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Epiphany Worship Celebration

St. John's Lutheran
Church, Sweet Air

January 26, 2020
8:08 & 11:08am

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE

Michael Chambers

WELCOME TO EPIPHANY

Pastor Lisa Arrington

Epiphany is the season of revelation of who Jesus is.

P = pastor L = Leader

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Assisting Minister

L: As we start this new year, let us start with a clean slate. Please kneel or sit as you are able for corporate confession and forgiveness for all humanity.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Merciful Lord,

All: We come before You with heavy hearts. We do not always follow Jesus. We insist on our own way, putting worldly things before you. We doubt, we discriminate; we hate—preferring sin to the brilliance of your love. For all this we ask your mercy and forgiveness, that our hearts may be healed with forgiveness again. Amen.

L: As a loving shepherd gathers his sheep, so our Lord protects and cares for us. As patient as a parent for a wayward child, so is God's mercy for us. Let us rejoice that we have God's real forgiveness, and that every day our Lord seeks to renew us in the image of our Creator, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

L: Please rise as you are able to sing the opening hymn.

HYMN

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

ELW # 521

GREETING FROM APOSTLE PAUL (2 Corinthians 13:13)

Assisting Minister

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

All: And also with you.

KYRIE means "Lord"

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lift up in prayer:

John Abendschein
Brian Bruck
James Brunner
Marge Burdette
Wendy Caffrey
Diane Corkran
Mitchell Greene
Lynn Habicht
Mary Haley
Kim Hinegardner
The Hobbs family
Gail Jochen
John Kuchar
Ray Lawson
WynShauna LaVere
Jackie Lober
Sandy Matthai
Howard Matthews
Bill Moesinger
Jacob Moorman
Jo Morrison
The Murphy family
Nancy Murray
Heike Neisius
James & Pearl Plummer
Linda Owens-Smith
Family of Ross Smith
Warren & Ann Theill
Bob Weyforth
Sheila Zimmer

Condolences:

To the family of Thelma Smith Davis, sister of Ross Smith. Funeral will be Thursday, Jan. 30 in the Chapel, 11am.

*Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. **Visitation:** please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you!*

Special needs:

Prayers for our Jewish siblings in the midst of anti-Semitic attacks.
Prayers for our search committee for a Director of Adult Discipleship
Prayers for the distress in Puerto Rico, Australia and the Middle East
Prayers for the violence in Baltimore and the rest of the state

This week we pray for:

† Veterans Ministry
† Children & Family Ministries
† Splash & Nursery

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
– Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson (Dom. Rep.)
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Delaware Maryland synod Bishop Bill Gohl
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr, serving Guatemala
Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA
– Pr. Josh Knipple
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Members of the week:

Ed Compher
Joe & Shelly Connell, Carly
Jesse & Carrie Constantino, Camila James
Pete & Roxanne Constantino
Rejoicing with Susan and Hank Chaudron
on birth of granddaughter Charlie
Maureen born 1/20/2020

BLESSING AND PRAYER

Assisting Minister

L: Receive the blessing. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

L: Let us pray. Lord we thank you for the word made flesh, the Word of life and bread of heaven. Thank you for connecting us as the body of Christ. Rebuild your church. Rebuild each of us. That, fed by your Word, we may be your church rising in grace, learning the story, loving to tell the story as student disciples on a big mission following Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT STEPS: Welcome Jason Collier, Director of Contemporary Worship and Communication

PRAYER

Pastor Lisa Arrington

HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

ELW # 310

MISSION

L: Let us live the story:

All: Welcome All. Tell the Story. Grow as Disciples.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

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THIS IS THE FEAST

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray the Lord's Prayer in unity.

All: 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.

You are invited to continuous communion. It is a meal of God's grace and love for all believers. Ushers will invite you down the center aisle. Please share your name. Receive bread or a blessing. Dip the bread into red wine or white grape juice and return to your seats by the side aisles.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

Setting one ELW page 112

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC 11:08

Jason Collier

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Jesus, Remember Me" ELW # 616
- "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" ELW # 470

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, good and our joy to seek the Lord. May the light of Christ shine upon our anxious hearts and peace descend upon our hurting world. Bless the bread of heaven and the cup of forgiveness. So with people of faith around the world, we praise your name and join the unending hymn...

HOLY HOLY HOLY

ELW setting one pg. 108

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord bring us now to the celebration of your feast today. Cast out our fears and fill us with your love. May our hearts embrace the revelation of Christ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assisting Minister

Not for screen

L: Let us pray. (pause) Thank you for calling us by name to grow as disciples. Renew us with a pilgrimage of faith, that we might see the world through the eyes of those who know suffering, pain and poor health. You invite all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens to come to You. Help us rediscover sabbath rest, renewal and healing even in the midst of winter. Even more important, help us to help others find rest and healing and sabbath, in Jesus' name. let the people of God say: Amen.

L: Please be seated.

TELL THE STORY

PSALM 15

Reader

L: The Epiphany psalm for today is Psalm 15. The Psalms are prayers. This psalm asks who will abide in your sanctuary? A Psalm attributed to King David. I will read the odd verses and you are invited to read the even verses.

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

³who do not slander with their tongue,

and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the
LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

L: Please rise as you are able for the Gospel Alleluia liturgy setting one.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

ELW setting one pg. 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

BIBLE READING Mark 3:1-6

Reader

Reader: The Holy Gospel is according to Mark the 3rd chapter.

All: **Glory to you O Lord.**

An introduction for our reading on Act 5 Jesus. In the first chapter of Mark Jesus calls the disciples. In the 2nd chapter of Mark they are following Jesus from town to town. In Mark chapter 3 the religious leaders begin to confront Jesus about healing on the sabbath. What is controversial about sabbath then and what is sabbath healing today? Let us follow Jesus with this reading from the Gospel of Mark:

Again [Jesus] entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Lisa Arrington

HYMN

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

ELW # 614

APOSTLES' CREED

L: Let us together renew our faith with the Apostle's Creed

All: **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 THE CHURCH

Assisting Minister

L: You are invited to sit or kneel as we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

SHARING PEACE

Assisting Minister

L: Let us share peace and practice for the sake of God's world. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another visitors.

Remember some people prefer to share the peace verbally due to flu season.

We are a very loving church but please ask someone if it is okay share a hug.

Hand sanitizer is in the back of the church

OFFERING & MUSIC

L: Let us celebrate the offering of time, talents and treasures. Don't forget your yellow pew card.

OFFERTORY MUSIC 8:08

Jason Collier

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 11:08

"Grant Us Your Peace"

-arr. Robert Lau

Jubilee Singers

Don't forget to drop in a yellow or green card.

Did you know you can safely text your offering to St. John's 410 698 6178?

OFFERTORY

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

ELW # 301

Please rise; offering plates will be brought forward.

*Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining.*

*All their rays to earth inclining beckon us to heav'n above,
beckon us to heav'n above.*

PRESENTING OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray,

All: You provide our needs, down to the smallest detail. May we never doubt that each act of kindness, each gift of love, is blessed with your grace and received with thanksgiving. Bestow your blessing upon these offerings, and all those who give them, that we may be joined to one another in love, wherever we may be in this wide world. In Jesus' name, Amen.