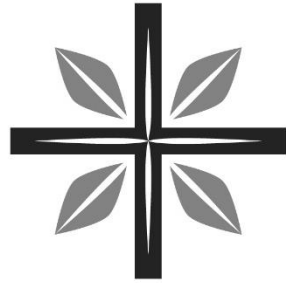


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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.

The First Sunday After Christmas

December 29, 2019

Promises Kept: The Lord has redeemed his people.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Christian Worship 34

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.**

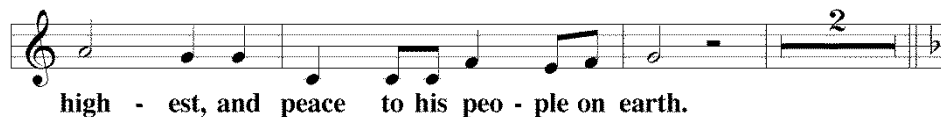
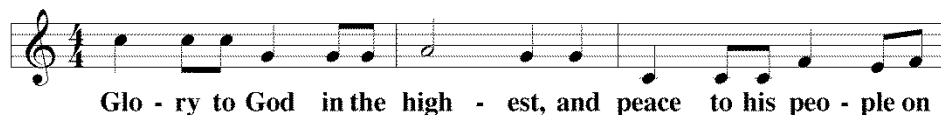
Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.


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.

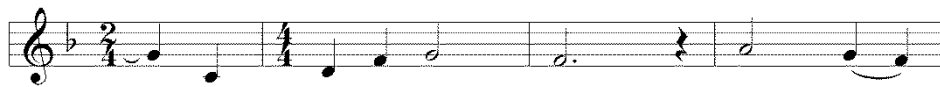
PRAYER AND PRAISE

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;




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.



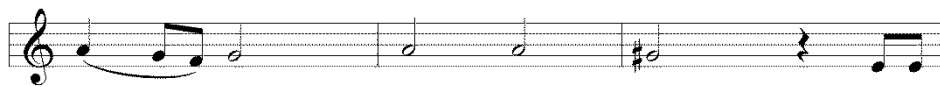
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,



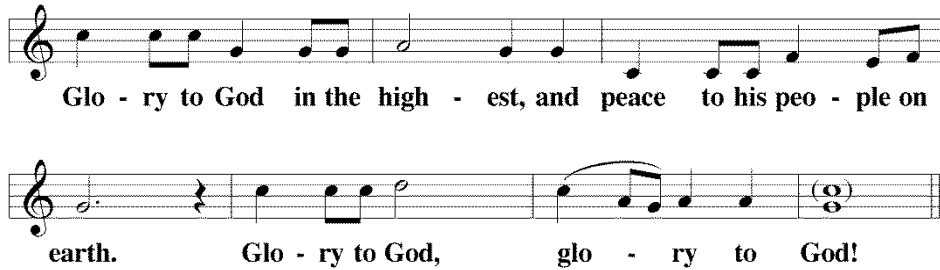
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



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



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

Hosea 11:1-7

The LORD cared for his people Israel even though they strayed from him.

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me.

They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images.

It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms;

but they did not realize it was I who healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love;

I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them.

Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent?

Swords will flash in their cities, will destroy the bars of their gates and put an end to their plans.

My people are determined to turn from me.

Even if they call to the Most High, he will by no means exalt them.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 2

The LORD cares for his people and protects them from those who stand against him.

Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone

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Why do the nations conspire
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.

Refrain

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD.
He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

**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

Second Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

God cared for his people and called them sons and heirs.

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. 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 2:13-15, 19-23

God cared for his Son and protected him from King Herod.

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”



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 41

Sermon

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Saved from the Monsters

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 and stature, and in 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

Peace Came to Earth (see pg. 12)
Christian Worship Supplement 707

Please stand

M: 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.

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

Go, Tell It On the Mountain
Christian Worship 57

Announcements

Postlude

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



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And
 The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The
 In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In
 How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but
 wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but
 bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but
 else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
 sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
 see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
 pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.

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Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Presiding Minister	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Musician	Eric Sipe, organ
Greeters	Dave & Dana Leyrer (8:00 a.m.) Matt & Jenny Bahr, Jessica Gromacki, Paula Rauth (10:30 a.m.)
Head Ushers	Mark Meissner (8:00 a.m.) Rick Yahn (10:30 a.m.)
AV Operators	Dan Schmal (8:00 a.m.) Ben Haferman (10:30 a.m.)

Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are placed by Mike and Marlene Cox in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and in thanks for blessings received.

In Our Prayers

- Friends and family of Mary Beth Whritenour, who went to be with her Lord on Thursday, December 19, at the age of 98.

Parents' Preview for January 5

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.

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (*Christian Worship 250*)



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal is your



praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
glo - rious Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till



ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia!
suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Readings for the Week of Christmas 1		
M	John 12: 25-43	Isaiah 49:7-13
T	John 12:44-50	2 Corinthians 5:1-8
W	Luke 4:16-21	Deuteronomy 33:26-29
R	Isaiah 43:16-19	Acts 4:8-12
F	Joshua 1:1-9	Romans 14:7-9
S	James 4:13-17	Micah 7:7-10a, 18-20

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