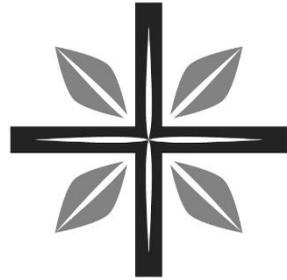




# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## 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, assisted listening devices, children's service folders, and children's worship notes are available from the ushers.
- 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.
- 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 Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in God's Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God's Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such "communion fellowship" together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

# The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 15 & 16, 2020

The Savior's Sermon: Live a holy life!

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## Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

### Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

*Christian Worship 227*

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

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

*Please kneel*

**C:** Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

*Please stand*

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

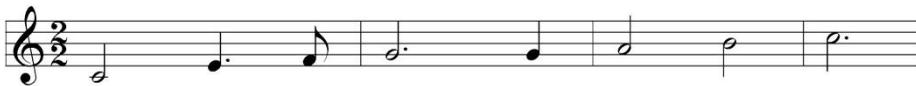
**C:** **Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C:** **Amen.**



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,  
 For all, O Father, you have done  
 Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
 We by your Spirit sing a gain:



Your favor toward our fallen race.  
 Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.  
 From God's right hand, your mercy share.  
 "All glory be to God!" Amen.

**Prayer of the Day**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; 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**

**2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26-27**

*David's unholy life showed in his sins of adultery and murder.*

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself

from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.”

So David sent this word to Joab: “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent him to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master’s servants and did not go down to his house.

When David was told, “Uriah did not go home,” he asked him, “Haven’t you just come from a distance? Why didn’t you go home?”

Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my lord’s men are camped in the open fields. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!”

Then David said to him, “Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, “Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.”

So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David’s army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 119a

*Our unholy lives show in our struggle to obey God’s precepts.*

### Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

### Psalm tone



Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his statutes  
and seek him with all their heart.

You have laid down precepts  
that are to be fully obeyed. **Refrain**

Oh, that my ways were steadfast  
in obeying your decrees!

Then I would not be put to shame  
when I consider all your commands.

I will praise you with an upright heart  
as I learn your righteous laws.

**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

## 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

*God has called us to live a holy life: a life that pleases him.*

Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

**Verse of the Day**

**M:** Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

**Gospel****Matthew 5:21-37**

*Living a holy life involves more than just outward actions.*

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’ But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

**Anthem (Saturday)**  
*Adult Handbell Choir*

**God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**  
*arranged by Cathy Marker*

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,  
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space:  
We, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you;  
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew:  
Children of creative purpose, serving others, hon'ring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun;  
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

**Anthem (Sunday)**  
*Junior Handbell Choir*

**For the Beauty of the Earth**  
*arranged by Valerie Stephenson*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to our race so freely given!  
For the great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**Hymn of the Day**

**Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening**  
*Christian Worship 283*

**Sermon**

**1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

The Life That Pleases God

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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**

*The minister says the Prayer of the Church.*

## **THE SACRAMENT**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**M:** All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, heavenly Father. You pierced the gloomy darkness of sin and unbelief with the brilliant light of your Son. You guided the Magi to worship the Christ and revealed the mystery of your eternal plan to save both Jew and Gentile. You declared Jesus your beloved Son at the Jordan River and, with your Spirit, you anointed him to be the Savior of all people.

Bless our reception of your Son's body and blood that we may shine with the joy of faith. Use this most Holy Sacrament to illumine our lives and minds with Christ's forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive endless honor, glory, and praise from every tribe and language and people and nation.

**C: 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.**

## **Words of Institution**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*

*To receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle and exit via the side aisles.  
 Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine.  
 Personal prayers for communion can be found on pg. 11 of Christian Worship.*

**Distribution Hymns**

**O God, My Faithful God**  
*Christian Worship 459*

**Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face***Christian Worship 315**Please stand*

O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace, as -  
 sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -  
 car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -  
 light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,  
 crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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**

**Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name (stanzas 1 & 4)**

*Christian Worship 321*

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

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

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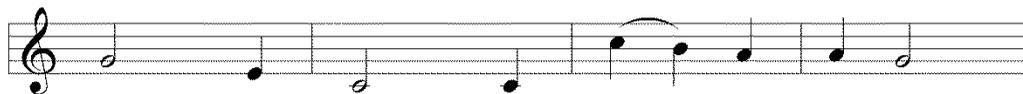
## Church of God, Elect and Glorious



