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**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**
2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
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Traditional Service
The Third Sunday after Epiphany
(Divine Service Setting One)
January 24, 2016 – 10:45 a.m.

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

Hear the News! Bad or Good? How you listen to what you hear can make a world of difference. In fact it can make an eternal difference. That's why we are glad you have come to worship with us today. Even though we live in a world filled with plenty of bad news - We come to church to hear the Good News about Jesus. May He bless your hearing heart today.

† Prayer Before Worship †

Lord Jesus, as you revealed yourself to those who came to worship one morning in Nazareth, so reveal yourself anew as we worship today. Open our ears to hear Your Good News clearly. Open our hearts to believe and our tongues to speak Your praises. Bless this time as You reveal yourself anew through Word and Sacrament. In Your name I come. Amen.

Prelude

***Andante* from Italian Concerto**

J.S. Bach

Welcome

(Please Stand)

Opening Hymn #400 *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

Confession & 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 102:18–22; antiphon: Psalm 102:13*

P: You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Women: Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

Men: that He looked down from His holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

Women: to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,

Men: that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem His praise,

All: when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

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.

You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

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.



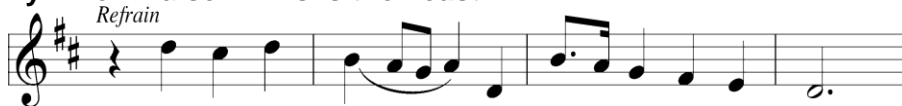
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise – This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

(Silence for personal prayer.)

Almighty everlasting God, as You have chosen to reveal Yourself through the scriptures, so teach us to rightly hear Your Word and instill in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, faith to believe the truth about Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may be moved to follow Him faithfully, through the same Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit ever one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Old Testament Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

(Ezra, the scribe, proclaimed the Book of the Law to the people and they responded with faith and worship.)

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the

sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12 – 31a

(We are all part of one body in Christ and none ought be considered more or less important to the functioning of Christ's body, the Church.)

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse



Cantor: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

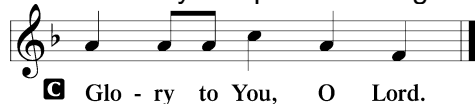


The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16 – 30

(In a synagogue in Nazareth Jesus' first sermon provides Him the opportunity to show how the prophecy is fulfilled and embodied in Him.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.



¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and

brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

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 – Sarah Strahm

Hymn of the Day #409 *Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*

Sermon

“Are You Hearing Jesus?”

Luke 4:16 - 30

Offering

Offertory / Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Edward Miller

(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.

(Silence for prayer and meditation.)

P: Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus, and revealed Him as the long- promised Messiah and the fulfillment of the prophet's promise;

C: help us receive Him with faith that we may glory in His gifts of freedom, hope, and joy.

P: Lord God, You make known to us the richness of Your mercy in the surprise of the Word that speaks life, the water that cleanses, and the table that feeds to eternity.

C: Open our hearts to receive Him who comes to us through these means of grace.

P: As Your own Son proclaimed the fulfillment of Your Word in His own flesh, help us to proclaim this same Jesus to the world around us, that others may, with us, know the good news of hope.

C: Keep us mindful of the opportunities we have to tell the good news about Jesus.

P: Give grace to the poor, liberty to the captive, vision to the inwardly blind, and freedom to the oppressed, and bestow upon all who suffer the fullness of Your healing grace (*especially ...*); Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

P: Bless Your Church, that we may continue to make known the surprise of Your grace; bless all pastors, missionaries, and church workers with boldness and clarity as they proclaim Your Good News.

C: Open our ears and hearts to hear Your Word and empower us to point others to Jesus through His Words and our witness.

P: Bring an end to the war and violence that rule in our world; protect all who serve our country in the Armed Services here and abroad; and relieve the inequities that leave many with little and the few with so much.

C: Teach us to use wisely all that You have entrusted to us.

P: Be with the dying and comfort the grieving, that we may not mourn the loss of today but remember the hope of our eternal tomorrow in heaven; Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

P: You have made us rich in things, but we pray do not allow us to be poor in soul.

C: Receive the tithes and offerings we bring You with a grateful heart.

(Other petitions offered here.)

P: Recalling the saints of old and giving thanks for Your love to those who have gone before us, we commend to Your care all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

TODAY WE WILL 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? This is judging it rightly.

This is what scripture teaches.

(Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

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



☐ 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. We bless Christ, who has come among us, sharing Your forgiving and limitless love. Grant us grace to hear Your Word with grateful hearts, remaining steadfast in hope throughout each day as we await the joys of heaven, where we will join the eternal chorus of angels and archangels in giving You unending praise and saying:

Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, and how marvelous is all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for Your powerful Word and the Means of Grace through which You come among us to bless us. Grant that all who partake of Christ's true body and blood in with and under the elements in this Sacrament, may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. Strengthen and sustain our faith in You and increase our fervent love for one another. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns:

#637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

#396 Arise and Shine in Splendor

#402 The Only Son from Heaven

(Please Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

P: We give You thanks, almighty God, that You, in this Sacrament, have revealed Your Son to us, the Savior long promised and the Redeemer who has purchased and won us to be Your people again. As He faithfully proclaimed to us Your love, so may we faithfully proclaim Him to the nations, that wherever people stand in darkness and death they may know the healing power of His life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #810 *God of God, O Light of Light***Dismissal:**

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Sonata in D

Domenico Scarlatti

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.

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