



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

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**Divine Service III**

*\*stand as you are able*

**OPENING HYMN 901**    *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how bless-ed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
How-so-e'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

\*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

\*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

\*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**P** Glory be to God on high;

**C** **and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the**

**Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

\*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray...

*(The Collect of the Day is spoken.)*

**C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

<sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup> But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin<sup>[b]</sup> a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

\*Alleluia and Verse

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\*Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter. (43-51)

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**\*NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY 402**    *The Only Son from Heaven*

1 The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given, In human form appears.  
No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining  
As He, our Morning Star.

2 O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn!  
He comes, the king anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born,  
Grim death to vanquish for us, To open heav'n before us  
And bring us life again.

3 O Lord, our hearts awaken To know and love You more,  
In faith to stand unshaken, In spirit to adore,  
That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving,  
May reap its fullness there.

Δ4 O Father, here before You With God the Holy Ghost  
And Jesus, we adore You, O pride of angel host:

Before You mortals lowly Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,  
O bless-ed Trinity!”

SERMON “*Son of God, King of Israel*” John 1:43-51

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

\*LORD’S PRAYER

\*COLLECT

\*SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

\*BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN 533** *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure*

1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,  
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;  
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,  
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!  
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:  
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!  
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!  
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.  
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!

3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.  
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!  
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,  
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.  
Satan, you wick-ed one, own now your master!  
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!

4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory!  
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,  
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;  
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!  
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!  
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

**SERVING:**

**Preaching:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer

**Organist:** Keith Williams

**Videographer:** Lou Ann

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – The altar flowers are given by David & Donna in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for healing and recovery*: Karla, Shirley, Pastor Ehlers, Esther, Judy, Martin-son of Letty, Aidan, Whitney-wife of Ellie;s grandson, Barbara-friend of the congregation, Ashlyn-infant relative of Joyce, Jan, John, Tom, Opal, Hendricks-grandson of Dan & Joanie, Jacob-great grandson of Bob & Joan, Maria, Brett-cousin of the Kindts’, Merv, Jessica-granddaughter of Bob & Joan, Joan-mother of Bill, Judy-mother of Rochelle, Rebecca-daughter of Marvin & Esther, Roy-father of Anne, Dan-brother of Bonnie, Todd; *for successful treatments*: Luke, Kendra (school parent), Cari (school parent), Nicole (school parent), Earl, Jayne, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for our college students*: Connor, Ben, Matthew; *for those in the military*: Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound*: Geneice, Paul.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:

<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

**Part-time Janitorial Position Opening** – Evenings, able to work independently, lift up to 50 pounds – please text or email Chip.

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:20 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 Men’s Choir
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**Lifelight is back** - Join us for *Selected Psalms*, a 9-week Bible study. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45, Thursday mornings at 9:00, or Thursday evenings at 6:00. Social distancing will be practiced. Classes start January 20 and 21. To sign up, look for our table in the overflow or contact Neil, Matt, Eunice or Donna.



**National Lutheran Schools Week, January 24-30** – NLSW provides more than 1,900 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God’s work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus’ amazing love with children and their families.

**LWML** - The soup supper portion of the January meeting of LWML slated for the 25th has been cancelled due to COVID 19. However, we are still scheduled to meet for a Bible study that evening at the regular time, possibly via video conferencing through Zoom. Details will be made available as we near the January meeting date. For further information, please contact Donna or Linda.

**Altar Flower Chart** – The 2021 Flower Chart is now available for reservations for altar flowers. Please leave your phone number and you will be telephoned before the Sunday you signed up to find out what flowers you would like and if you would like them in memory or in honor of something or someone.

**2021 Contribution Envelopes** are in the overflow. Some envelope numbers were changed so please throw away all old envelopes. Please stop by and pick up your new envelopes for 2021. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the church office.

**Nursery Remodel** – Be sure to stop by the Julia Eakin Nursery to see the progress of the remodel. Also, check out the bulletin board next to the Nursery (in the hallway) to track the progress on the chart.

**Call Committee** – A committee has been formed to begin the process of calling a teacher for the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Members of the committee are as follows: Pastor Caithamer, Tim Gabbert, Maxine, Leah, Faith, Susah and Marlene. They are asking the congregations to submit names of possible candidates for them to consider. Please contact the school office 359-1714.

**Email Addresses** – Pastor Caithamer has compiled a list of members’ email addresses to communicate with the congregation. If you are not receiving these email communications, please call the church office with your email address so we can add you to the list.

**Study God’s Word In 2021** - Wouldn’t you like to spend more time in God’s Word this year? Have you tried in the past but haven’t been able to maintain the habit of daily Bible study? We’ve made it easier for you. It’s a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study called “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.” This on-demand podcast is hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. You can listen anytime, anywhere at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**LEARN BY HEART**  
***THE FAMILY ALTAR***

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*How can water do such great things?* Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” [Titus 3:5–8]

Bible Passage: Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” John 6:28-29

Hymn 395 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (sts. 1-3)

Psalm 2

Bible Readings for the Week:

Jonah Is Swallowed by the Great Fish – Jonah 1:1-2:10

The Sign of Jonah – Matthew 12:38-45

Jesus Walks on Water – Matthew 14:22-36

Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet – John 13:1-15