



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

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**February 19, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.**

*Divine Service Setting Four*

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

“We are God’s house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.” These words from stanza 3 of the well-known hymn “Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand” are a reminder to us of who we are, and it gives us a sense of belonging. As we gather for worship, we are those stones being piled up together one more time. Whether the pile is small or huge, includes many pebbles or none at all, it is the use of the stones that is important. The stones are fashioned by the working of God for His own habitation. They—and we—can serve no greater purpose!

### † Prayer Before Worship †

Heavenly Father, You have established the Church with Christ as the foundation and made us to be Your holy people. Use us as You continue to grow the Church to the glory of Your holy name; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Prelude “Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness”**

**J.S. Bach**

### **Welcome & Sharing of the Peace**

*(Please Stand)*

**Processional Hymn #807 “When Morning Guilds the Skies”**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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 103:8-11; antiphon: Psalm 103:2-3*

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

C: **who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.**

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.**

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.**

**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: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

## 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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Deuteronomy 33:23-25

<sup>23</sup> And of Naphtali he said:  
"O Naphtali, satisfied with favor,  
And full of the blessing of the LORD,  
Possess the west and the south."

<sup>24</sup> And of Asher he said:  
"Asher *is* most blessed of sons;  
Let him be favored by his brothers,  
And let him dip his foot in oil.

<sup>25</sup> Your sandals *shall be* iron and bronze;  
As your days, *so shall* your strength *be*.

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

Romans 8:37-39

<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our 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:



Cantor: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25-34

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

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

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"

<sup>28</sup> "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup> and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?"

<sup>31</sup> "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

### **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day #820 "My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"**

**Sermon "As Your Days Are, So Shall Your Strength Be"**

### **Offering**

**Offertory Anthem "From the End of the Earth" Alan Hovhaness**

*(Please Stand)*

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

### **Prayer of the Church**

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

**C: hear our prayer.**

## 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.

## 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 "Because He Lives"

CCLI #139958

God sent His Son – they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Refrain:* Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living – just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance;  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives. *Refrain*

And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns. *Refrain*

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude "Fugue in C Major"**

**J.S. Bach**

**The Altar Flowers** today are given to the Glory of God by Keith & Clara McKenzie.

**Today's Ushers:** Ryan Davidson, Bob Hoisington, Stephanie Kiel, Holly Wilson

**Lector:** Don Henderson

**Cantor:** Tom Loke

**Altar Guild for February:** Claudia Essbach, Sue Frake, Ted Frake

**Lock-ups for February:** Don Henderson, Wes Walker

**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 on-line at <http://stjohnsww.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

**Crisis Control Item for February:** Beef stew

**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.*

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203**

**Mark Edmiston, Principal**

**Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations**

**Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool**

**Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship**

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