



**St. John Lutheran Church and School**

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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**Divine Service III**

**OPENING HYMN 394** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word –  
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

\*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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup> just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup> And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

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

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

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many

“lords”—<sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup> However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup> But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup> And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup> Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**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. Mark, the first chapter (21-28)

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

<sup>21</sup> And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup> And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**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 842** *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

SERMON *“The Holy One of God”* Mark 1:21-28

**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 810** *O God of God, O Light of Light*

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:  
To You in heaven’s glory bright The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory He has won, All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- 2 For deep in prophets’ sacred page, And grand in poets’ wing-ed word,  
Slowly in type, from age to age The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night Rang out the song, “Goodwill to men!”  
Sung once by firstborn sons of light, It echoes now, “Goodwill!” Amen.
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn –

These all are past, and now above He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken.  
Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.

- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song, And shout His name, His mercies tell!  
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

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**SERVING:**

**Preaching:** Rev. Jeff Caithamer

**Organist:** Keith Williams

**Videographer:** Lou Ann

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY** – We remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Earl and family at the death of wife Marlene, Dave and family at the death of wife Loretta; *for healing and recovery:* Tish, Maelynn-granddaughter of Rick & Rita, Jim, Karla, Shirley, Pastor Ehlers, Esther, Judy, Martinson of Letty, Aidan, Whitney-wife of Ellie 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:* Makenzie, Terra, Allie; *for those in the military:* Roberto, Adam, Joshua, Nick, Taylor, Andy, Brandon, Ben, Allyson, Zachary; *for our homebound:* Alice, Mavis.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain: <http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

**Special Voter's Meeting, Today, following the 10:45am service.**

**A Special Voter's Meeting** has been called for Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, following the 10:45 service (approx. 12:15pm) to vote on extending the current 3 year synodical cycle by 1 year due to the pandemic situation. This means the District Conventions normally held this year would be extended to next year, and the Synodical Convention scheduled for 2022 would be extended to 2023. This will be a very brief meeting, and the only topic discussed/voted on.

**Registration for Church Services Suspended** – At their January meeting, the elders agreed that it is not currently necessary for members to register for church services. Our numbers are consistently below our pandemic capacity of 100 people. If the need arises, registration can be used again in the future. Special services, such as Easter in April, will utilize registration, if still needed.

### **OUR WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Today</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; 12:15 Special Voter's Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Day School Closed</i> ; 10:00 Marlene Welch Visitation; 11:00 Funeral
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 6:00 Fellowship, Trustees, Evangelism; 6:30 School Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:20 Chapel; 5:45 Midweek School, Lifelight; 7:15 Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 Lifelight; 6:00 Lifelight; 6:30 Men's Choir
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

**New Member Class** is starting on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining St. John Lutheran Church, if you know of anybody who is interested in joining, or if you would like to refresh your own Lutheran catechesis, then this class is for you. Pastor Caithamer will teach this class on Sunday afternoons from 1pm to 2:30pm through the end of April. If you have any questions, please let pastor know. And, if you would like to attend, please let Pastor know or call the church office.

**Lifelight is back** – A 9-week Bible study has begun on *Selected Psalms*. You can join us Wednesday evenings at 5:45, Thursday mornings at 9:00, or Thursday evenings at 6:00. Social distancing is being practiced. To sign up contact Neil, Matt, Eunice or Donna.

**Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottles** – Baby bottles are still available in the overflow to collect your loose change and return to a box in the church overflow or the church office in March. Thank you for praying for and supporting this important ministry.

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

**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.

**Open House** – We will be hosting an Open House for Little Lamb Preschool and St. John Lutheran School on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00-6:30pm. Prospective families will have an opportunity to meet our teachers, see the classrooms, and ask questions about our school. Please invite friends, neighbors, family members, or anyone else who may be interested in sending their child to St. John this upcoming school year! \*Masks and social distancing required.

**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. 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.

**Your Daily Lutheran Bible Class** - Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Word "Kingdom" in the Bible, Old Testament Patriarch Jacob, Saul Becomes King, The Day of Atonement and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.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:

Confession

*What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

*What sins should we confess?*

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

*Which are these?*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Bible Passage: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5

Hymn 413 *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair* (sts. 1-3)

Psalm 32

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Miraculous Catch of Fish – Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Heals the Paralytic – Matthew 9:1-13

Jesus Sends out the Twelve – Matthew 9:35-10:20, 40

Absolution for the Erring Brother – Matthew 18:14-35