



THE SIGN: JESUS!

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

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**Traditional Service
The Second Sunday after Epiphany
(Divine Service Setting One)
January 17, 2016 – 10:45 a.m.**

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

Hey! Read the Signs! What kind of **signs** get your attention? Stop signs? Street signs? Billboards? Medical signs? Cancer? In the course of a day we receive lots of signals, but do we understand what they mean or interpret them correctly? God gives us signs too! Many are revealed in His Word. May you clearly see Jesus in His signs and signals as you worship and hear His Word again today.

† Prayer Before Worship †

Come, Holy Spirit, and enable me to rightly read the signs and signals that are revealed in Your Holy Word. Give me spiritual eyes and a Spirit filled heart to interpret Your signs about Jesus in my life. Use me to share the signs and mysteries of Christ with others that they may be blessed by Jesus under the sign of His Cross. In His name I pray. Amen.

Prelude

Intermezzo

Johannes Brahms

Welcome

(Please Stand)

Opening Hymn #901 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Introit *Psalm 36:5–9, antiphon: Song of Songs 2:4*

P: [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

Women: *Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.*

Men: *Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD.*

C: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

Women: *They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.*

Men: *For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.*

C: 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.

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

Kyrie

Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise — Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Prayer of Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

(Silence for personal prayer)

P: Gracious God, You sent Your Son, the Word made flesh, to call us to You. In response to His signs, the disciples believed in Him. In the working of the Holy Spirit, help us to see His signs, to hear His call, to believe in Him, and to follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

(Be Seated)

First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

(Through the prophet God speaks a declaration that He is married to His people and rejoices greatly over them.)

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**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!**

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

(Though there are different gifts, St. Paul reminds us there is but one Spirit and one goal for the many gifts.)

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse



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

Cantor: This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.



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

(The first miracle of Jesus at the wedding feast of Cana where He turned water into wine.)

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



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Pastor: On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

Women: *When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."*

Men: *And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."*

Women: *His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."*

Pastor: Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

Men: *Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water."*

Pastor: And they filled them up to the brim.

Men: *And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast."*

Pastor: So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Pastor: This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory.

All: And his disciples believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Pastor: Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

All: but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31

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 – Nathan Kottlowski

Hymn of the Day #408 *Come, Join in Cana's Feast*

Sermon

"Read the Signs – See Jesus!"

John 2:1-11

Offering

Anthem

The Gift of Love

traditional arr. Hal Hopson

(Please Stand)

Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Loving Lord, You did not abandon Your people but gave them hope in the promise of deliverance; help us to delight in what Your Son has accomplished for us and to rejoice in our salvation; Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

- P: We give You thanks, O Lord, that Your grace has sought us out and married us to You in Christ; help us always to remain in faithful fellowship with You.
- C: Strengthen us that no temptation would separate us from You.**
- P: As Your own Son was a guest at a wedding in Cana, so bring His presence to every household that the bond of love would not be broken.
- C: Increase the ties of marital commitment in every home that would honor You.**
- P: As our Lord brought gladness to that house of old by turning water into wine, so bring Your gladness to our hearts and lives; teach us to use Your gifts wisely so that we do not abuse them and bring pain to ourselves and our families; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Bless Your Church and the pastors and church workers who serve her; bless all the people and all that we do to proclaim the good news of Christ to every nation; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Bring peace to the nations and grant all leaders wisdom and integrity that all people may enjoy freedom and justice; Protect all who serve our country in the Armed Services. We especially lift up Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Be with the sick and the suffering, grant peace to the troubled and dying, and especially be with those whom we name before You.... as well as those whom we name before You in our hearts...*(moment of silence)*; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Your Son taught us what it means to show generosity and faith; help us to be generous with the tithes and offerings which are Your due, and help us to use faithfully all the resources You have entrusted to our care; Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- (Additional petitions offered here.)*
- P: We pray for our Call Committee.... and ask for Your guidance as they prepare us to call a pastor.
- C: Bless our District President, John Denninger as he prepares a list of Pastors for our Call Committee.**
- P: We praise You for Your goodness, O Lord, and commend to Your care all for whom we have prayed, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C: Amen**

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

Benediction

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.



Closing Hymn #918 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Beautiful Savior

arr. Laura Wasson

Did you pick up the Separate Announcement sheet **"Weekly News "** in the church entry?



St. John's

LUTHERAN

Church & School

Our Sunday Worship - Morning services are at
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. 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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Altar Flowers No altar flowers due to Sanctuary renovations.

Ushers: Larry Bowman, Lisa Little, Bob Sparks & John Williams