

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 6, 2022**



PRELUDE

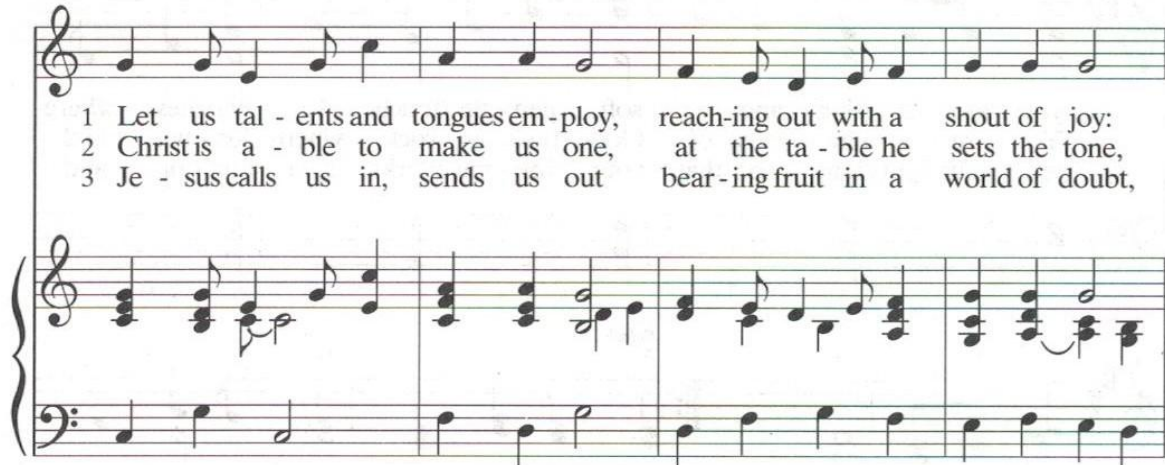
WELCOME

As we look out at snowy hills and frozen fields it is hard imagine church camps, hiking and swimming. Yet staff at Krislund and Camp Mt. Luther are already putting together plans for an abundant season - integrating outdoors and indoors, in-person and on-line programs ministering to youth, children and families through outdoor Christian Education. We welcome Chad Hershberger, long time director of Camp Mt. Luther to speak to us about camp ministries today. This Sunday's liturgy and guest speaker help us to make the connection between the camp experience and congregational life.

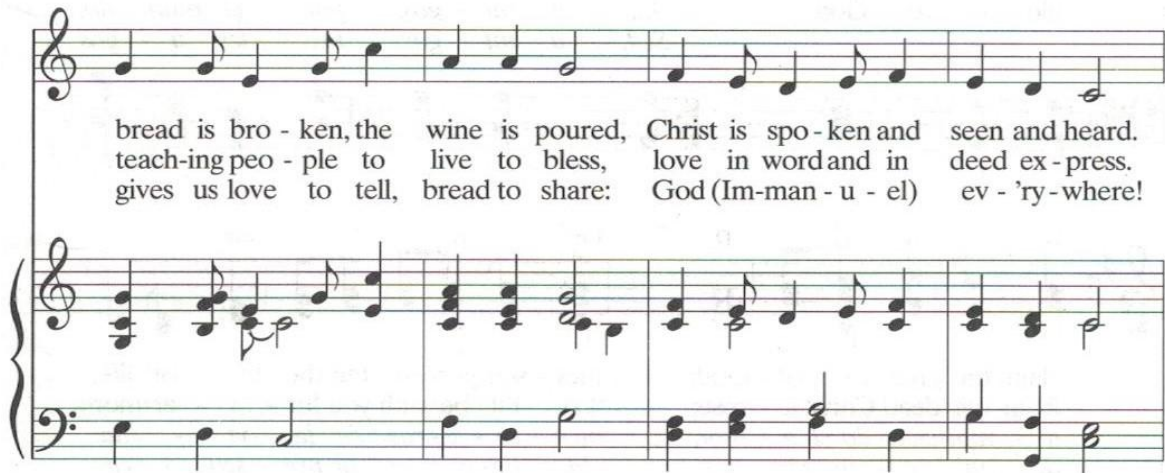
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ~ *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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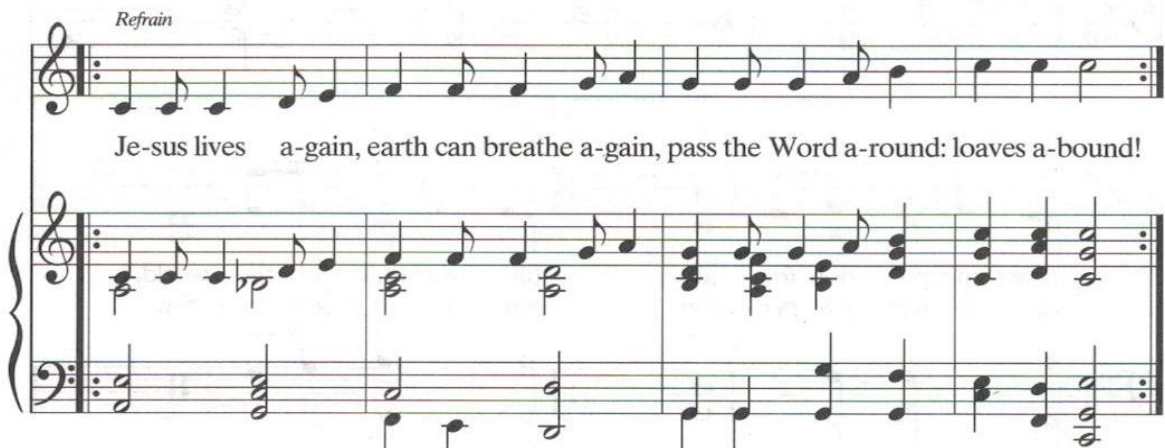
754 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*


