



**St. John's Lutheran Church † Time After Epiphany  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Facebook Live 8:15 a.m.,  
In-Person 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome to worship and thank you for your shared ministry with us! We welcome your presence, prayers, time, and giving, so that we may continue as the beloved community that is St. John's.**

**Prelude** "*The Lord's My Shepherd*" arr. Dan R. Edwards - JuBellation

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confessions and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song - "*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*" ELW#310 v. 1, 2, 4**

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 flesh 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 flesh made manifest.

4 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 flesh made manifest.

### **Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. **Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

*(please sit)*

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Children's Time**

#### **Gospel Acclamation- "*Listen to the Word*" ACS#974 *(please stand)***

*Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.*

## **Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message:** Pastor Julie Brenden "*God For You, For Us, For the Universe*"

### **Song of the Day – "Jesus, Come! For We Invite You" ELW#312** *(Please Stand)*

1 Jesus, come! for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord; now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.

2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown; bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone: though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.

3 Jesus, come! in new creation, heav'n brought near by pow'r divine; give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine: rouse the faith of your disciples— come, our first and greatest Sign!

4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give: let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

## **Apostle Creed** *(Please Stand)*

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day (*especially*). Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition.

Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith (*especially*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.** (*Please stand to share peace while staying in your pew.*)

*(If you have not received an individual communion cup, please raise your hand and an usher will bring one to you.)*

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***“Holy, Holy, Holy” ACS#1089***

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of might and mercy, your glory fills all heaven and earth. You are holy, God. Blessed be the Savior, the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest. You are holy, God.

### **The Words of Institution & the Lord’s Prayer**

In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this in remembrance of me.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from**

**the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

*(During the music, ushers will receive your offering and your used communion cups.)*

**Communion/Offering Music (8:15) "Beloved, God's Chosen" arr. Hobby - St. John's Choir**

Beloved, God's chosen, Put on as a garment Compassion, Forgiveness and Goodness of heart. Above all, before all, Let love be your raiment That binds into one every dissonant part.

Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly: Let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ. And from the heart's chamber, Beloved and holy, Let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise

Beloved, God's chosen, Put on as a garment Compassion, Forgiveness and Goodness of heart. Above all, before all, Let love be your raiment That binds into one every dissonant part.

### **Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

## **Sending Song "Jesus, The Light of the World" ACS#914 (Please Stand)**

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; "Glory to the newborn king," Jesus, the Light of the world.

### *Refrain*

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright. Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.

2 Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the Light of the world; join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*

3 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*

4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the Light of the world; Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*

## **Sending**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**  
(*Peace be with you. If you are online, share a sign of peace in the comments.*)

## **Postlude**

**Altar Flowers** in memory of my wife, Marcie's birthday by Burt Tulkki.

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We welcome all to partake of Christ's holy supper while worshipping with us online this Sunday by preparing your table at home with bread and wine/juice.

**Serving at worship today:**

Pastors-Rev. Julie Brenden and Rev. Christine Emerson  
Ushers- (8:15) Jean Jirovec, Lynn Yolitz (10:30) Donald Schwartz, Ron Norby  
Communion Servers- (8:15) Louise Alt (10:30) Colleen Schwartz  
Acolyte – (8:15) Treyten Lontz (10:30) Hudson Rosentrator  
Lector – (8:15) Kathy Freitag (10:30) Penny Erickson  
Camera System- (8:15) Scott Olsen  
Power Point- (8:15) Adriane DeMoe (10:30)Lois Mai  
Musician- Roxanne Litchfield, JuBellation, St. John’s Choir

**This Week at St. John’s:**

**Today, Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 am In-person Worship &  
Facebook Live  
8:30 am Worship Radio –WAYY  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Adult Education  
10:30 am In-Person Worship  
10:30 am Worship TV-WQOW  
11:30 am Rooted

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:15 am Worship & Facebook Live  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Adult Education  
10:30 am Worship