

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 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A staffed nursery is also available during this time.

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Mission & Ministry Sunday

January 26 & 27, 2019

Light for Our Lives: Light shed on prophecy

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Lord Jesus, You Have Come (Saturday & 8:00 AM)

Christian Worship 546

We Praise You, Lord (10:30 AM)

Christian Worship 301

Holy Baptism (10:30 AM)

Christian Worship, pg. 12

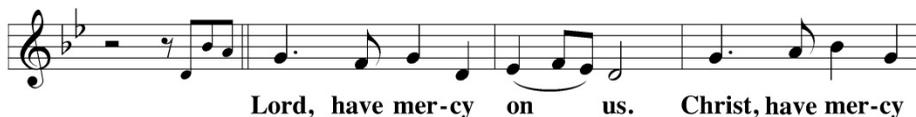
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

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.**

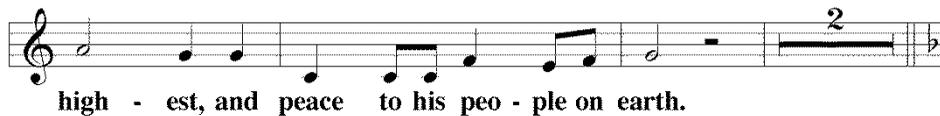
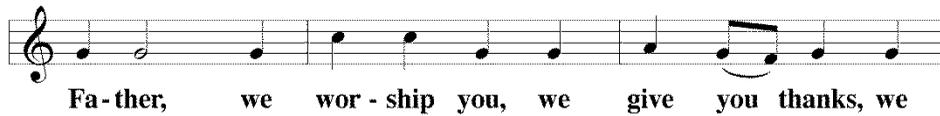
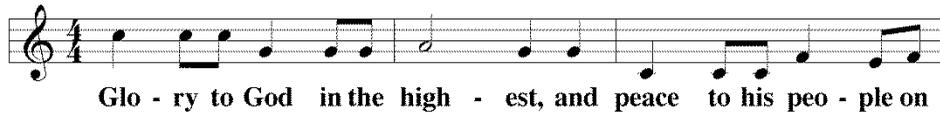


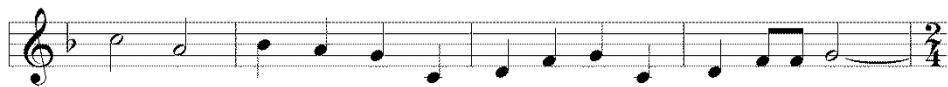
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

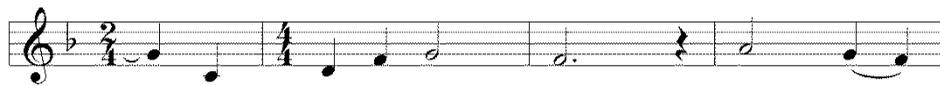
PRAYER AND PRAISE

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





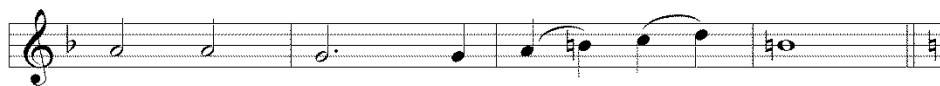
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



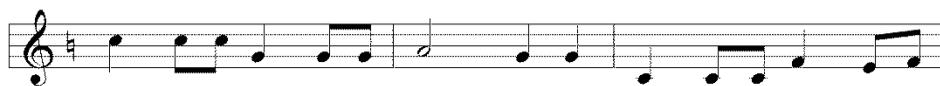
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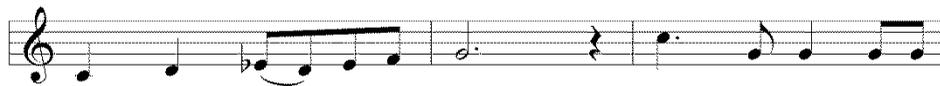
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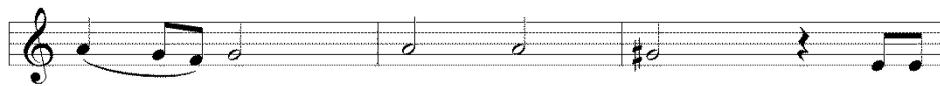
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



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!

