



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

## National Lutheran Schools Week

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**We are glad** to have you worship with us today and pray that you be filled with the joy that comes from knowing Jesus as your Savior. If you have no church home, we invite you to worship with us regularly. Please direct your attention to the **Connection Card** in the worship folder. We ask members and guests to let us know you were here and/or your ministry needs.

**PRELUDE: Students of St John** Anna Keleher and Natalie Wroblewski: *Children of the Heavenly Father*, John Perno: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*, Addie Christ: *Jesus Loves Me*, Luke Sutherland: *Amazing Grace*, Katelyn Dena: *Shine, Jesus Shine*, Tori Augustine: *Seek Ye First*

### WELCOME AND GREETING

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

### OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

**P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

### HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** God's Word tells us, "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." Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for God's mercy and forgiveness.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## LET GOD'S LIGHT SHINE LITANY

- L** Let God's light
- C** **SHINE**
- L** God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
- C** **And God saw that the light was good.**
- L** For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness.
- C** **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**
- L** In him was life, and the life was the light of the men.
- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- L** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
- C** **Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**
- L** Jesus said, "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others,
- C** **so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."**
- L** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- C** **Let God's light shine.**
- L** Let God's light
- C** **SHINE**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray together:
- C** **Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Hebrews 4:12-16*

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 24:36-40, 44-48*

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

**REAL REAL REAL REAL REAL**  
**Grace Places People Time Praise**

# APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Katie Gundell

## SPECIAL MUSIC: "Psalm 19"

St John Lutheran School Students

## TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

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## 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For . . . [*special prayers*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Into your hands, O gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## 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.**

## BENEDICTION

*Jude 24-25*

- P** To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!
- C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN: "How Firm A Foundation"

LSB 728



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply,  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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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>	John Licht, Andrew Johnston	
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Maya Reynolds	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Morgan Shively
<b>Reader:</b>	Andrew Johnston	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Roger Carr
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Bill Nelson, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Lorrie Weir, Randy DeVantier	
<b>Next Week:</b>	Winston Moeller, Lori Argo, Don Schroeder, Lynn Willis	
<b>Altar Guild for February:</b>	Diane Milne, KathyWendt	

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