

*I have been crucified with
Christ and I no
longer live, but
Christ lives in me.*

Galatians 2:20



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

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16, 2020 – 10:45 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion

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

Welcome

We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate God's love for us in Jesus! If you have any questions or needs please feel free to ask an usher, Pastor Tom, or anyone here at St. John's.

As We Worship

Prepare for worship in stillness and prayer.

Enjoy worship by lifting your voice and heart to God.

Close worship by enjoying the fellowship of one another.

After worship, the service begins! Go out and serve the Lord in all areas of life!

"I urge you, in view of God's mercy to you, present yourselves as living sacrifices to God, this is your spiritual act of worship." — Romans 12:1

Please silence all devices. If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so.

Prelude: "All Glory Be to God on High"

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Pre-Service Word: Psalm 119:34-37

³⁴ Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.

³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

³⁶ Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.

Sharing of the Peace We take a moment to greet one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ (often with the words "God's peace be with you"). We enjoy this part of our worship; however, you are free to participate, or not, in any manner with which you are comfortable. *(Please Remain Standing)*

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn: #700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Invocation, 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, 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:

C: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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.

Call to Worship:

P: Better is one day in His courts, than a thousand elsewhere. (Ps. 84:10)

C: I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. (Ps. 122:1)

P: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.

C: Our soul yearns for the courts of the Lord, our heart cries out for the living God.

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, they are ever praising You. (Ps. 84:1-4)

C: By Your great mercy, we come into Your house, in reverence, we bow down toward Your holy temple. (Ps. 5:7)

P: Blessed are those He chooses to bring, to live in His courts. They are filled with the good things of His house, of His holy temple (Ps. 65:4)

C: Lord, we love the house where You live, the place where Your glory dwells (Ps. 26:8)

P: Within Your temple, O God, we mediate on your unfailing love. (Ps. 48:9)

C: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple. (Ps. 27:4)

P: Surely goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your lives.

C: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever. Amen. (Ps. 23:6)

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.

First Lesson: Genesis 1:26-28 (Created in God's Image, lost in the Fall, restored in Christ)

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man **in Our image, according to Our likeness**; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over [all](#) the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that [moves](#) on the earth."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:14-16 (Warning about being joined with evil because we are God's temple)

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what ^[a]fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what ^[b]communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? **For you^[c] are the temple of the living God.** As God has said:

“I will dwell in them
And walk among *them*.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise: #523 “O Word of God Incarnate”

(Please Stand)

**Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21 (The Promise of the Holy spirit, ie:
The Spirit of Christ)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵ “If you love Me, ^[a]keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another ^[b]Helper, that He may **abide with you forever**— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and ^[c]manifest Myself to him.”

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: #742 "For Me to Live is Jesus"

Sermon: "The Blessing of Being a Christ-IN" – Mark Meier

Sermon Text: Galations 2:20

²⁰I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, **but Christ lives in me**; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Offer Unto the Lord! The Bible gives these guidelines on our financial giving:

- 1) *"First Fruits": i.e. Set aside a portion for God FIRST. He gets the best, not the leftovers.*
- 2) *"Portion/Percentage giving": Give to God a percentage of our gross income; the Old Testament "tithes" was 10%; certainly "this side" of the cross we should be just as motivated, or more so, than the Old Testament believers!*
- 3) *"God's Blessings": God promises if we are faithful in our giving, He will pour out blessing/abundance to us overflowing!*

Offering

Please take this time to sign the Pew Pads in your row and pass them down. We thank God for our visitors and guests. Please share your e-mail with us so that you can receive a weekly note of activities/announcements. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Offertory Anthem "Inscription of Hope"

Z. Randall Stroope

This inscription was found on a cellar wall in Cologne, Germany at the conclusion of World War II.

I believe in the sun even when it is not
shining,
And I believe in love even when there's
no one there.
And I believe in God even when He is
silent,
I believe through any trial
There is always a way.

But sometimes in this suffering and
hopeless despair,
My heart cries for shelter, to know
someone's there.
But a voice rises within me saying "hold
on my child,
I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope,
just stay a little while."

May there someday be sunshine,
May there someday be happiness,
May there someday be love,
May there someday be peace.

(Please Stand)

Offertory #781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

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 #797 "Praise the Almighty"

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Johann Gottfried Walther

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, by Sonya Hamilton in honor of mother, daughter, & sister's birthday – February 2, 2020

Today's Ushers: Fred Neise, Holly Wilson, Stephanie Kiel, Bruce Sawicki

Worship Assistant: Early Service – Bob Burke, Rob Schwabe; Late Service – Mark Meier, Don Henderson

Lector: Early Service – Maddie Orsborn, Late Service – Stephanie Guelzow

Altar Guild for February: Sue & Ted Frake, Michaela Montgomery

Lock-ups for February: Don Henderson, Don Adamick

Nursery is available in Preschool Room 101 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

Crisis Control Item for February: Instant Potatoes – thank you for your January donations of 81 lbs.!

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsws.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

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.
- You may also send your prayer requests to Dale at this address.

(Restrooms: Exit the left-side door on the pulpit side. Go straight thru the Fellowship Hall and the two doors leading to our school building. Restrooms are on your right in the school lobby)



***Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m.***

Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.