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

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

The Israelites listened to Old Testament prophecies and waited for their fulfillment.

All the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their

hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our LORD. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19 (see pg. 13)

The prophecies of the LORD teach us and bring us joy.

Second Lesson

Acts 4:23-31

The early Christians see Christ as the fulfillment of prophecy.

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and 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 heaven 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 take their stand and the rulers gather 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 miraculous 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.

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:



Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised 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. And he stood up to read. 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 preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 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, and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”



Be seated

Anthem (Saturday)

Adult Handbell Choir

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

arranged by Sandra Eithun

Your hand, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed o’er disease and death, all darkness and the grave.
To you they came, the blind, the dumb, the paralyzed and lame,
The lepers in their misery, the sick with fevered frame.

Oh, be our great deliv'rer still, the Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with your life-giving breath,
To hands that work and eyes that see give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore.

Hymn of the Day

O God from God, O Light from Light
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Sermon

Acts 4:23-31

A Mission and Ministry Prayer

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

- M:** Dearest Lord Jesus, during this Epiphany season we thank and praise you for the wondrous works you did during your life here on earth.
- C:** **Thank you for these mighty signs and miracles that proved you are indeed the Son of God.**
- M:** Savior of the nations, we thank you for being born of a woman and coming to this earth to live as our brother – holy and without sin.
- C:** **Through your incarnation, you adopted us and made us members of your family.**
- M:** Anointed One, we thank you for your constant and unswerving adherence to your Father’s law. From your baptism in the Jordan to your ascent to the cross at Calvary, you lived a pure and holy life.
- C:** **Through your perfect life, our feeble and broken efforts to follow God’s commands are covered by your perfect obedience.**
- M:** Lamb of God, we thank you for the greatness of your love and the tenderness of your mercy that moved you to sacrifice yourself on the cross for us.
- C:** **Through your innocent death and victorious resurrection, our sins are not counted against us.**
- M:** Light of the world, we thank you for your preaching and your teaching by which you brought light to those sitting in darkness.
- C:** **Through your Word, we hear and share the good news of the salvation that is now ours.**
- Special prayers and intercessions may follow*
- M:** Alpha and Omega, bring us at last to your throne in heaven where we will offer you our unending thanks and praise.
- C:** **Until that glorious day, move us to live out this thanks and praise in everything we do. Amen.**

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (see pg. 14)

Christian Worship Supplement 771

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

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give

Christian Worship 542

Announcements

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

Serving at Worship

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| Preacher | Pastor Joel Leyrer |
| Presiding Minister | Pastor Eric Schroeder |
| Lectors | Pastor Kyle Bitter Pastor Joshua Yu |
| Musicians | Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday) Dan Schmal, organ (Sunday) |
| Adult Handbell Choir Director | Kristi Meyer |
| Greeters | Steve & Jen Wolf, John Frailing, Barb Weihing (8:00 AM) Herb & Karin Schrank, Dean & Shirley Smith (10:30 AM) |
| Head Ushers | Tom Wessel (Saturday) Jon Johnson (8:00 AM) Michael Schneider (10:30 AM) |
| AV Operators | Lyle Haferman (8:00 AM) Ben Haferman (10:30 AM) |

Worship Notes

- Tyler James Krueger, son of Richard and Nicole, nee Monczynski, Krueger, will be baptized in the 10:30 AM service. Serving as sponsors are Colleen Fitzgerald and Aaron Zamecnik.

In Our Prayers

- Joy Schnell, who remains hospitalized at Froedtert.
- Sharon Bartlein, hospitalized at Froedtert.

Psalm 19

Refrain

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone *

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The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world. *Refrain*

The law of the LORD is perfect,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold;
they are sweeter than honey.

By them is your servant taught;
in keeping them there is great reward. *Refrain*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

**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. *Refrain***

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God;
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world;
 Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine on my path
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all; The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Tune: HOUSTON (10 7 10 8 and Refrain)

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Readings for the Week of Epiphany 3

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| 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 |

