



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, 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.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- 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 Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

February 20, 2022

Reactions Uncovered: Love Your Enemies; Overcome Evil With Good.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*The congregation is invited to sing the **bold stanza***

Prep Singers

arranged by Lloyd Larson

Alleluia!

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend.
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Alleluia! Amen!

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Built on the Rock

Prep Singers

arranged by F. Melius Christiansen

Built on the Rock the church doth stand, even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, but above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet he whom heavens cannot contain chose to abide on earth with men,
Built in our bodies his temple.

Built on the Rock the church doth stand, even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; bells still are chiming and calling.

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Give Glory, All Creation

Prep Singers
arranged by John Leavitt

Give glory, all creation, great seas and stars and blazing sun,
All join in adoration before the only holy One!
The God eternal name him, the One who rules alone;
The King of kings acclaim him upon a heav'nly throne!
No light exists without him, no life but by his Word,
So gather, all, about him and own him our God, our Lord!

No realm is there so spacious, no rule demanding greater might;
No one is there so gracious, yet just and holy, good and right;
Beyond all comprehension, beyond the last surprise,
Comes Love's divine invention: This God for creatures dies!
No wonder angels praise him and live in constant awe,
Should not all creatures raise him an endless Alleluia?

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Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Please kneel

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Please stand

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; 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

Genesis 45:3–15

Although Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, God overcame that evil with good.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

"You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 12:14–21

*Paul calls on us to love our enemies, overcome evil with good,
and live in harmony with one another.*

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry,
feed him;
if he is thirsty,
give him something to drink.
In doing this,
you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Secure

Prep Singers
words by Susan Bentall Boersma
music by Craig Courtney

A storm is raging, Lord.
The boat I sail is small and, oh, so frail.
The wind is blowing, Lord.
I cannot hold the course against the gale.
The lightning strikes on ev'ry side, nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.
Your hand alone can hold the tide, Lord, rescue me.

I am sinking, Lord.
The boat is taking water, going down.
Part the waters, Lord.
I long to plant my feet on solid ground.
Oh, Lord of earth and sky and sea, your hand is reaching out to me,
I know that you have heard my plea, my hope is sure.
I am secure.

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The Morning Trumpet

Prep Singers
arranged by Michael Richardson

O when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?
And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?

Refrain: O shout Glory! I shall mount above the skies
When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

But now I am a soldier; my captain's gone before,
And I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
He's given me my orders and he bids me ne'er give o'er,
Till I hear the trumpet sound in that morning. *Refrain*

When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?
And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning? *Refrain*

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Create in Me

Prep Singers
arranged by Franklin Zabell

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Amen.

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Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior
Christian Worship 729

Undeserved Love

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**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, 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 truly 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.**

Prayer of the Church

The minister says the Prayer of the Church.

Be seated

Adult Confirmation (10:30 a.m.)

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.



Please stand

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



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

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to 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.

Words of Institution

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.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



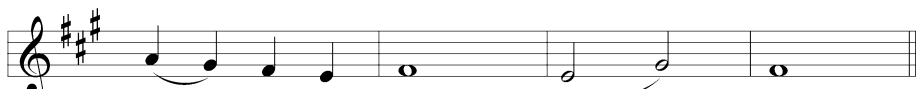
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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

The Scriptures teach us that receiving the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of shared belief. Therefore, we ask our guests who are not members of a WELS or ELS congregation to refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until they have had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors about our beliefs and practice.

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. 15 of the service folder.

Distribution Hymns

This Is My Will
Christian Worship 728

O God, My Faithful God
Christian Worship 740

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior
Christian Worship 659

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Go † in peace.

Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Christian Worship 730

Announcements

Postlude

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Personal Prayer for Before Communion

Heavenly Father, through this sacrament you invite me to receive your Son’s body and blood. I thank you for this gift of grace and for your forgiveness given here. Lead me to your altar with a humble and repentant heart. Strengthen me with your presence through the communion present in this meal. Amen.

Personal Prayer for After Communion

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Serving at Worship

Preacher

Pastor Kyle Bitter

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Leyrer

Musician

Mandy Treder, organ

Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Dominic and Mary Boettcher in celebration of their 2nd wedding anniversary.
- We welcome Nicole Braegelmann, Kevin Davis, and Dillon Forester into membership by adult confirmation.

In Our Prayers

- JoAnn Schoeneck, rehabilitating in a nearby facility after recent hip surgery.
- Sue Pappalardo, undergoing evaluation in Madison for a potential lung transplant.

