

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 20, 2022**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Our Celebrate introduction reminds us that *“the Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God’s glory revealed in Christ.* Let us celebrate Christ’s power of reconciliation, his light and blessings this Seventh Sunday after Epiphany.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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**

***GATHERING HYMN ~ I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry** WOV # 770

770 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger

old.
 on;
 young,
 I re - joiced
 you were raised
 I'll be there
 the day you were bap - tized to
 to praise the liv - ing Lord, to
 to guide you through the night, com -

see your life un - fold.
 whom you now be - long.
 plete what I've be - gun.
 I was there when you were but a
 If you find some-one to share your
 When the eve - ning gent-ly clos - es

child,
 time
 in
 with a faith
 and you join
 and you shut
 to suit you well;
 your hearts as one,
 your wea - ry eyes,

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C G

in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from
I'll be there as I have al - ways been with

A⁷ D D⁷ G D

find where de - mons dwell."
dusk till ris - ing sun."
just one more sur - prise." 4 "I was there to hear your

G D G D G D G D

born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re -

G D G D G C D⁷ G

joiced the day you were bap-tized, to see your life un - fold."

***GREETING**

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

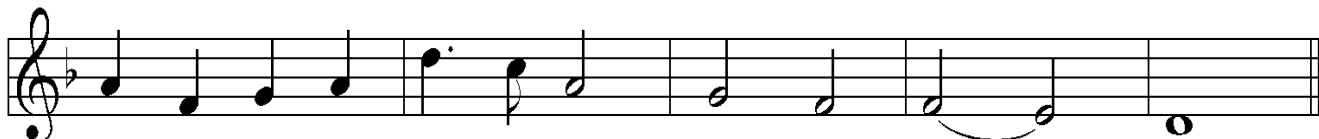
C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

***HYMN of PRAISE**

☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



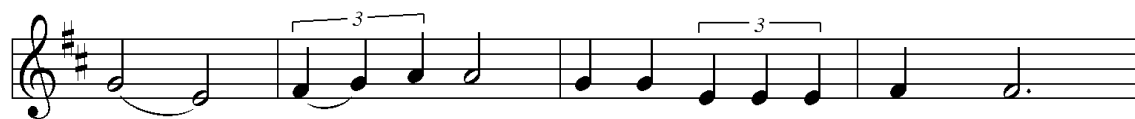
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



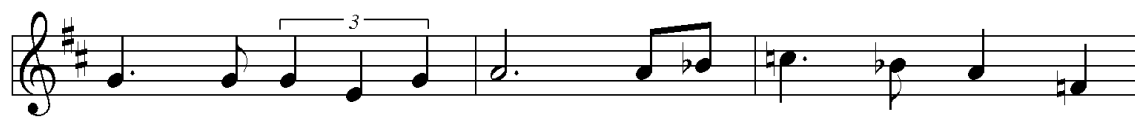
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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



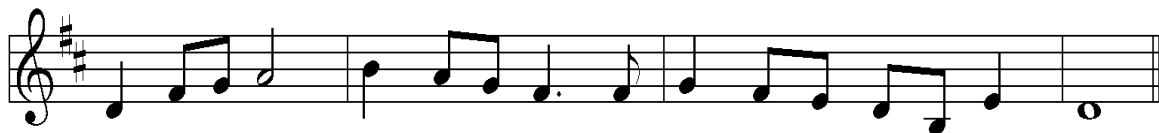
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
II



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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

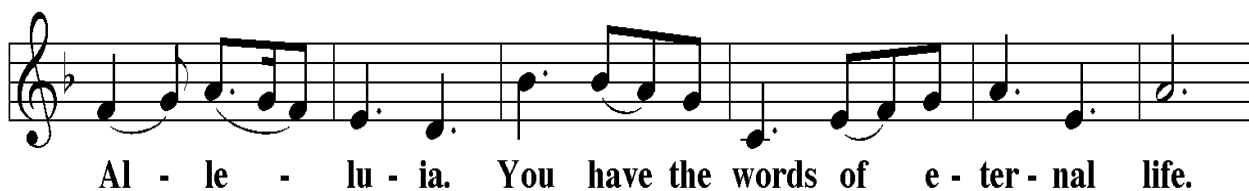
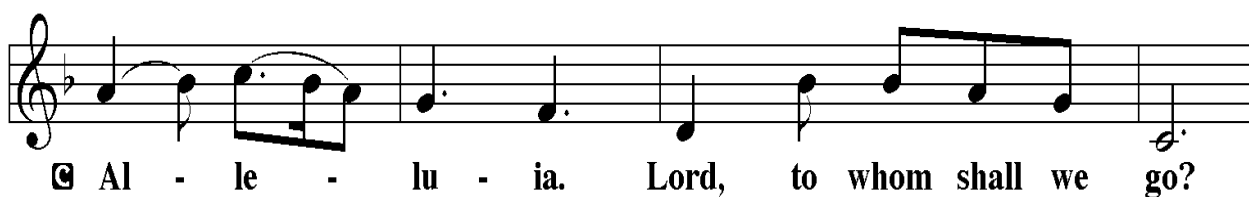
O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred,
 we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair,
 hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and
 to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS**First Lesson ~ A reading from Genesis 45:3-11, 15***after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.***Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 ~ with response*****Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50***after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling* WOV # 734

734 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's
 plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and
 prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
 heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?
 mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

Refrain
 "Come home, come home! You who are
 Come home, come home!"

