



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**We are glad** to have you worship with us today. We ask members and guests to fill out the **Connection Card**, in the worship folder, letting us know you were here, who attended the Lord's Supper, and/or your ministry needs.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & GREETING

*Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card*

## OPENING PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 36:5, 7, 10*

- P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
- C** **Your faithfulness to the clouds.**
- P** How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
- C** **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**
- P** Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
- C** **and your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

## SONG: “Here I Am to Worship”

*Video Song, words on screen*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** Let us come before our holy God, seeking the blessing of His peace through the purifying work of our Savior Jesus Christ.

*Take time for silent reflection upon our need for Christ's forgiveness.*

- P** Holy God, merciful Father,
- C** **we confess that we have not followed our Savior as we ought. By what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You in lives of holiness. Purify our hearts, merciful Father, through the presence of Jesus Christ, that we be blessed with the forgiveness He freely offers to us all. Amen.**
- P** Jesus stands in your midst today and speaks into your ears the words of life that bring healing to your souls. As His called and ordained servant, I announce His grace to all of you and, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully grant that as we commit our cares to You, we may trust in the blessing of Your presence and peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 62:1–5*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*1 Corinthians 12:1–11*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want

you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL READING

*John 2:1–11*

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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

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

## NICENE CREED – *A Confession of Our Shared Faith*

**C** 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.**

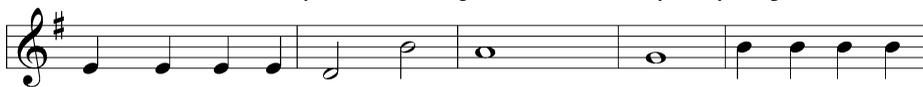
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

## HYMN: "God Himself Is Present"

LSB 907



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:  
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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## TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING

*Using our God-given resources to connect people to Jesus.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** Let us pray:

**C** O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**To our visitors:** The **Lord's Supper** is celebrated at St. John in the confession that not only bread and wine, but Jesus Christ's very body and blood are given to us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith in Him and our union with one another. Our Lord invites to His table all those who believe His words, repent of all sin, and set aside all refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. *If this is your first time at St John or have not been instructed about the Lord's Supper we ask that you speak to the Pastor before communing with us.*

- For those who wish to take communion in their pew, please notify an usher or elder, and be seated on the center aisle at the end of any pew.
- We offer either individual or common cup for the wine.

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136*

- 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 Him thanks and praise.
- P** Glorious Father in heaven, we, Your children, ... lifting our voice and singing:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 208*

  
**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

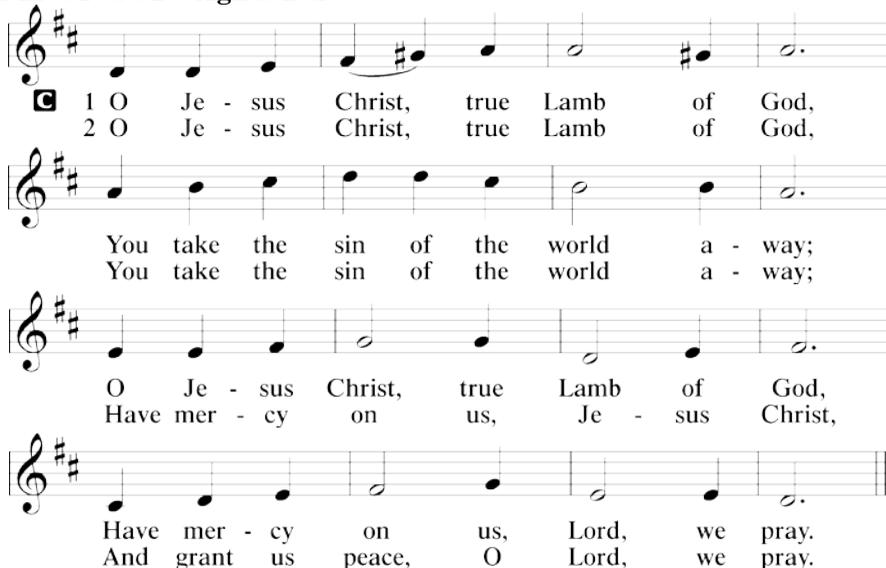
## PEACE OF THE LORD - Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Thanks be to God!

# LAMB OF GOD - Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 210



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION

**HYMN: "I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE"**

LSB 618

**HYMN: "YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART"**

LSB 641

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray:

**C** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## BENEDICTION

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

**P** Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN: "I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT"

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*  
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.  
The night and the day are both a - like.  
The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

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## SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK

<b>Liturgist/Preacher:</b>	Rev. Michael Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b> Doreen Sutherland
<b>Elders for January:</b>	Jim Oliver & Bruce Sutherland	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Luke Sutherland	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Gavin Griffin
<b>Reader:</b>	Frank Wendt	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Herb Meissner
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir	
<b>Next Week:</b>	Chad Cornell, Donna & Frank Cornell, Brent & Lynn Kroening	
<b>Altar Guild for January:</b>	Anita Garito, Mary Salefske	



## Message Notes

### Main Points:

### Bible Passages:

### What can I apply to my life?

### Jesus is present!

Right here. Right now. Jesus is present. Take a moment and let that sink in. Jesus—the very Son of God and King of the universe—is present! As He was at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, where He gave the first sign of His glory, He also is present with us today at another “wedding” feast – The Lord’s Supper. The Table will be prepared. The bread and the wine will be plentiful. And you will be invited to come: “Take, eat. Take, drink.” Christ’s true presence is here for you, and you are richly blessed! Right here. Right now. You are blessed by Jesus’ presence.

- What does the Lord’s Supper mean to you?
- It may not look like a “feast” as we think of a feast, but we are witnesses to simple bread and wine miraculously giving us Christ’s body and blood. How can we rejoice in this miracle and show it in our lives?

Maybe John includes this miracle at Cana to make another point – Christ is the Bridegroom and we are His Bride. (see Matthew 22, Revelation 19:6-9, 21:2, 22:17)

- How can this image of Christ help us understand His love for us?
- In New Testament times after a bridegroom announced his intention to marry the bride he would then go and make preparations for their new home, even to the point of building the home. Only when the new home was ready would the marriage ceremony and feast take place.
  - Read John 14:1-6. How does seeing Jesus as a Bridegroom and we the Bride add depth to His words?
  - How can knowing what Jesus is doing for us help us in the “waiting” on earth for Him to come again?