



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

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 5, 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.**

The classic structural shape of cathedrals and other great churches is cruciform, which means they are built in the shape of a cross. The building sets an imprint of the cross on the landscape, and the people who gather there set an imprint of the cross on the world. Paul writes compellingly to the Church at Corinth, “For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2). No matter what the architectural shape of the building is in which we gather for worship, it is cruciform in purpose. We are here to know nothing except Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Savior.

† Prayer Before Worship †

Father in heaven, in Your grace and mercy, You have revealed Your plan of salvation for all people through the cross of Christ alone. Strengthen our faith so that we do not rely on our reason, our own efforts or anything else except the cross of Christ, the only source of forgiveness, life and salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prelude “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #578 “Thy Strong Word”

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 119:9-16; antiphon: Psalm 119:12*

P: Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!

C: **How can a young man keep His way pure? By guarding it according to Your word.**

P: With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!

C: **I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.**

P: Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!

C: **With my lips I declare all the just decrees of Your mouth.**

P: In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

C: **I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.**

P: I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

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: Blessed are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!

Kyrie



C 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 Lord, keep Your family, the Church, continually in the one true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 7:6-9

⁶“For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. ⁷The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; ⁸but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹“Therefore know that the LORD your God, He *is* God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.

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 2:1-12

(We proclaim Christ crucified, as the Spirit has revealed Him.)

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

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: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

(You are salt and light in the world.)

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

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

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 #904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Sermon

Offering

Offertory Anthem "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

K. Lee Scott

(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 #802 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude “Litanies”

Jehan Alain

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

Lector: Steve Anderson

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 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.stjohnsww.com and click on the YouTube link at the bottom of the home page.

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 and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.



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Church & School

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 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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