



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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UNCOVERED

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 Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

A God-Lived Life: A Life of Hospitality

February 5 & 6, 2022

Uncovered Messengers: The least qualified are the first sent.

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

O Christians, Haste (Saturday & 10:30 a.m.)

Christian Worship 901

See This Wonder in the Making (8:00 a.m.)

Christian Worship 646

Holy Baptism (8:00 a.m.)

Christian Worship, pg. 261

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

Amen.

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Psalm 133:1,3

1 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -
ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

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**“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,
and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—**

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:26-28

**(sung) You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but pow’r you laid aside.
You lived your years in servanthood, in lowliness you died.**

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

John 13:14-16

**(sung) No golden scepter but a towel you place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow you and live by your commands.**

We often seek to be served rather than to serve. Therefore 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.

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.

Because of his great mercy, we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that through his poverty we might become rich. 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.

Amen.

**(sung) You bid us bend our human pride nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task that waits the gift of love.**

“When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.

Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Luke 14:13-14

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers,

for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2

(sung) **Lord, help us walk your servant way wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other’s need.**

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to become one of us, redeem us, and make us members of your family. Give to us this same spirit that we might look on each stranger as someone you love and therefore worthy of our time and concern; 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

Isaiah 6:1–8

The LORD took away Isaiah’s guilt and equipped him to preach the Word.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 67



1 O God, show us your mer-cy and bless us with your grace;
2 For you will judge the peo-ples in truth and right-eous-ness,



and cause to shine up-on us the bright-ness of your face,
your rule of per-fect jus-tice all na-tions will con-fess.



that so your way most ho-ly on earth may soon be known,
Let all the peo-ples praise you, let all the na-tions sing;



and un-to ev-'ry peo-ple your sav-ing grace be shown.
then earth in rich a-bun-dance to us its fruit shall bring.



Let all the peo-ples praise you, let all the na-tions sing;
The Lord our God will bless us, his rich-est bless-ing send,



in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.
and all cre - a - tion praise him to earth's re - mot - est end.

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Second Reading

Romans 10:12–17

God takes away our guilt and equips us to preach the good news.

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 71:15

Alleluia, alleluia. My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

Jesus took away Simon Peter's guilt and equipped him to fish for people.

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (Sunday)

Junior Handbell Choir

How Great Thou Art
arranged by Michael Helman

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

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A God-Lived Life: A Life of Hospitality

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

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, 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 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

O God, you supply seed to the sower and bread for food. We give you thanks that you also supply and increase our store of seed and enlarge the harvest of our righteousness.

When we are tempted to doubt your providence, remind us that your divine power has provided everything we need for life and godliness.

Heavenly Father, you created us and continue to provide for us. Give us the courage to use what we have been given to be hospitable to others—both fellow believers and those who do not yet know you.

Help us to be generous on every occasion, and let this generosity result in thanksgiving to you.

Lord Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, your hospitality during your time on earth knew no bounds. Give us the willingness to follow your example of inviting all to follow you: rich and poor, young and old, Jew and Gentile.

Help us to view every person as worthy of your love, and let this perspective result in your Word being proclaimed to all.

Holy Spirit, you turned our hearts from the darkness of sin and death to the light of life and peace. Give us the strength to count ourselves dead to sin but alive to God.

Help us to daily live in our baptismal grace, and let this new way of living result in sharing the gifts we have been given with others.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Be with us, O Lord, as we strive to live lives worthy of the callings we have received.

Help us to be completely humble, gentle, and patient as we bear with one another in love. Amen.

Be seated

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

Preface

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



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
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



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



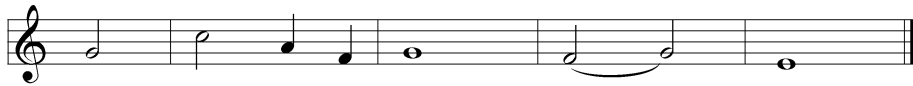
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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



O Christ, 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. 18 of the service folder.

Distribution Hymns

"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard
Christian Worship Supplement 778 (see pg. 17)

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake
Christian Worship 702

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared
Christian Worship 667

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.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us 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.

