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Epiphany Worship Celebration

St. John's Lutheran
Church, Sweet Air

February 2, 2020
8:08 & 11:08am

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” -arr. Wayne Wold
Gail Jothen, organ

Mike Chambers is on vacation and will return next Sunday.

WELCOME TO EPIPHANY

Pastor Lisa Arrington
Epiphany is the season of revelation of who Jesus is.
P = pastor L = Leader

NEXT STEPS NOLA (11:08)

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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ELW # 504

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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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lift up in prayer:

John Abendschein
Brian Bruck
James Brunner
Marge Burdette
Wendy Caffrey
Diane Corkran
Honora Fullem
Mitchell Greene
Lynn Habicht
Mary Haley
Kim Hinegardner
The Hobbs family
Gail Jothen
John Kuchar
Ray Lawson
WynShauna LaVere
Michelle Lizardo
Jackie Lober
Sandy Matthai
Howard Matthews
Bill Moesinger
Jo Morrison
The Murphy family
Nancy Murray
Heike Neisius
Allyson Pipher
James & Pearl Plummer
Chris Rasmussen
Linda Owens-Smith
Family of Ross Smith
Katy Stevens and family
Warren & Ann Theill
Vicki Thomas
Dean Watkins
Bob Weyforth
John Zelek
Sheila Zimmer

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
Prayers for those with addictions

This week we pray for:

† Voyagers
† Pier 456
† 360 Club

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:

Jon & Allison Cook,
Adeline, Laine
Doug & Ann Crowe
Sal & Gwenn Crupi,
Madeline, Alex

*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!*

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 NOLA (8:08)

Pastor Lisa Arrington

BENEDICTION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

HYMN

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

ELW # 544

MISSION

L: Let us live the story:

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

POSTLUDE

“Praise the Lord”

arr. Cherwien

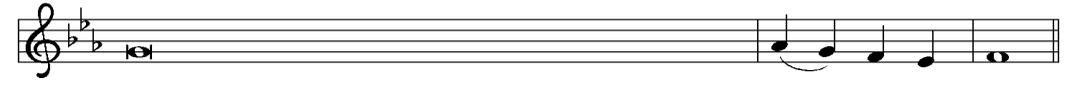
Thank you to Gail Jothen for playing the organ today while Mike Chambers is on vacation.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



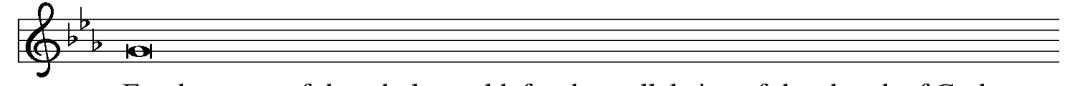
Lord, have mercy.



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



Lord, have mercy.



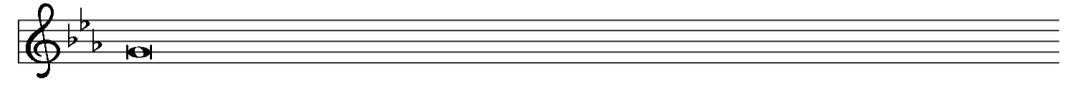
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mercy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

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.

Today, Communion will be celebrated at the altar rail. Follow the guide of the ushers to start at the center of the rail. You're invited to receive the bread (gluten-free), then individual glasses of red wine or white grape juice. The presiding pastor will bless and dismiss everyone once all have received. If you have difficulty making it up the steps to the railing, notify an usher and it would be our privilege to bring Communion to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW # 484

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

“Thy Holy Wings”

-arr. John Ferguson

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.

WORDS FOR COMMUNION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

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.

Thank you for Scout Sunday and mission teams like our NOLA team. 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. We pray for all of us who struggle with mental illness. Let the stigma be lifted and true compassion enter in. May healing help emerge from every circle our life. let the people of God say: Amen. Please be seated.

GREETINGS AND UPDATES

Troop 818

TELL THE STORY

PSALM 2

Assisting Minister

L: The Epiphany psalm for today is Psalm 2. The Psalms are prayers. This psalm reminds us God keeps God’s promise and will deliver us from evil. I will read the odd verses and you are invited to read the even verses.

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying,

³“Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.”

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision.

⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶“I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling

¹²kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

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

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

BIBLE READING Mark 5:1-20

Reader, Troop 818

Reader: The Holy Gospel is according to Mark the 5th chapter.

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

Narrator: A dramatic reading of Mark chapter 5

Not for screen:

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Ger-a-scenes. ² And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. ³ He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain;

Man: *[rattle chains]*

Narrator: ⁴ for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart,

Man: *[rattle chains]*

Narrator: and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling

Man: *[Howling]*

Narrator: and bruising himself with stones. ⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; ⁷ and he shouted at the top of his voice,

Man: *“What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” [howl]*

Narrator: ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”

⁹ Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

Man: *“My name is Legion; for we are many.” [howl]*

Narrator: ¹⁰ He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹ Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; ¹² and the unclean spirits begged him,

Man: *“Send us into the swine; let us enter them.” [howl]*

Narrator: ¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

¹⁴ The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac

sitting there, (pause)

[demoniac sits on the steps with hands folded smiling]

clothed and in his right mind, (pause)

the very man who had had the legion; (pause)

and they were afraid. (pause)

Narrator: ¹⁶ Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. ¹⁷ Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood.

¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him.

Man: *[Please take me with you!!! Don't leave me here with these crazy people!!!!]*

Narrator: ¹⁹ But Jesus refused, and said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.”

Man: *[goes down the center aisle jumping...giving high fives to people]*

Narrator: ²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed. This is the good news of great joy for all people! Thanks be to God.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Lisa Arrington

GROW AS DISCIPLES

HYMN

“Thy Holy Wings”

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