1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

***GREETING**

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

***OPENING SCRIPTURE/SILENT PRAYER**

“I pray that you and all of God’s people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.” (Ephesians 3:18-19 CEV)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

At Camp Mt. Luther the curriculum *Boundless: God beyond Measure*, helps campers and their leaders enter the hopeful and saving story of God and god’s people and experience God’s boundless creating, loving and merciful power for us. Let us be as campers today and rediscover boundless goodness, love, welcome, forgiveness and generosity.

Leader: God is boundless beyond measure.

All: God is goodness beyond measure.

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Leader: God is love beyond measure.

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Leader: God is forgiveness beyond measure.

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Leader: God is generosity beyond measure.

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Leader: Let us pray. You, God, are without bounds. You can't be measured. You are goodness beyond measure, love beyond measure, welcome beyond measure, forgiveness beyond measure, and generosity beyond measure. We give thanks for Camp Krislund and Camp Mt. Luther. May campers and counselors make new friends, greet old friends and learn more about you.

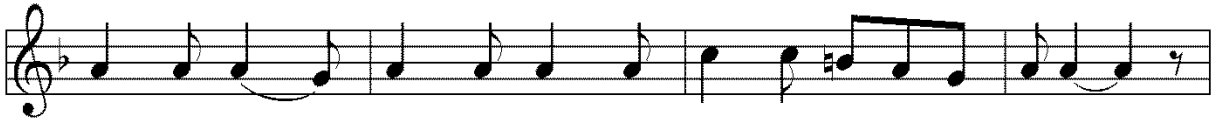
ALL: Amen

***SCRIPTURE SONG**

☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☒ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



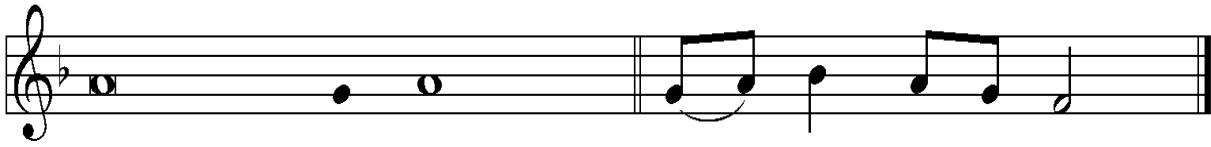
na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

***PRAYER of the DAY** ~ (*in unison*)

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray...

