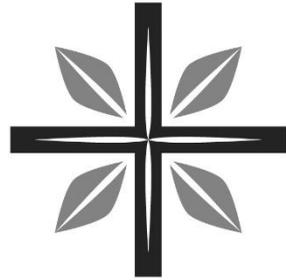


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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.
- Large print service folders are available from an usher. Assisted listening devices, including both ear bud and loop receivers for digital hearing aids, are also 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.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- Please join us for our annual "State of the Parish" presentation at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A staffed nursery is also available during this time.

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Mission & Ministry Sunday

January 26, 2020

Promises in Action: Light in the darkness.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

The People that in Darkness Sat

Christian Worship 90

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

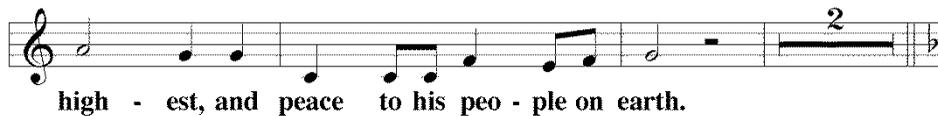
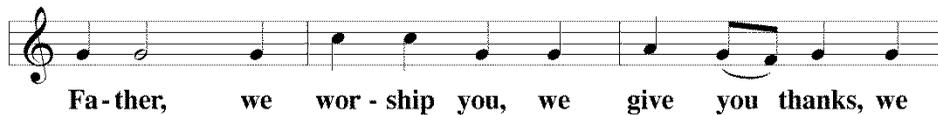
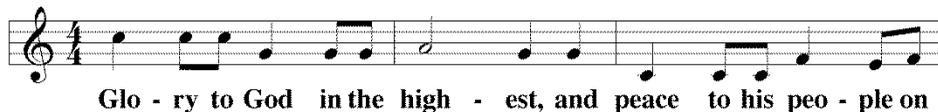
Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

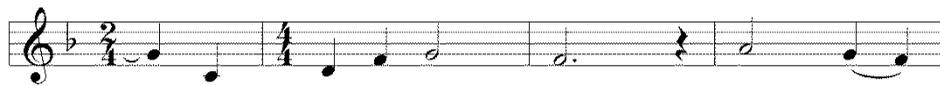
PRAYER AND PRAISE

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





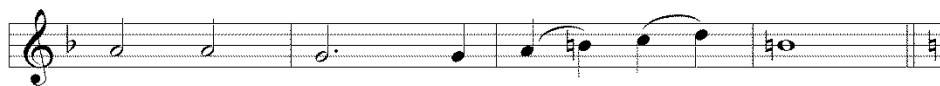
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



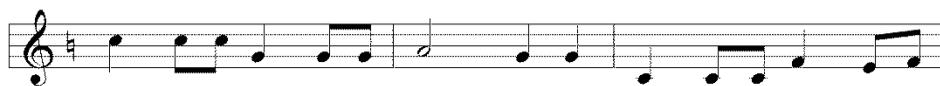
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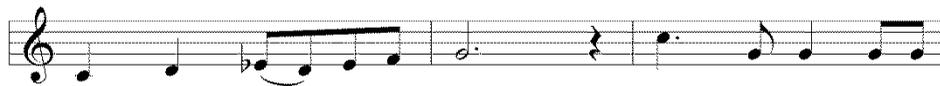
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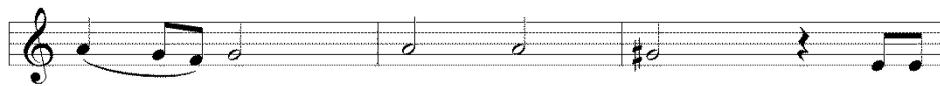
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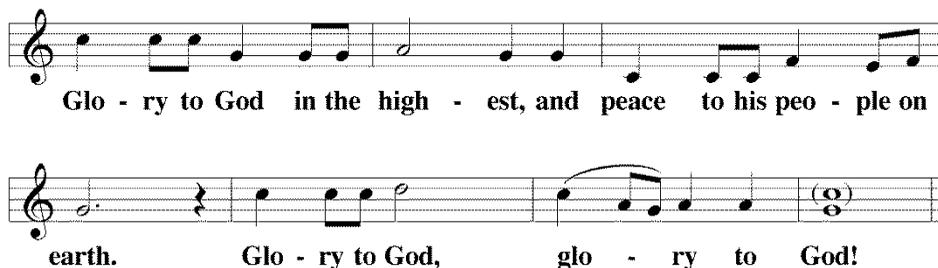
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to 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 captives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 8:19 – 9:2

The light of the Word of God conquers the lies of darkness.

