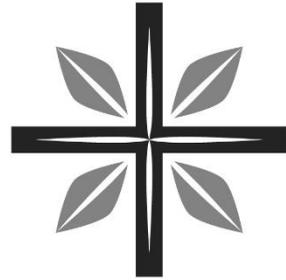


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



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.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 a.m.
The Judges and Their Times: Fellowship Hall, lower level of church
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany[†]

February 23 & 24, 2019

Light for Our Lives: Light found in love

Prelude

It Is Well With My Soul
arranged by Sharon Wilson

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
arranged by Lloyd Larson

Concerto No 4 in E flat Major, Romanza
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Love in Christ is Strong and Living
Christian Worship 490

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.

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.**

[†] **Sundays After Epiphany:** The liturgical color for the Sundays during the season of Epiphany (with the exception of the Baptism of Our Lord and Transfiguration) is *green*. The color green is associated with growth. During the Epiphany season, a season celebrating Jesus' revealing as the Savior of the world, green marks the growth of the Church as this Savior is proclaimed to the nations.

Kyrie⁺

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. *Refrain (stanza 1)*

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins. *Refrain (stanza 2)*

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood. *Refrain (stanza 3)*

Refrain:

Cantor



1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,

All



Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -
Chri - ste. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e -
Ky - ri - e. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e -



le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.
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le - i - son, Ky - ri - e.

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

⁺ **Kyrie:** The Kyrie (translated from Greek as “Lord, have mercy/Christ, have mercy”) has been used as a response by the Christian church since ancient times. We sing the Kyrie as a penitential plea for forgiveness to the triune God. The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrains as marked.

The congregation is invited to join in singing all the refrains.

Refrain:

Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God

in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Refrain (sung twice)**

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; through your Son, 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

Genesis 45:3-8a, 15

Despite being sold into slavery, Joseph reflected the selfless love of God to his brothers.

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 not be 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.” And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 103

The LORD lavishes his selfless love on us and does not treat us as our sins deserve.

Refrain



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with love and compassion. **Refrain**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us. ***Refrain***

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it, and it is gone.

But the LORD's love is with those who fear him
from everlasting to everlasting.

**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

Romans 12:14-21

Paul calls upon his recipients to reflect the selfless love of God to those around them.

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 everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my 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.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.

Please stand

Gospel**Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus contrasts human love and action with his own selfless love.

“But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. 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 sons 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.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated

Anthem

Adult Handbell Choir

Lift High the Cross

arranged by Lloyd Larson

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior
Christian Worship 492

Sermon

Romans 12:14-21

“Where is Justice?”

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

Handbell Duet

We Sing the Mighty Power of God

arranged by Larry Sue

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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

M: For all people, that we might have confidence in our right standing before you because of the perfect righteousness that comes only from Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

M: For this congregation, that the mercy we have received might show itself through service to our neighbors in a reflection of the love we know in our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

M: For all Christians, that we might be granted a genuine and repentant faith that turns from our sins and trusts in Christ for forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

M: For this country, that those whom you have placed into positions of public trust might serve honorably and be given our honor and respect, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

M: For the sick and suffering, that you might grant them relief from pain and healing for their afflictions according to your will, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: For these things and for whatever else you know that we need, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

Be seated

Hymn

When Peace Like a River (see pg. 13)
Christian Worship Supplement 760

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

The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me (see pg. 14)
Christian Worship Supplement 749

Announcements

Postlude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
arranged by Robert J. Powell

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

Preacher	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Musicians	Rachel Wendland, piano (Saturday) Mandy Treder & Pastor Kyle Bitter, piano (Sunday) Paula Rauth, flute Kathryn Hendee & Mike Swenson, French horn Kristi Meyer & Katie Wierer, handbells
Adult Handbell Choir Director	Kristi Meyer
Greeters	Dave & Dana Leyrer, Mark & Mary Meissner (8:00 a.m.) Barb Bergquist, Lorna Leyrer, Toni Parker, Sally Parker (10:30 a.m.)
Head Ushers	Michael Schneider (Saturday) Mark Meissner (8:00 a.m.) Matt Bahr (10:30 a.m.)
AV Operators	Lyle Haferman (8:00 a.m.) Brian Cleary (10:30 a.m.)

In Our Prayers

- **Donna Ibisch, hospitalized at Elmbrook**
- **Sharon Bartlein, now convalescing at Linden Grove Skilled Care Facility in New Berlin**
- **Pastor Joel Gerlach, Released from the hospital and now recovering at home from his surgery.**
- **Lamb of God Sofia Grace Satermo, daughter of Cinthia and Dan Satermo, who will be baptized today following the 10:30 service.**

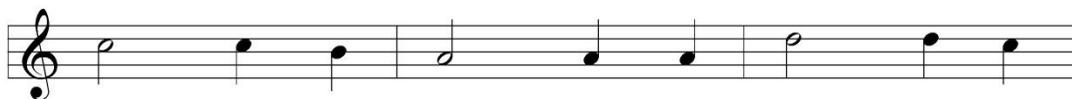
When Peace Like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my
 2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well

with my



It is well with my soul.

soul.



It is well, it is well with my soul.

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The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me



1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is
 2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The



more than mind can know, His
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The
 heav - ens held their breath, To



mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A



meet the debt I owe. He
 bare be - fore his gaze. For
 love that con - quers death, Pos -



came my sin - ful cause to plead; He
 me the price of sin he paid; My
 sess my heart that it may be Your



laid his glo - ries by, For
 sins be - yond re - call Are
 king - dom with - out end, O

me a home - less life to lead, A
all a - like on Je - sus laid, He
Christ who died for love of me And

shame - ful death to die.
died - to bear them all.
lives to be my friend.

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Readings for the Week of Epiphany 7

M	Matthew 13:10-17	Deuteronomy 32:44-47
T	Mark 11:15-19, 27-33	Isaiah 28:23-29
W	Mark 6:1-6	Luke 10:38-42
R	Mark 4:26-29	Joshua 24:1, 2a, 13-16, 22-28
F	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	Hebrews 3:12 - 4:1
S	Hebrews 6:1-8	Hebrews 4:9-13

