Pads:** Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

**Nursery is available** in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

**The Sermons** are available through the YouTube link at the church's web site. If you miss a Sunday, want to hear the sermon again, or want someone else to hear it, just go to [www.stjohnsws.com](http://www.stjohnsws.com) and click on the YouTube link at the bottom of the home page.

**Crisis Control Item for January:** Toilet tissue

**St. John's Prayer and Care Notes** are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at [wb9szl@triad.rr.com](mailto:wb9szl@triad.rr.com) and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.





***Our Sunday Worship*** - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
*Holy Communion is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays,  
at 10:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays, and at both services  
if there is a fifth Sunday in the month.  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.*

***A Great Place to Grow in Christ***  
*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a  
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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