

**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**February 2, 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: "Adagio"**

J. S. Bach

## **Pre-Service Word: Psalm 84:1-2, 4**

How lovely <sup>is</sup> Your tabernacle,

O Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, even faints

For the courts of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house;

They will still be praising You.

**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: #412 "The People That in Darkness Sat"**

### **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 in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; *there was* no widespread revelation. <sup>2</sup> And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was* lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, <sup>3</sup> and before the lamp of God went out in the <sup>[a]</sup>tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God *was*, and while Samuel was lying down, <sup>4</sup> that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!"

So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.)

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me."

Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of Praise: #527 “O Savior, Precious Savior

### Second Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:11-21

<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel: “Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup> In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not [re](#)strain them. <sup>14</sup> And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup> So Samuel lay down until [b](#)orning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision. <sup>16</sup> Then Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son!”

He answered, “Here I am.”

<sup>17</sup> And he said, “What *is* the word that *the LORD* spoke to you? Please do not hide *it* from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you.” <sup>18</sup> Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It *is* the LORD. Let Him do what seems good to Him.”

<sup>19</sup> So Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words [f](#)all to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel *had been* [e](#)stablished as a prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Third Lesson: Galatians 6:1-10

Brethren, if a man is [o](#)vertaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. <sup>5</sup> For each one shall bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup> Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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:



**C** 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.



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

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>20</sup> Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: <sup>21</sup> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, who <sup>a</sup>are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

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: #531 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

Sermon: "Truth or Consequences"

**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 "tithing" 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 worshiping with us!

**Offertory Anthem "I Would See Jesus"**

from The Sacred Harp (1869)  
set by Kenneth Lowenberg

I would see Jesus when the flowers of joy adorn my way;  
When sunshine and when hope surrounds my path from day to day.  
When friends I cherish most are near, and hearts encircle mine,  
Then, Father, would I turn from all to lean alone on thine.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live!"  
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright!"  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk, 'til traveling days are done.

**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.

**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.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

**† Service of the Sacrament †**

**Preface**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

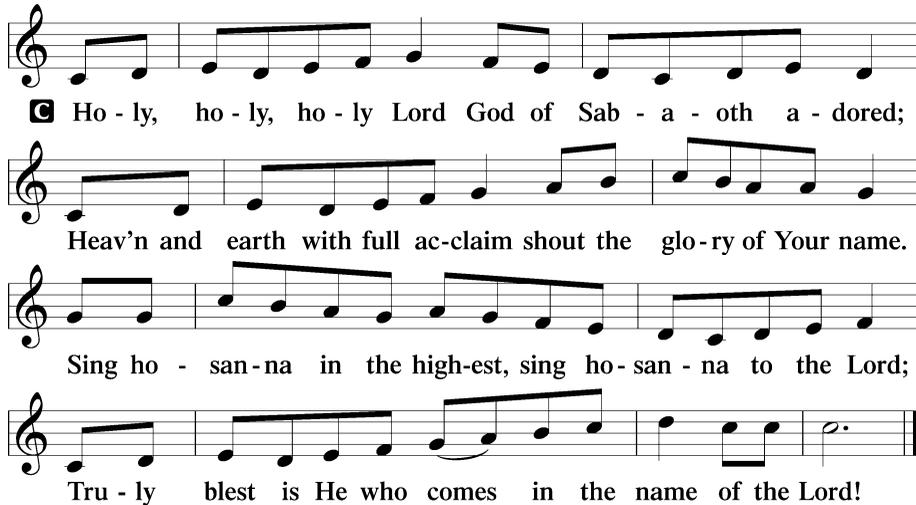
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



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 Institution

## 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:**    **#761** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”  
                                  **#566** “By Grace I’m Saved”  
                                  **#571** “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

*(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.

## 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 #794 "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

Postlude "Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God, by Reg & Carol Koontz

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

**Worship Assistant:** Early Service – Bill Thorpe, Tom Baldwin; Late Service – Steve Anderson, Don Henderson

**Lector:** Early Service – Kris Gartley, Late Service – Joel Becker

**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://stjohnsww.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](mailto: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.***

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