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# ***Welcome***

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service.

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,  
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they may be'*

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Divine Service Three** (pp 184ff)

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Sharing of the Peace**

**Opening Song**

**"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"** LSB 915

Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised,  
A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessèd angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,  
To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer.

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## Invocation

LSB 184

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** **Amen.**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

- L** 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.
- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- G** **who made heaven and earth.**
- L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- G** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination*

- L** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- G** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- L** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- G** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

- L** I will praise you with an upright heart,
- G** **when I learn your just and righteous decrees.**
- L** Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
- G** **who walk in the law of the Lord!**

- L** Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
- C** **who seek him with their whole heart.**
- L** You have commanded your precepts
- C** **to be kept diligently.**
- L** Oh that my ways may be steadfast
- C** **in keeping your statutes!**

### **Gloria be to the Father** *(Sung)*

*LSB 186*

- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **Lord, Have Mercy** *(Sung)*

*LSB 186*

- C** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Song of Praise** *(Sung)*

*LSB 187*

- L** Glory be to God on High,
- C** **and on earth peace, goodwill 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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- L** Let us pray together...
- C** **O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.<sup>6</sup> He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.<sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

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

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

## Alleluia *(Sung)*

LSB 190

**C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-26

**L** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.



**C** **Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. <sup>20</sup> And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.<sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.<sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.<sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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



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

## Nicene Creed

**G** 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  $\times$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Children's Message

**Message Song** "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" *LSB 750 vs. 1, 3-4 & 7*

If thou but trust in God to guide thee  
And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

Be patient and await His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure

And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose us for His own.

God knows full well when times of gladness  
Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness  
And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware  
And makes thee own His loving care.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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## Message

## “Who Ya Gonna Call?”

## Offering

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## Offering Song - Sung

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and proper ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Holy, Holy, Holy *(Sung)*

LSB 195

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: LSB 196

- C** **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.**



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## The Peace of the Lord

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Lamb of God *(Sung)*

LSB 198

- C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of**



**the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## **Distribution of the Holy Sacrament**

*The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:*

1. *Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*
2. *Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
3. *Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
4. *Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
5. *Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*
6. *Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer "yes" to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.*

## **Distribution Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" LSB 622 vs 1-4**

Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood,  
And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.  
  
Although You did to heav'n ascend,  
Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold  
Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see  
Your glory and Your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,  
Yet, Savior, You are not confined

To any habitation;  
But You are present even now  
Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.

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## Song of Simeon *(Sung)*

LSB 199

**☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

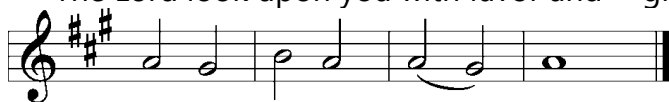
**☐** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this beneficial gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**☐** A - men.

**Blessing**

- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Song****“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”** LSB 918

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
 Pilgrim through this barren land.  
 I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
 Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.  
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
 Feed me till I want no more;  
 Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
 Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
 Lead me all my journey through.  
 Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,  
 Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 Bid my anxious fears subside;  
 Death of death and hell’s destruction,  
 Land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
 Songs of praises, songs of praises  
 I will ever give to Thee;  
 I will ever give to Thee.

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