Open our minds to your breathtaking work in the world, even as you call us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, our mentor and savior, in whose name we pray. Amen

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 6:1-13

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 ~ *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 15:1-11

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



☒ Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***Gospel Reading ~**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 5th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE ~ Chad Hershberger

HYMN ~ *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

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752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

***RESPONSE to the WORD**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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

continued

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**
P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
C **Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**
P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***THE PEACE**

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P Merciful God,

C **in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLEA brief silence.*

God of the great outdoors, on this day as we celebrate outdoor ministries, we give thanks to you for Camp Mount Luther and Camp Krislund. We are grateful for your hand in the work of sharing Christ in this place. Continue to plant the seeds of faith in the children, youth, and families who attend. Give guidance to the staff as they prepare for this year's camping season. God of grace, hear our prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: We are going to pray! Our prayers are not just for us but for the whole world; we pray for people and places we don't even know. At the end of each prayer, I will say "God beyond measure" and then you should respond "God beyond measure." Let's try it. "God beyond measure."

All: God beyond measure.

Leader: Let us pray. You never sleep, God. You are always awake, always watching, always willing the world and its people to turn in the right direction. Today God, we thank you for camp. God beyond measure.

All: God beyond measure.

Leader: May we all feel your love, your welcome, and may you listen to us as we share with you whatever joys or sorrows, discoveries or questions we currently have. Hear the prayers that are in our minds. (Pause and let the silence grow.) God beyond measure.

All: God beyond measure.

Leader: We pray for the campers and staff at Camp Mount Luther and Camp Krislund. Help the staff to share Christ and plant seeds in the lives of those who come to this place set apart. Open the minds of the children, youth, and adults who attend, so that they can encounter you in new and exciting ways. Help them to experience the beauty of your creation and come back to the congregation, ready to live a life of discipleship and service to you. God beyond measure.

All: God beyond measure.

Leader: Into your hands, we commit ourselves, our souls, our bodies, our minds, our futures, our families, and all of creation, because all things come from you and are best kept in your care. For all those for whom we pray, and whatever else you see that the world needs, we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

All: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

***THE BLESSING**

P May God bless every turn your life takes. May you always know that God is right behind you, right beside you, right before you, every step of the way. And may you always remember that there is no place you can go where God will not go with you! And all God's children say: Amen!

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

C Amen

SENDING SONG ~ *They'll Know We Are Christians/Awesome God

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
Will one day be restored

CHORUS: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love... and we'll be singing

Our God is an Awesome God
God reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love,
Our God is an Awesome God.

Continued

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand-in-hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land. CHORUS

We will work with each other
We will work side-by-side
We will work with each other
We will work side-by-side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. CHORUS

All praise to Creator
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, the only Son
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. CHORUS

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

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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.*

Today

Greeters: Jay and Joy Byler; **Lay Reader:** Anne Harshbarger

Next Sunday, February 13

Greeters: VOLUNTEER NEEDED; Lay Reader: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Please remember in prayer ~ John and Sue Bodner, Calvin Baker (stage 4 pancreatic cancer), Don F. Smith, Camden Peachey, Susan Keller, Steve Rodgers, Stacey Spicher, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (formerly Ohesson, now Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (formerly Elmcroft, now Celebration Villa), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Chad Hershberger as our speaker. Director of Camp Mt. Luther and our tech coordinator for the Synod he will speak about Camp ministries and new ways to use technology to share ministry.

Pastor Ela is on break and at a friend's wedding through this Wednesday. Rev. Rick Adams may be contacted for emergency pastoral care during that time. He may be reached at: # 717-253-0235 and email: richard.adams1230@gmail.com

Volunteers **are needed** to help with Sunday morning duties in February. A sign-up can be found on the table in the narthex.

Our congregational meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, February 27 following worship. Information will be available in member mailboxes next Sunday, February 13. Any envelopes remaining will be mailed.

Under the stage, are several carts of old metal folding chairs. We have more than we will most likely ever use again, so council decided to first offer them to our members, before advertising their availability. If you are interested in any, please contact the church office.

Kelly is taking vacation time the week of February 14, so the office will be closed. Pastor Ela is normally in Monday and Wednesday mornings, or you can leave a message on the answering machine.

January 1 thru February 3, 2022

Last Sunday Attendance ~ 16 Offering ~ \$ 935.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 22,360.07 Expense \$ 17,709.77

Net Income \$ 4,650.30

Daycare ~ Income \$ 39,133.52 Expense \$ 23,604.16

Net Income \$ 15,529.36