

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Belleville, PA**



**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 17, 2021**

PRELUDE  
 WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 HYMN

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

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1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult Of our  
 2 As of old St. An - drew heard it By the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of

life's wild, rest - less sea, Day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and

sound - ing, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! In your mercy,  
 Savior, make us hear your call,  
 Give our hearts to your obedience,  
 Serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823-1895  
 Tune: William H. Jude, 1851-1922

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**\*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

# HYMN of PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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. A - men

**\*PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison) Lessons and prayers found in Celebrate**

☐ The Lord be with you.      ☑ And al - so with you.

**LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Samuel 3:1-20  
*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.    **C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 ~ *with response*

*The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.    **C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

☑ Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?    You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life.    Al - le - lu - ia.    Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

☑ Glo - ry to you,    O Lord.

*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord

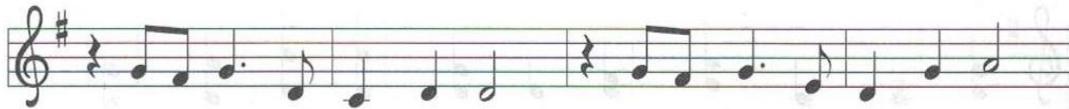
☑ Praise to you,    O Christ.

MESSAGE

\*HYMN

# Here I Am, Lord

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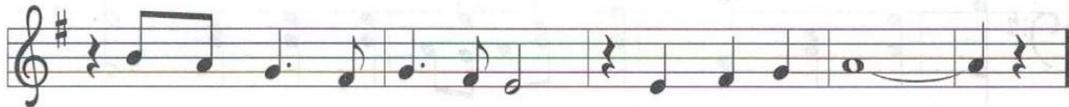
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**\*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE** ~ See Celebrate

### \*PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C And also with you.**  
*The peace is shared*

**OFFERING** ~ (please leave your gifts in one of the offering plates **at the end of the front and back pews** (Mechanic St. side) on your way out)

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### Preface for Epiphany

It is indeed right and salutary... we praise Your name and join their unending hymn...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
 and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the  
 remembrance of me.  
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all  
 to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed  
 for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the  
 remembrance of me.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as  
 we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
 evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

### COMMUNION SONG ~ *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

*Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,  
 To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
 Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

### Invitation to Communion:

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 P The Bread of Life: the body of Christ, given for you;  
 C **Amen.** [Please open and take the wafer]  
 P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.  
 C **Amen.** [Please open and take the juice]  
 P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
 in his grace. C **Amen.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

## HYMN

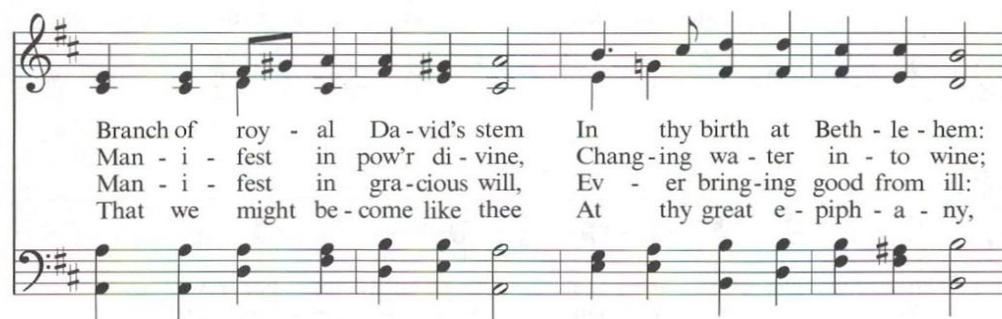
### 90 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Pres - ent in thy ho - ly Word;



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In thy God - head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Grace to im - i - tate thee now And be pure, as pure art thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill:  
That we might be - come like thee At thy great e - piph - a - ny,



An - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
An - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
And may praise thee, ev - er blest,

*Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885  
Tune: Christoph Anton, d. 1658*

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## **BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C Amen**

## **DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord **R Thanks be to God**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

**Organist:** Seulki Susie Yoo

**Congregational Song Leader:** Reba Harmon

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**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

### ***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.*

### ***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Jami Zook and Mike Boring in honor of  
their parents, children and grandchildren.

## **Today**

**Greeters:** Jay and Joy Byler; **Lay Reader:** Joe Kanagy

## **Next Sunday, January 24**

**Greeters:** Jay and Joy Byler; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

Please remember in prayer ~ Dorie Remensnyder, Marge Shilling and Sylvia Harshbarger for continued healing and recuperation from recent falls. All those members with compromising health issues wisely isolating at home, that they may quickly have access to the Covid vaccine. Vivian Plank, Fred Hagemeyer, Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz) and Carol Yoder (VVH).

## **Announcements**

Even though we are once again meeting in the sanctuary, some of you may wish to continue worshipping in the parking lot. **PLEASE remember to now park in the back of the church.** The greeter(s) will come out with a bulletin, wafer and juice cup communion Sundays) and collect your offering.

Contribution statements for 2020 were mailed out on Friday, January 8. IF you have not received yours, please contact the church office. As we know, the mail service the last few months has been very slow, but hopefully they are processing faster by now.

For the time being, we will be continue scheduling volunteers one month at a time. PLEASE contact your Good Shepherd or the church office if you are willing to help in February. Needed are ~ Greeters, Lay Readers, Elevator, Flower Delivery (7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> only) and Bulletin/CD delivery. Also needed are volunteers to help count the offering and take it to the bank following worship.

There are still dates available to place altar flowers. Please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office if you are interested. **We will not have flowers on the Sundays no one has sponsored them and during Lent** (Sunday, February 21 through Palm Sunday, March 28).

Available dates ~ January 31, February 14, August 8, 15 and 29, November 21, and December 12 and 19.

The Meat Canning project is scheduled for February 1 through the 4<sup>th</sup> at the Chief Logan Fire Company (formally East Derry Fire Co.) in Lewistown. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jesse Diem 717-348-9577, Henry Stoltzfus 814-625-2424 or Jonathan Coldren 717-250-6840. Monetary donations are also needed, and can be sent to ~ Central Pa World Hunger Assoc. P.O. Box 76, Belleville.

January 1 thru January 13  
Last week's attendance (including parking lot) ~ 21      Offering ~ \$ 1,825.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 5,655.00    Expense \$ 7,596.28  
Net Income \$ -1,941.28

Daycare ~ Income \$ 7,306.19    Expense \$ 2,252.92  
Net Income \$ 5,053.27