

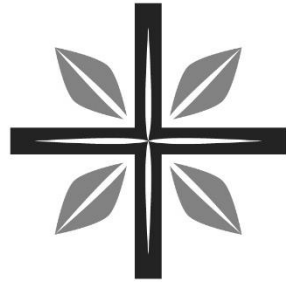


St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



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.

The First Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2021

What Child Is This? Our Substitute and Sacrifice

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Christian Worship 356

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.**

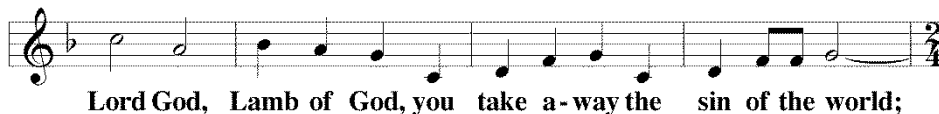
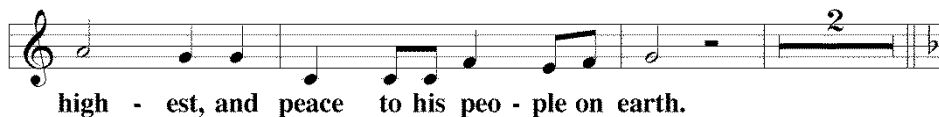
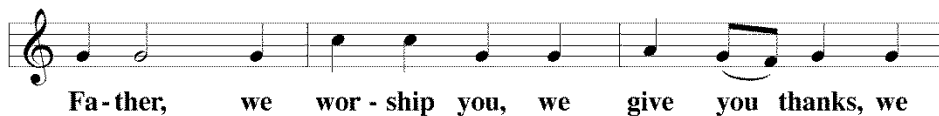
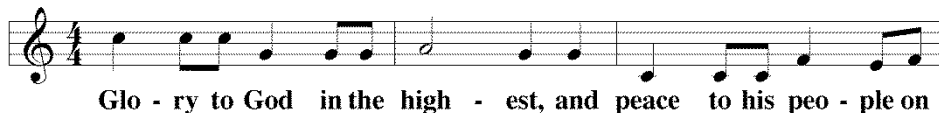
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on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

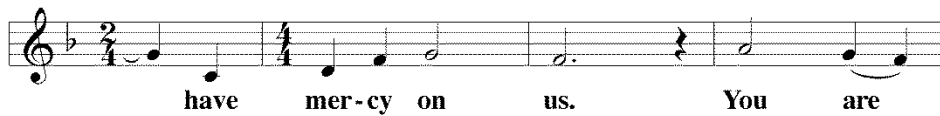
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

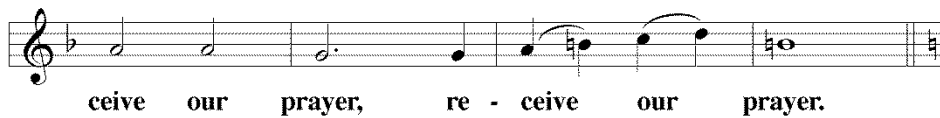




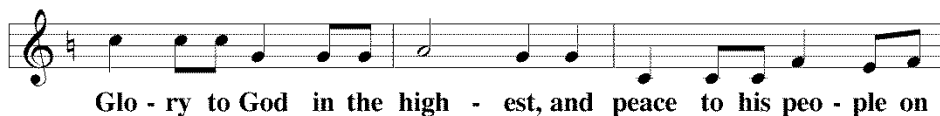
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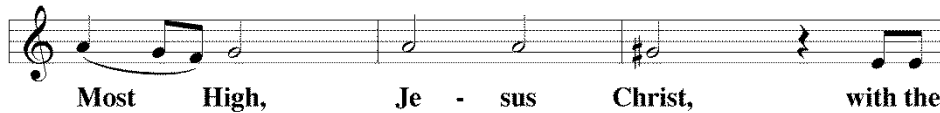
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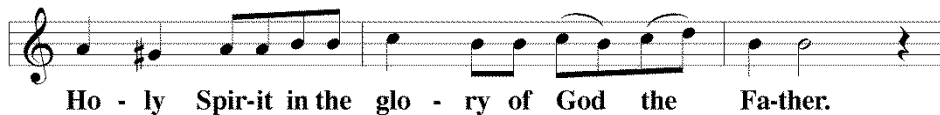
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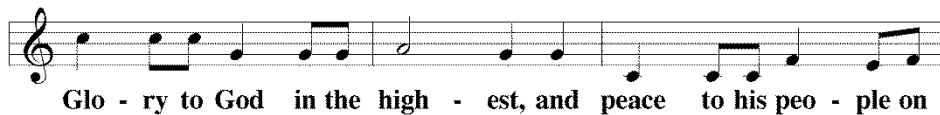
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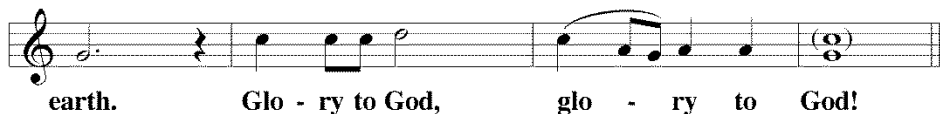
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Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



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, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming, deliver us from the corruption of our sin, and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ 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 50:4-9

The servant of the LORD – this child, Jesus, our substitute and sacrifice – was perfectly obedient.

