

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

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**EPIPHANY**

**January 6, 2019 – 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.*

**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 Rise)*

**Processional Hymn: #409 “Hail, O Source of Every Blessing”**

**Invocation/Confession/Forgiveness**

**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: 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 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### 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-shipped 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.

*(Please be seated)*

### **First Lesson: Proverbs 2:1-15**

My son, if you receive my words,  
And treasure my commands within you,  
<sup>2</sup> So that you incline your ear to **wisdom**,  
And apply your heart to understanding;  
<sup>3</sup> Yes, if you cry out for discernment,  
And lift up your voice for understanding,  
<sup>4</sup> If you seek her as silver,  
And search for her as *for* hidden treasures;  
<sup>5</sup> Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,  
And find the knowledge of God.  
<sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives **wisdom**;  
From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding;  
<sup>7</sup> He stores up sound **wisdom** for the upright;  
*He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly;  
<sup>8</sup> He guards the paths of justice,  
And preserves the way of His saints.  
<sup>9</sup> Then you will understand righteousness and justice,  
Equity *and* every good path.  
<sup>10</sup> When **wisdom** enters your heart,  
And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,  
<sup>11</sup> Discretion will preserve you;  
Understanding will keep you,  
<sup>12</sup> To deliver you from the way of evil,

From the man who speaks perverse things,  
<sup>13</sup> From those who leave the paths of uprightness  
To walk in the ways of darkness;  
<sup>14</sup> Who rejoice in doing evil,  
And delight in the perversity of the wicked;  
<sup>15</sup> Whose ways *are* crooked,  
And *who are* devious in their paths;

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### Second Lesson: 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for <sup>[a]</sup>instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

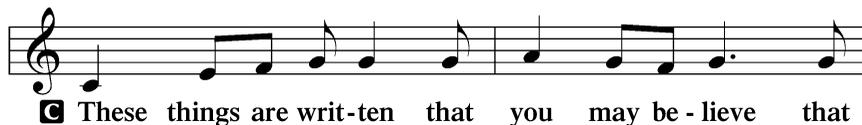
**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

### Alleluia – Congregation



### Alleluia Verse - Choir





<sup>12</sup> Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Apostle's Creed - "The Creed"** (sung to tune of "Away in a Manger")

In God we believe; the Creator's whose pow'r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured,  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, and forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth now the church He will bless  
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall stand  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

*(Be Seated)*

**Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day: #397 "As With Gladness Men of Old"**

**Sermon: "Wise Guys"**

**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 "tithe" 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 "Behold That Star"

Talley/Burleigh/Blackwell

*(Please Stand)*

## Offertory Hymn #805 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

### 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: #398 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

**#399 "The Star Proclaims the King is Near"**

*(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



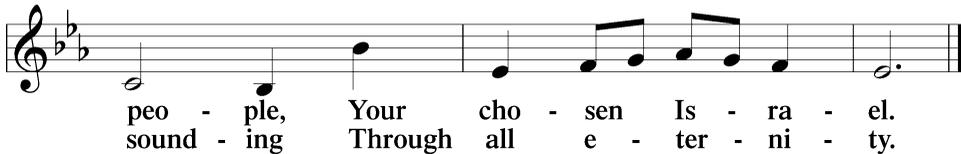
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



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 -



### **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: #394 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

**Postlude “How Brightly Shines the Morningstar”**

Pachelbel

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Rob & Kathy Schwabe in memory of Kenneth Zick I who is celebrating his birthday and 20 years in heaven.

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

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

**Lector:** Early Service – Rachel Orsborn, Late Service – Nathan Kottlowski

**Altar Guild for January:** Stephanie Guelzow, Renee Henderson

**Lock-ups for January:** John Williams and Don Adamick

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

**Crisis Control Item for January:** Beef Stew

**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](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.*

***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.*

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**Mark Edmiston, Principal**

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

**Sonia Davidson, Director of Preschool**

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

**Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship**

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