



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



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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 Bible class at 9:15 a.m.
Lutheran Theology and Its Application to Mental Health
(Fellowship Hall, lower level of church)
A staffed nursery is available during the presentation.

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

January 29 & 30, 2022

Agenda Uncovered: What must be said, not what others want to hear.

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation
arranged by Jeffrey Cadwell

Jesus Loves Me
arranged by Jayne Southwick Carol

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

How Firm a Foundation
Christian Worship 800

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

Kyrie⁺

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. **Refrain (stanza 1)**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins. **Refrain (stanza 2)**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood. **Refrain (stanza 3)**

Refrain



1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,



Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -
Chri - ste. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e -
Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -



le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.
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le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.

⁺ Although the wording “Lord, have mercy / Christ, have mercy” seems to indicate a request for God’s forgiveness, the Kyrie is actually not a confession of sins. Instead, these words could also be expressed as “Lord, help us” or “Lord, hear our prayer.” In the peace of the forgiveness given through the Absolution, we now confidently come before God and pray for the needs of ourselves, the Christian Church on earth, and the whole world.

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

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis[‡]

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrains.

Refrain

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain: "Glo-ry to God in the high - est!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God". The third staff contains the melody for the third line: "in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!".

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Refrain (sung twice)**

[‡] The Gloria begins with an echo of the angels' joyful proclamation the night of Jesus' birth: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14). On that night, their praise gave voice to the good news that the Son of God had come in the flesh. Ever since, the Church continues to rejoice in this miracle of our salvation. These opening words are followed by a hymn of praise, glory, and thanks to the triune God.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; 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

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Jeremiah's agenda was clear: preach God's words, not what Judah wanted to hear.

The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 71B

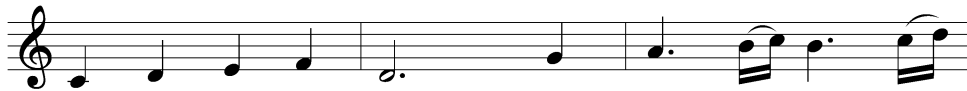
Refrain



LORD, in your mer-cy, hear my prayer. LORD, hear my prayer.



1 LORD, as I age, as foes con - spire, I
2 For since you took me from the womb, through
3 O throw me not a - side, my God, when
4 Your right - eous - ness tran - scends the skies, your



beg you, in dis - tress, O Ho - ly One of
man - y bit - ter days, my teach - er you have
I am old and gray. I must de - clare your
splen - dor I a - dore. I'll hope in you each

Refrain



Is - ra - el, re - spond in right - eous - ness.
al - ways been, my hope, my con - stant praise.
might - y acts to this and ev - 'ry age.
day you grant and praise you more and more.

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Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Timothy's agenda was clear: preach the word, not what people wanted to hear.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:43

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God,
because that is why I was sent.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 4:38–44

Jesus' agenda was clear: preach the good news of the kingdom of God.

Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Grades K5 - 2

Faithfully Follow
by Mary Dorn Lippert

Faithfully follow his path,
In the years that lie before you.
Other pathways wind, and fool the mind;
God's changeless path is true.

Walk in the light of his Word;
Do not fear what is not known,
For Christ is there, taking care,
Keeping you as his own.

Through the Spirit he has sought you;
He has taught you till this day
That the blood of Jesus bought you,
And paves the righteous way!

Faithfully follow his path;
Trust the work of Christ alone,
And he will be lovingly,
Bringing you safely home.
To your heav'nly home!

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Hymn of the Day

Seek Where You May to Find a Way
Christian Worship 698

Sermon

Luke 4:38-44

A Day in the Life of Christ

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all people, that we might have confidence in our right standing before you because of the perfect righteousness that comes only from Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For this congregation, that the mercy we have received might show itself through service to our neighbors in a reflection of the love we know in our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all Christians, that we might be granted a genuine and repentant faith that turns from our sins and trusts in Christ for forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For this country, that those whom you have placed into positions of public trust might serve honorably and be given our honor and respect, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the sick and suffering, that you might grant them relief from pain and healing for their afflictions according to your will, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

For these things and for whatever else you know that we need, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

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

Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

Congregation: stanzas 1 & 3; choir: stanza 2 (Sunday)

Christian Worship 859

Please stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, 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

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Christian Worship 640

Announcements

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arranged by John Carter

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Serving at Worship

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Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Musicians

Mandy Treder, piano

Paula Rauth, flute

Becky Rehborg & Carrie Tanner, clarinet

Kristi Meyer, handbells

In Our Prayers

- Sue Pappalardo, who remains hospitalized due to COVID-related issues and whose scheduled move to an intermediate care facility last week was delayed.
- Carol Hanson, who was re-hospitalized last week due to COVID-related issues but who is now convalescing at home.

Parents' Preview for February 6

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.

Psalm 67



1 O God, show us your mer-cy and bless us with your grace;
and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your face,
that so your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav-ing grace be shown.
Let all the peo-ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;
in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.

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Readings for the Week of Epiphany 4

M	Zechariah 10:1-11:3	2 Timothy 3:1-17
T	Zechariah 11:4-17	2 Timothy 4:1-18
W	Zechariah 12:1-13:9	Titus 1:1-2:6
R	Zechariah 14:1-21	Titus 2:7-3:15
F	Job 1:1-22	John 1:1-18
S	Job 2:1-3:10	John 1:19-34

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

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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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