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious,  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple,  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly,



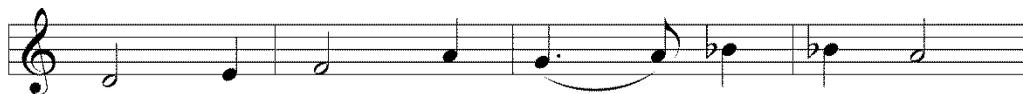
Ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race;  
 In - to his most mar - v'ulous light,  
 Stran - gers to God's heart of love;  
 Be the peo - ple he in - tends;



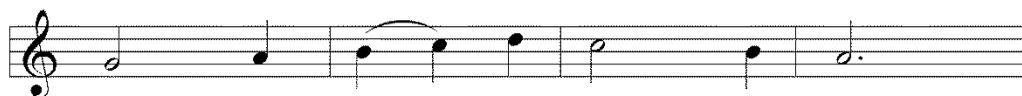
Called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple,  
 Brought his truth to life with - in you,  
 But he brought you home in mer - cy,  
 Strong in faith and swift to an - swer



Roy - al priests and heirs of grace:  
 Turned your blind - ness in - to sight.  
 Cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.  
 Each com - mand your mas - ter sends:



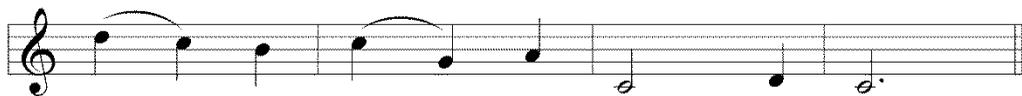
Know the pur - pose of your call - ing.  
 Let your light so shine a - round you  
 Let his love flow out to oth - ers;  
 Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all his might - y deeds;  
That God's name is glo - ri - fied  
Let them feel a Fa - ther's care;  
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer;



Tell of love that knows no lim - its,  
And all find fresh hope and pur - pose  
That they too may know his wel - come  
Give your lives in joy - ful ser - vice—



Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
And his count - less bless - ings share.  
Sing his praise, his love de - clare.

*This hymn emphasizes how Christians naturally fulfill what God has created and called them to be in Christ Jesus.*

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<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Eric Schroeder
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joel Leyrer
<b>Musicians</b>	Mandy Treder, organ (Saturday) Dan Schmal, organ (Sunday)
<b>Adult Handbell Choir Director</b>	Kristi Meyer
<b>Junior Handbell Choir Director</b>	Julie Handeland
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Larry Totsky, Bill Dittman, Dan Ebeling (8:00 a.m.) Brian Treichel, Scott Uecker, Eric Zabell (10:30 a.m.)
<b>Greeters</b>	Adam & Jenny Greggs, Peter & Sharon Trettin (8:00 a.m.) Barb Bergquist, Matt & Jenny Bahr, Christian Willick (10:30 a.m.)
<b>Head Ushers</b>	Rick Yahn (Saturday); Tom Wessel (8:00 a.m.); Doug Knuth (10:30 a.m.)
<b>AV Operators</b>	Lyle Haferman (8:00 a.m.); Ben Haferman (10:30 a.m.)

## Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are placed by Barbara J. Weihing in memory of her father Gilbert W. and brothers Gordon George and Merle Robert Weihing

## In Our Prayers

- St. John's teacher David Leyrer, as he deliberates the two divine calls he now holds.
- Dominic Boettcher and Mary Hansen, who will be united in marriage here at St. John's on Saturday, February 22.

## Parents' Preview for February 23

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.

### Gospel Acclamation

These responses are sung after the announcement of the Gospel (first music line) and after its reading (second music line). We praise our crucified and risen Lord whose words we hear in the Gospel.



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#### Readings for the Week of Epiphany 6

M	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	Matthew 9:9-13
T	Philippians 1:27-30	Genesis 3:1-15
W	Romans 3:21-28	Matthew 19:17-30
R	1 Corinthians 3:5-9	Genesis 6:9-22
F	Matthew 10:40-42	Genesis 7:17 – 8:4
S	Luke 17:5-10	Genesis 8:15-22

