



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

An illustration of an open book with a white cover and pages. The word "UNCOVERED" is written in large, bold, black capital letters across the center of the pages. The letter "O" is partially obscured by a solid black rectangular box. The book is set against a light grey background with a subtle gradient.

UNCOVERED

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders and assisted listening devices are available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or available online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- Please join us for our annual State of the Parish presentation at 9:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall, lower level of church)
A staffed nursery is available during the presentation.

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Mission & Ministry Sunday

January 22 & 23, 2022

Reception Uncovered: Rejection is not the exception, but the rule.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Lord Jesus, You Have Come

Christian Worship 897

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. 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, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. 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.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1–6

Although Israel had rejected the Lord, he forgave their rejection and promised to restore them.

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
 because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
 He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
 to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,
 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God,
 to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
 to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
 the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.
They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.
Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God.
You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 146 (see pg. 14)

Second Reading

Acts 4:23–31

The chief priests and elders rejected the apostles, but they continued to preach God's Word boldly.

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

" 'Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.' "

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 4:16–30

When Jesus preached in Nazareth, his listeners took offense at his words and rejected him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

“Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Adult Handbell Choir

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

arranged by Anna Laura Page

O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and follow you,
Forsaking old, familiar ways for ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear your call to risk security
And, bound in heart and will to you, find perfect liberty.

O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith, the ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray, by your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.

O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim the nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains both life and ministry.

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Hymn of the Day

O God from God, O Light from Light

Christian Worship 629

Sermon

Isaiah 61:1-6

This Scripture Is Fulfilled

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Jesus Christ, Lord of glory, you delight in making yourself known to us and others. In love you chose to exercise your greatest strength to serve us in our greatest need. You revealed the brightness of your glory through humble deeds of love.

Bring us to recognize and rejoice in your majesty and your ministry.

You called ordinary men to do extraordinary things as your disciples and apostles. You also call us to confidently follow you, diligently learn from you, and lovingly imitate you.

Equip and empower us to serve as your witnesses and bring the light of your gospel to many throughout the world.

You revealed your glory through mighty signs and wonders. Assure us that you still rule all things in the universe and use them to serve our eternal good.

Give us courage and compassion to relieve the distress of the hurting and to pray for all according to their needs.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Preserve your truth among us, and by that truth preserve us until you appear in dazzling splendor to bring us to the glory of heaven. Let our anticipation of that heavenly kingdom increase our joy in all aspects of this earthly life.

Hear us, O Light of the Gentiles and the Glory of Israel. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Christian Worship 713

Please stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give
Christian Worship 896

Announcements

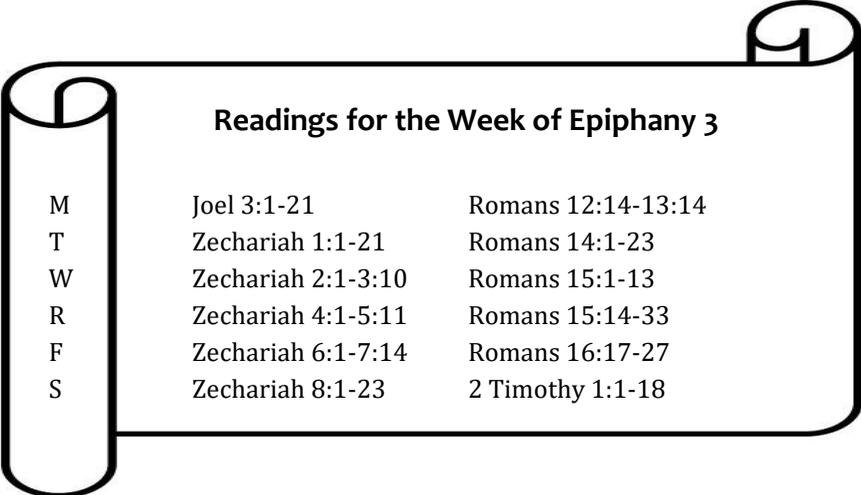
Postlude

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| Readings for the Week of Epiphany 3 | | |
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| M | Joel 3:1-21 | Romans 12:14-13:14 |
| T | Zechariah 1:1-21 | Romans 14:1-23 |
| W | Zechariah 2:1-3:10 | Romans 15:1-13 |
| R | Zechariah 4:1-5:11 | Romans 15:14-33 |
| F | Zechariah 6:1-7:14 | Romans 16:17-27 |
| S | Zechariah 8:1-23 | 2 Timothy 1:1-18 |

Serving at Worship

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| Preacher | Pastor Eric Schroeder |
| Presiding Minister | Pastor Joel Leyrer |
| Lectors | Pastor Kyle Bitter Pastor Joshua Yu |
| Musicians | Lisa Eggebrecht, organ (Saturday) Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday) Becky Rehborg, clarinet |
| Adult Handbell Choir Director | Kristi Meyer |

In Our Prayers

- Adelaide Ruth Tietz, daughter of Joshua and Hailey (née Ruth) Tietz, who will have her baptism affirmed in a private ceremony on Sunday.
- Sue Pappalardo, now in her fifth week at Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital for COVID-related issues and scheduled to be moved to an intermediate care facility soon.

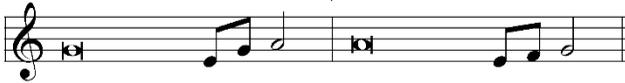
Psalm 146

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD, / O my soul.

I will sing praise to my God / as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in / princes,
in mortal men, who / cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the / LORD his God,
the maker of heav- / en and earth. **Refrain**

The LORD gives food to the / hungry,
the LORD sets / prisoners free.
The LORD gives sight / to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those who are / bowed down.
The LORD watches over the / outcast
and sustains the fatherless and the / widow.
The LORD remains faithful for- / ever.
He upholds the cause of / the oppressed.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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Parents' Preview for January 30

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

"Glory to God"

After receiving forgiveness in the absolution, the congregation responds by praising the goodness of God and his eternal Word in the Gloria. This refrain is based on the song of the angels on the night of Jesus' birth from Luke 2:14.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God

in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

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The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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