When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan –

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Second Lesson

1 John 2:3-11

The light of the word of God conquers darkness wherever it is preached.

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

Please stand

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

The light of the Word made flesh conquers darkness in Galilee.

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –
the people living in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Adult Handbell Choir

How Can I Keep From Singing?

arranged by Arnold Sherman

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn, that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Hymn of the Day

O God from God, O Light from Light

Christian Worship 85

Sermon

Isaiah 8:19 – 9:2

A Voice in the Dark

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

Be seated

Offering

The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.



Please stand

Prayer of the Church

The minister says the Prayer of the Church.

Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Be seated

Hymn

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve (see pg. 12)
Christian Worship Supplement 707

Please stand

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul
Christian Worship 238

Announcements

St. John's Spotlight

Postlude

If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.

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O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The
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 4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



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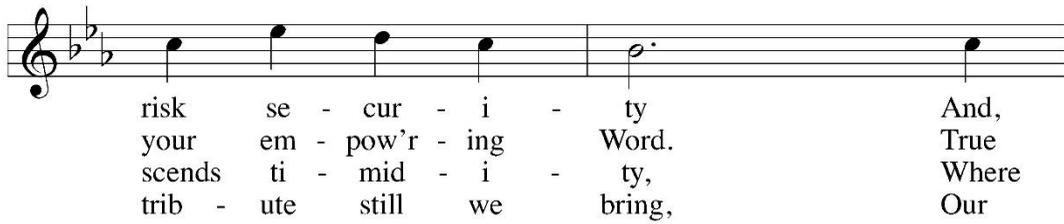
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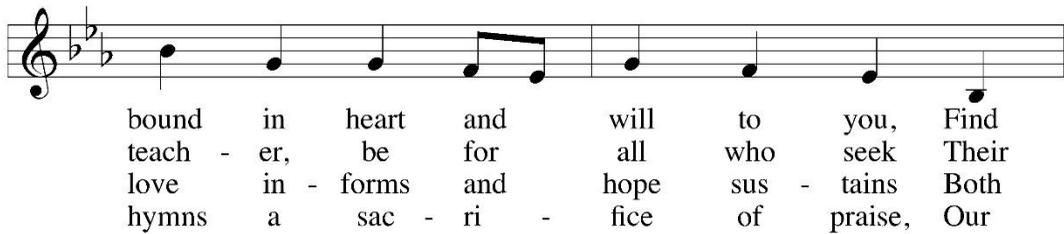
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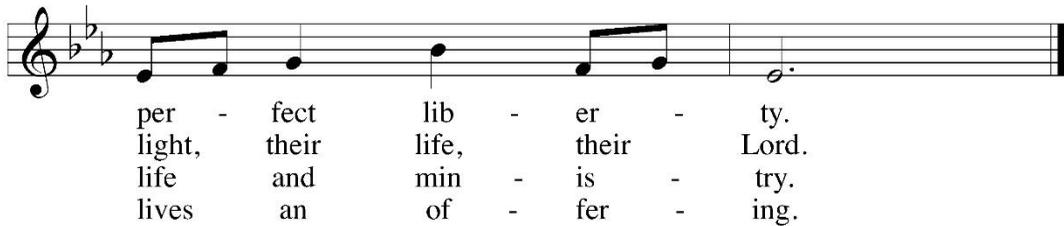
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Readings for the Week of Epiphany 3

M	Luke 4:22-30	Isaiah 19:19-25
T	Ephesians 3:1-12	Acts 13:42-52
W	John 4:4-14	John 4:15-26
R	John 4:27-42	Jonah 1 & 2
F	Romans 15:14-21	Jonah 3 & 4
S	Acts 15:7-12	Romans 11:13-22

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Musicians	Pastor Kyle Bitter, organ Kristi Meyer, handbells
Greeters	Toni Parker, John Frailing, Mark & Mary Meissner (8:00 a.m.) John & Julie Rader, Becky Rehborg, Mary Perez (10:30 a.m.)
Head Ushers	Tom Wessel (Saturday) Jon Johnson (8:00 a.m.) Michael Schneider (10:30 a.m.)
AV Operators	Dan Schmal (8:00 a.m.) Ben Haferman (10:30 a.m.)

Parents' Preview for February 2

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.

"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus" (*Christian Worship 446*)



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust -
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You
5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; You



ing on - ly you, Trust - ing you for
your feet I bow, For your grace and
the crim - son flood, Trust - ing you who
a - lone shall lead, Ev - 'ry day and
can nev - er fail. Words which you your -



full sal - va - tion, Free and true.
ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
made me ho - ly By your blood.
hour sup - ply - ing All my need.
self shall give me Must pre - vail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
And for all.

