



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

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**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

**January 26, 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: "Voluntary"**

Edward Elgar

**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: #394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

**Invocation: Pastor**

**Introit: Corinthians 9:6-15** *(read responsively)*

P: <sup>6</sup> But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows <sup>[a]</sup>bountifully will also reap <sup>[b]</sup>bountifully.

C: <sup>7</sup> **So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of <sup>[c]</sup>necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.**

P: <sup>8</sup> And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

C: <sup>9</sup> **As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."**

P: <sup>10</sup> Now <sup>[d]</sup>may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, <sup>[e]</sup>supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

C: <sup>11</sup> **while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.**

P: <sup>12</sup> For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,

C: <sup>13</sup> while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal sharing with them and all *men*,

P: <sup>14</sup> and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you.

C: <sup>15</sup> Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift!

## Kyrie



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

## Gloria in Excelsis



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: Malachi 3:8-10

<sup>8</sup>“Will a man rob God?

Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say,

‘In what way have we robbed You?’

In tithes and offerings.

<sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse,

For you have robbed Me,

*Even* this whole nation.

<sup>10</sup>Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,

That there may be food in My house,

And try Me now in this,”

Says the Lord of hosts,

“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven

And pour out for you *such* blessing

That *there will not be room enough to receive it..*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 8-9

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: <sup>2</sup> that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. <sup>3</sup> For I bear witness that according to *their* ability, yes, and beyond *their* ability, *they were* freely willing, <sup>4</sup> imploring us with much urgency <sup>[a]</sup> that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. <sup>5</sup> And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God.

<sup>8</sup> I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## 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: Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be added to you.



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

*(Please Stand)*

## Holy Gospel: Luke 12:31-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup> But seek [\[a\]](#)the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

<sup>32</sup> "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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.)*

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day: #782 "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"**

**Sermon: "Real Giving"**

### **Confession:**

Father God, we confess that we are often, not generous in our giving to You and Your work. Forgive us Father for how tightly we cling to our money and possessions. Forgive us for forgetting that everything we have is a gift from You – belongs to You – is to be used to give glory to Jesus! Forgive us for constantly desiring and coveting more; forgive us for not being content with Your gifts to us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake – Your precious gift of love and forgiveness who gave His life, freely – for us.

*(Silence)*

### **Forgiveness:**

Dear friends in Christ, because God gives mercy freely, generously, completely in Jesus – you have everything anyone could ever need. You have now and always, full complete forgiveness. You have Jesus as your daily companion. You have the treasures of heaven, guaranteed to you. Rejoice in the riches of your salvation and God's grace. Amen.

## **Offering**

**Offertory Anthem "The Gift of Love"**

set by Hal Hopson

text is based on 1 Corinthians 13

**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:** #787 “The Temple Rang with Golden Coins”  
#781 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”  
#784 “Take My Life and Let It Be”  
#786 “Lord of All Good”

(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 #411 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

**Postlude “Fugue”**

Dietrich Buxtehude

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God, by Kathy & Henry Hayes in memory of Irma Foote – mom’s, grandmoms’ 81<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Last week’s flowers were given to the Glory of God, by Arlene Sawicki in memory of Albert Sawicki’s entry into heaven.

**Today’s Ushers:** John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Arden Lackey

**Worship Assistant:** Early Service – Rich Essbach, Bob Burke; Late Service – Mark Meier, Dale Mierisch

**Lector:** Early Service – Rachel Orsborn, Late Service – Allen Hall

**Altar Guild for January:** Sarah Strahm, Renee Henderson, Megan Burtnett

**Lock-ups for January:** John Williams, Jeff Goad

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

**Crisis Control Item for February:** Instant Potatoes – thank you for your December donations of 97 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.