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

I Hear the Savior Calling sts. 1, 5

Christian Worship 743

Announcements

Postlude

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Serving at Worship

Preacher

Pastor Eric Schroeder

Presiding Minister

Pastor Kyle Bitter

Musicians

Megan Bauer, piano (Saturday)

Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)

Communion Assistants

Andrew Carter & Greg Martin (8:00 a.m.)

Mike Swenson & Scott Uecker (10:30 a.m.)

Worship Notes

- Melody Ellen Warnke, daughter of Dan and Mary (nee Yarcho) Warnke, will be baptized during the 8:00 a.m. service.
- The flowers are placed by Barbara J. Weihing in memory of her father, Gilbert G. Weihing, and her brothers, Gordon G. Weihing and Merle R. Weihing.

In Our Prayers

- Evelyn Marie Meeuwsen and Rachael Audrey Meeuwsen, daughters of Brian and Sarah (nee Bretl) Meeuwsen, who will be baptized in a private ceremony on Sunday.
- Mary-Jane Maurice, recovering from outpatient surgery.
- Sue Pappalardo, now in her seventh week at Columbia-St. Mary's for COVID-related issues.
- Carol Hanson, now under hospice care.

“How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard



1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard News
 2 “To all the world,” to ev - ’ry place, Neigh -
 3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call, Con -
 4 “Lord, here am I.” Your fire im - part To
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move: Spir -



of a Lord who loved and came; Nor
 bors and friends and far - off lands, Preach
 stant in prayer, through toil and pain, Tell -
 this poor, cold, self - cen - tered soul; Touch
 it of truth, in pow’r come down! So



known his rec - on - cil - ing Word, Nor
 the good news of sav - ing grace; Go
 ing of One who died for all, To
 but my lips, my hands, my heart, And
 shall they hear and find and prove Christ



learned to trust a Sav - ior’s name?
 while the Great Com - mis - sion stands.
 bring a lost world home a - gain?
 make a world for Christ my goal.
 is their life, their joy, their crown.

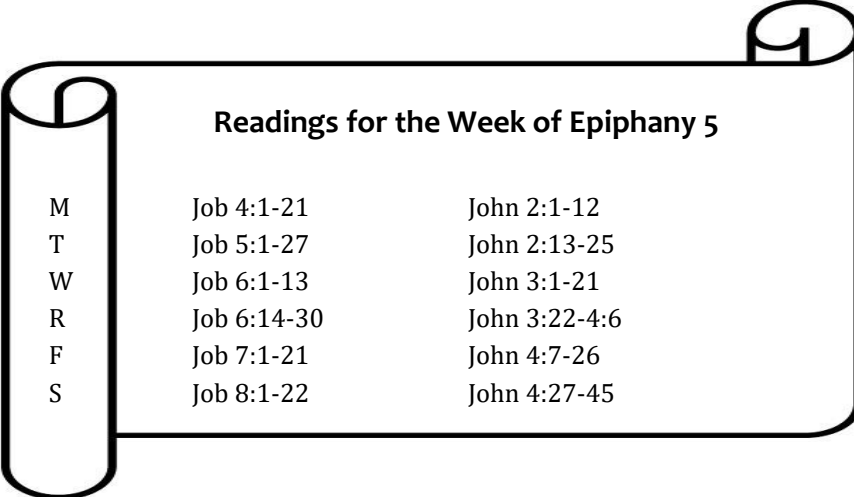
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Personal Prayer for Before Communion

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

Personal Prayer for After Communion

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted me as your child and made me a member of the body of Christ. I thank you for the forgiveness of sins present in this Sacrament. As I leave the table, empower me by your Spirit to witness and serve in your name. Amen.



Readings for the Week of Epiphany 5

M	Job 4:1-21	John 2:1-12
T	Job 5:1-27	John 2:13-25
W	Job 6:1-13	John 3:1-21
R	Job 6:14-30	John 3:22-4:6
F	Job 7:1-21	John 4:7-26
S	Job 8:1-22	John 4:27-45

Parents' Preview for February 13

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.

Amazing Grace

Christian Worship 576

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to
now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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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

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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