The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious;
I have not drawn back.

I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;

I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.

Who is he that will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment;
the moths will eat them up.

The author of our salvation – this child, Jesus, our substitute and sacrifice – made us holy.

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers;
in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.”

And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I,
and the children God has given me.”

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia, alleluia. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people. 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!

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be common time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!" are written in a bold, sans-serif font, with hyphens under the words "Glo-ry" and "be" to indicate syllable placement.

This child, Jesus – our substitute and sacrifice – was eager to be in the house of God.

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.



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

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Let All Together Praise Our God

Christian Worship 355

Sermon

Luke 2:41-52

Believe the Christmas Story

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: O God our Savior, you fulfilled your promises to our forefathers by humbling yourself to be born of the Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation.

C: **Move your whole Church on earth to resound in praise for the gift of forgiveness you delivered to us.**

M: O God our Savior, grant that the light of your forgiveness may shine forth to all those living in darkness. By the power of the Holy Spirit, change the hearts of all those lost in unbelief.

C: **Lead people to repentance that they may cling to you, the one who came to break sin's dreadful curse.**

M: O God our Savior, at just the right time you became flesh to redeem those who are born under the law. Because of your redemption, we are now adopted children of your Father.

C: **Comfort those struggling with troubles and afflictions and assure them of your abiding presence.**

M: O God our Savior, you were placed into an earthly family and were taught by your parents as you grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and men.

C: **Fill us and all our children with a fervor to be in your house. Instill in us a desire to listen, understand, and grow in grace and our knowledge of you.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: O God our Savior, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray.

C: **Having been brought to faith by your word of truth, we trust in your promise to hear and answer our prayers. 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

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night
Christian Worship 335

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

Joy Has Dawned[†]
Christian Worship 352

Announcements

Postlude

[†] This hymn, new to *Christian Worship* but known to those who are familiar with the music of Keith and Kristyn Getty, features a simple yet profound text and simple yet rich music. "Joy Has Dawned" is also a favorite of our school children – a favorite that they sang for their Christmas Eve worship service this year.

Serving at Worship

Preacher

Pastor Kyle Bitter

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Schroeder

Musician

Lisa Eggebrecht, organ

In Our Prayers

- Sue Pappalardo, who remains hospitalized at Columbia-St. Mary's for COVID-related issues.

Parents' Preview for January 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.

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

(Christian Worship 347)



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Ma - gi, leave your con - tem - pla-tions; Brigh - ter vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in



all the earth; Once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry;
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing—
beam a - far. Seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
Yon - der shines the in - fant light. Come and wor - ship,
You have seen the Sav - ior's star.
In his tem - ple shall ap - pear.



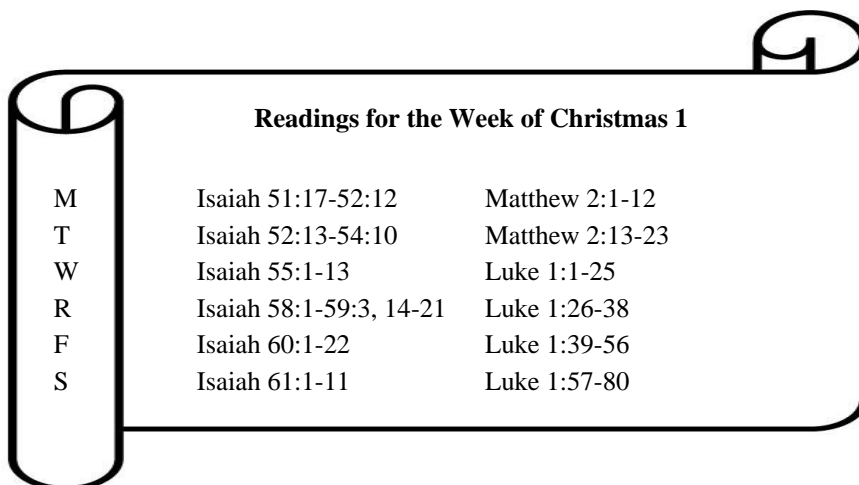
come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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Readings for the Week of Christmas 1		
M	Isaiah 51:17-52:12	Matthew 2:1-12
T	Isaiah 52:13-54:10	Matthew 2:13-23
W	Isaiah 55:1-13	Luke 1:1-25
R	Isaiah 58:1-59:3, 14-21	Luke 1:26-38
F	Isaiah 60:1-22	Luke 1:39-56
S	Isaiah 61:1-11	Luke 1:57-80

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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