

Love one  
♥ ANOTHER ♥  
as I have  
LOVED  
you  
-JOHN 15:12

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

February 5, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.  
*Worship with Holy Communion*

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

**Prelude: “The Sunken Cathedral”**

Claude Debussy

**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.*

*(Please Rise)*

**Opening Hymn: #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”**

**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: 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.**

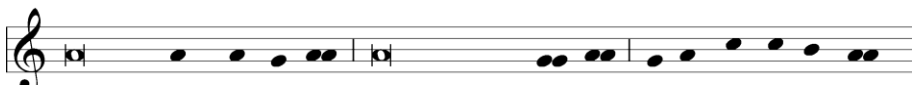
# Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



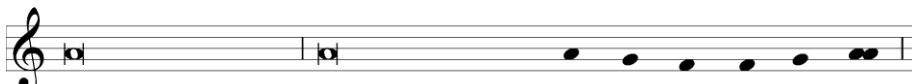
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



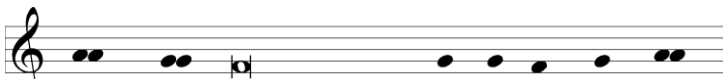
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**G** A - men.

## This Is the Feast



**A** This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**G** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be people of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*(Please Be Seated)*

**First Lesson: See Insert**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson: See Insert**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Rise)*

**Alleluia and Verse**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

<sup>11</sup>“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup>This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, that you love one another.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord



☐ 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: #649 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Sermon: "High Touch Faith in a High Tech World"

Anthem: "An Irish Blessing"

Ron Jeffers

**Offering Plates** are in the back of the church on the tables and as you come forward for communion. **Please remember to sign the attendance pad.**

### 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.)

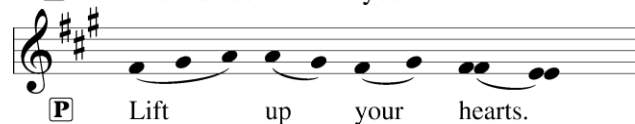
Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

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

### † Service of the Sacrament †

*(Please Rise)*

#### Preface





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



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

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. 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.

### 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



**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, grant us peace.

*(Please be seated)*

## Communion Distribution by Continuous Line

**Distribution Hymns: #650 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"**  
**#651 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"**

*(Please Rise)*

## Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-



joice 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.

**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: “Brothers and Sisters in Christ”**

Terry Dittmar

1. Sing Allelulia! Amen!  
 Let your prayers and your praises ascend.  
 Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior, our King!  
 Here brought together by grace, we are gathered as friends in this place.

2. Man walked alone and in need, without faith, hope or promise or creed;  
 wandering aimlessly lost, unaware of the staggering cost;  
 that God in his mercy would save all his people from death and the grave.

**Chorus:**

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,  
 lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,  
 and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.  
 We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Chorus**

3. Lord, teach us how to proclaim all your goodness, your love and your name!  
 Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.  
 Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong.

**Chorus**

**Postlude: “Sonata in D Major”**

Mateo Albeniz

**Cantor:** Tom Loke

**Altar Flowers:** are given to the Glory of God.

**Worship Assistants:** **8:30am** – Rich Essbach; **10:30am** – Nathan Kottlowski

**Lector:** **8:30am** – Ann Carney; **10:30am** – Cherry Horn

**Altar Guild for February:** Karin Lennon, Sarah Strahm

**Pew Pads:** Please remember to sign the pew pads and notate any changes.

**Crisis Control Item for February:** **Instant Potatoes**

If you would like to donate food to Crisis Control, please drop the food off in the basket in the back of the church. – **63 lbs. was collected for the month of December.**



***Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class begins 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Pastor Thomas Clocker, 301-732-9203, revclocker@gmail.com**  
**Tiffany Banks, Principal**  
**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.