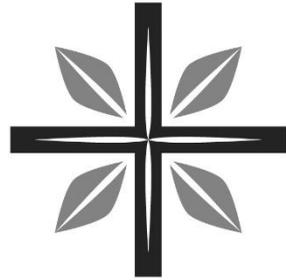




# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## 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 & 30, 2018

God's Promise Kept: Light in the darkness

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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Christian Worship 61*

**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.**

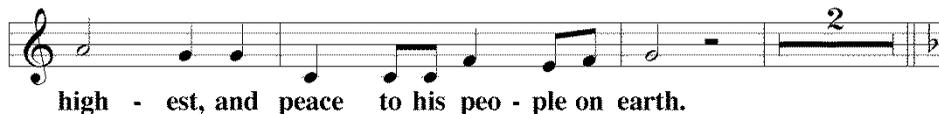
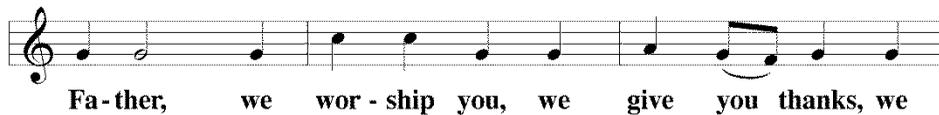
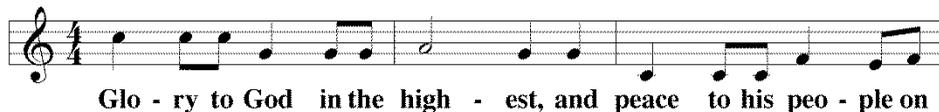
Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

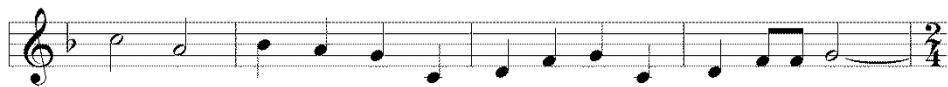
**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

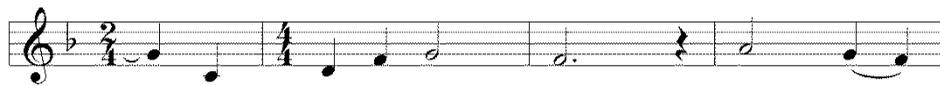
## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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





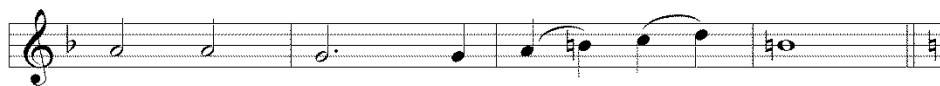
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



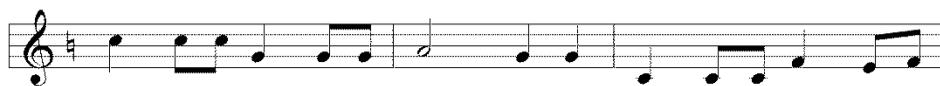
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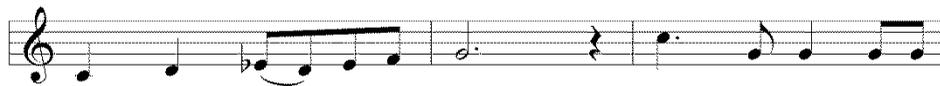
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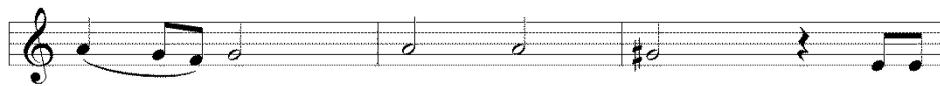
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



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, 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**

**1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

*Samuel obeyed his earthly parents, but he also obeyed the LORD's will.*

But Samuel was ministering before the LORD – a boy wearing a linen ephod. Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD.” Then they would go home.

And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men.

*We strive to follow the LORD'S precepts and obey his will.*

*Refrain*

Sing to the Lord a new song, for  
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

*Psalm tone*

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Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate. ***Refrain***

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**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*****

*Through his suffering and his sharing in our humanity, Jesus obeyed God's will.*

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**

**M:** Alleluia, alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Jesus obeyed his earthly parents, but he also obeyed his Father's will.*

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 41*

**Sermon**

**Luke 2:41-52**

Searching and Finding

† **Gospel Acclamation:** After hearing the words of Jesus in the Gospel, the congregation responds joyously with the *Gospel Acclamation*: "Praise be to you, O Christ." We praise our crucified and risen Lord whose words we heard in the Gospel and who fulfills all of God's Old and New Testament promises.

*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](http://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**

**What Child Is This**  
*Christian Worship 67*

*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**

**Angels We Have Heard On High**  
*Christian Worship 63*

**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

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Joel Leyrer
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Eric Schroeder
<b>Musicians</b>	Eric Sipe, organ (Saturday) Lisa Eggebrecht, organ (Sunday)
<b>Head Ushers</b>	Tom Wessel (Saturday) Jon Johnson (8:00 AM) Michael Schneider (10:30 AM)
<b>Greeters</b>	Paul Katzer, Kathryn Hendee, Mark & Mary Gaub (8:00 AM) John & Julie Rader, Marcus & Karah Radue (10:30 AM)

## Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are placed by Mark and Michelle Rhyner in celebration of their daughter Kaitlyn's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and blessings received.
- The flowers on the standards are placed by Debbie Bye in celebration of the upcoming wedding of Jacob Cook and Melissa Corkum on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and for blessings received.

## In Our Prayers

- Melissa Corkum and Jacob Cook, who will be married at St. John's on December 31.
- Joy Schnell, who remains hospitalized at Froedtert

# Parents' Preview for January 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.

## Verse of the Day Response

The Verse of the Day is a familiar Scriptural text which is chosen based on the season of the church year. This response is sung immediately after the Verse of the Day and looks forward to the Gospel.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

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**Readings for the Week of Christmas 1**

M	New Year's Eve	
T	New Year's Day	
W	Luke 4: 16-21.....	Deuteronomy 33:26-29
TH	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