THE PREP SINGERS

Randy Bode, director

SOPRANO

Annemarie Backus	Watertown, WI
Ella Bergemann	Bolingbrook, IL
Aubrey Bode	Helena, MT
Elizabeth Boughton	Morton Grove, IL
Audrey deBoer	Racine, WI
Sophia Eckl	Ixonia, WI
Katelyn Gilkey	Sparks, NV
Maureen Habben	Flagstaff, AZ
Kate Smith	McKinney, TX
Mae Stangl	Watertown, WI
Sandra Toyoda-Bell	Baraboo, WI

TENOR

Jeremiah Bain	Appleton, WI
Thomas Balge	New Ulm, MN
Benjamin Felgenhauer	Zambia, Africa
Jason Horn	Lafayette, IN
Caleb Hirsch	Jefferson, WI
Caleb Jensen	Ixonia, WI
Matthew Koelpin	Dallas, TX
Jeremiah Stanton	Milwaukee, WI
Marcus Winkel	Milwaukee, WI
Lucas Tortorice	Odessa, FL

ALTO

Anastasia Alexandrowicz	Crivitz, WI
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Jamilah Robinson	Watertown, WI
Megan Sauer	Sturgeon Bay, WI
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Katie Schoeneck	College Station, TX
Rachel Schoeneck	College Station, TX
Elizabeth Rutschow	Cottonwood, AZ
Eleanor Tomhave	Lake Mills, WI
Alana Sulzle	Redwood Falls, MN

BASS

Isaac Boettcher	Alberta, Canada
Benjamin Frick	Waukesha, WI
Elijah Hutchinson	Racine, WI
Thomas Koelpin	Folsom, CA
Paul Kuske	Baraboo, WI
Cameron Lange	Maumee, OH
Timothy Manning	Fort Myers, FL
Owen Prah	Peyton, CO
Joseph Schultz	Rhineland, WI

Sunday Bible Study

A new Sunday morning Bible study begins next Sunday, February 27, at 9:15 a.m.

Christ Will Be of No Advantage to You:

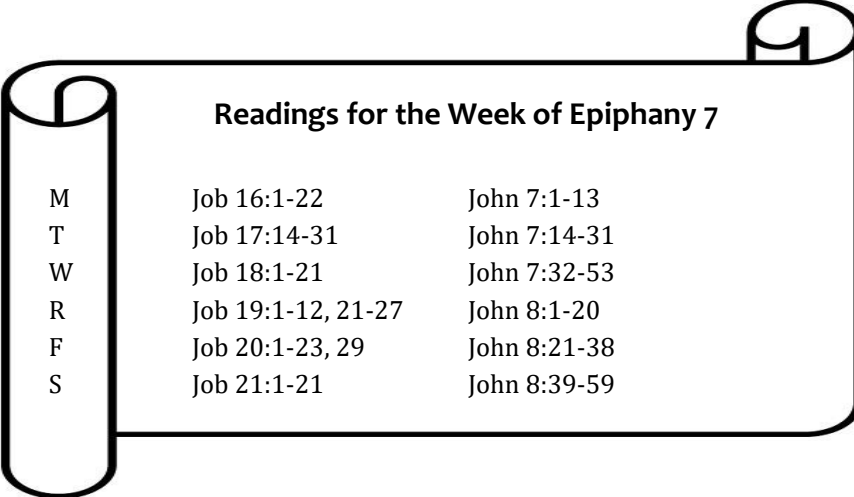
Paul's Case Against Salvation by Law in Galatians

Taught by Rev. Dr. Wade Johnson (Wisconsin Lutheran College)

In this course, we will explore one of the earliest challenges that sprang up among the congregations founded by the Apostle Paul. While the law of God is good and wise, it cannot deliver salvation. No law can do that. Salvation is a gift. Nevertheless, some insisted that Christians must still observe certain Old Testament ceremonial laws in order to be righteous.

In response, Paul warned that Christ would be of no advantage to those who did so.

Together we will explore why, using Paul's Letter to the Galatians as our guide.



Readings for the Week of Epiphany 7		
M	Job 16:1-22	John 7:1-13
T	Job 17:14-31	John 7:14-31
W	Job 18:1-21	John 7:32-53
R	Job 19:1-12, 21-27	John 8:1-20
F	Job 20:1-23, 29	John 8:21-38
S	Job 21:1-21	John 8:39-59

Lent Worship Opportunities

Midweek Lent services are held on Wednesdays at 3:30 (broadcast online) and 6:45 p.m.

March 2: Ash Wednesday

March 9: Midweek Lent 2

“Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You”

Pastor Kyle Bitter

March 16: Midweek Lent 3

“They Bound Him”

Pastor Joel Leyrer

March 23: Midweek Lent 4

What to Remember When You Are Seized
with Remorse

Pastor Ben Wessel

March 30: Midweek Lent 5

The Semblence of Legality

Pastor Tom Kneser

April 6: Midweek Lent 6

A Part for the Whole

Pastor Mark Aufdemberg

April 14: Maundy Thursday

3:30 & 6:45 p.m. worship with Holy Communion

April 15: Good Friday

1:00 p.m. worship with Holy Communion

6:45 p.m. Tenebrae worship

April 17: Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. sunrise worship

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. festival worship



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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