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wea-ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will Thompson, 1847-1909
Music: Will Thompson, 1847-1909

THOMPSON
11 7 11 7 and refrain

*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 ~ *Found in Celebrate*

P The spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to
pray for the church, the world and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

***THE 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**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***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.

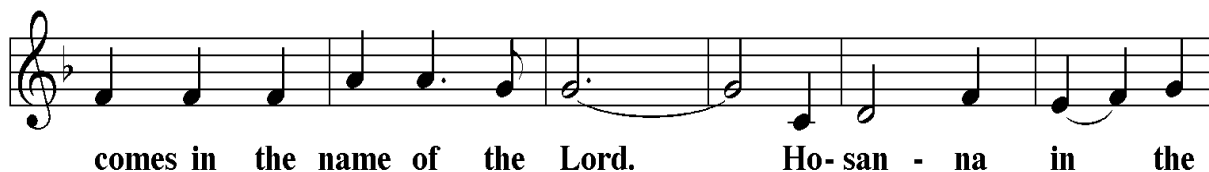
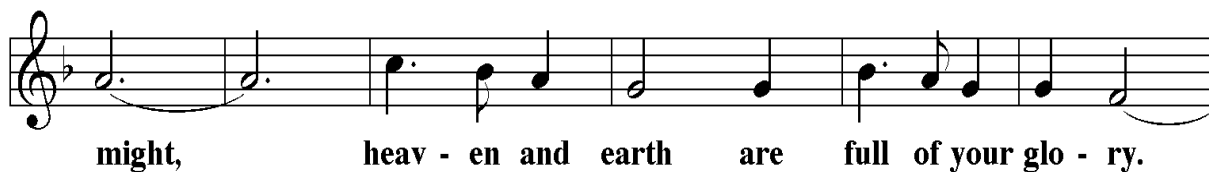
C **And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise**



***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **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 is 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
for ever. Amen**

COMMUNION

Maintaining social distancing we will each come forward to take the bread and wine from the plates. Remaining standing you may pause for blessing and prayer before returning to your seats. A receptacle for the cups will be at the end of the front pew.

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.

P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

(After all are seated)

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

(We Omit Lamb of God)

***CANTICLE**

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

BLESSING

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

C Amen

***HYMN ~ One Bread, One Body**

WOV # 710

710 **One Bread, One Body**

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;

one cup of bless - ing which we bless,

and we, though man-y through-out the earth,

The musical score is written for a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into three systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, the second system contains the second line, and the third system contains the third line. The piano accompaniment features a variety of chords, including G, C/G, GM7, C/G, G, D, Em, B, Em, D, G, Em, A, D, and D7. The vocal line is written in a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line and above the piano accompaniment. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first line of the hymn.

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we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Em D G Em A D G C/G G

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Em D Em D

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Em F Am D Refrain

***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.*

Today

Greeter: Gwen Hornberger; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

Next Sunday, February 27

Greeter: Gwen Hornberger; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Pastor Ela in honor of St. John's congregation.

FROM the PASTOR

Ash Wednesday Worship

St. John's Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 2 at 7:00pm. There will be imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

West Kish Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil ~ March 2 from 7am-9pm. Sign-up for a 15 min slot and enjoy the silence of the sanctuary. A sign-up is available in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to provide continuity of prayer as we begin our Lenten journey together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information for next Sunday's congregational meeting was mailed out to the members who did not take theirs following last week's service. If you did not receive yours, please contact the church office.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. During this time, we pray and reflect on the love of God and his abundant mercy. The church is providing the following devotionals to help you on your *faith walk* through these 40 days ~ *A Season of Grace*, written by a senior for seniors, and *Drawn to the Cross*. They are available in the narthex

"As the church Camperson, I would love to talk to anyone about attending camp this summer. An exciting new program is our pick-a-day for family camp where campers can come for a full day of adventure during family camp and enjoy creation while fellowshiping with other families of all ages. Register for summer camp before April 15th for a discount!

Supporting an ELCA outdoor ministry like Camp Mount Luther, gives us an easy way to expand our opportunities for Christian education and growth on a year-round basis for kids and kids at heart. For more information contact me, Anne Harshbarger at 717-935-2453, the camp office at 570-922-1587, or visit www.campmountluther.org."

A sign-up for volunteers to help with March/April Sunday duties can be found in the narthex. We are once again refraining from using altar flowers during the Lenten season, so there is no flower delivery until Easter Sunday, April 17.

Committee sign-up sheets are in the narthex. There are two new committees this year, Mission and Website. We have all been blessed with certain skills; talents and abilities...prayerfully consider using yours.

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 feel free to take some.

January 1 thru February 16, 2022

Last Sunday Attendance ~ 31 Offering ~ \$ 1,255.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 32,014.71 Expense \$ 26,758.33

Net Income \$ 5,256.38

Daycare ~ Income \$ 49,697.58 Expense \$ 38,323.17

Net Income \$ 11,374.41