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Epiphany Worship Celebration

St. John's Lutheran
Church, Sweet Air

February 23, 2020
8:08 & 11:08am

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WELCOME ALL

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PRELUDE

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

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

ELW # 318

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.

8:08 KYRIE means "Lord"

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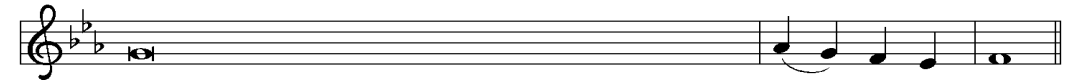
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



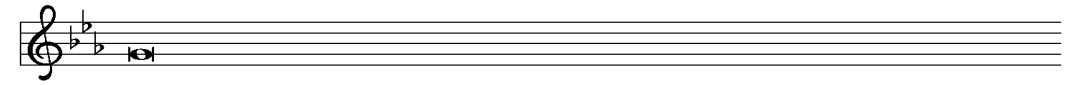
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



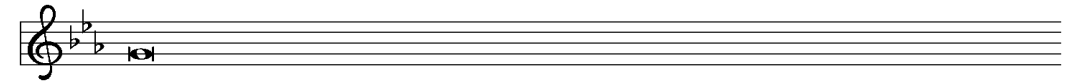
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR**Lift up in prayer:**

John Abendschein
Jodi Anderson
Brian Bruck
James Brunner
Marge Burdette
Harrison Carr
Diane Corkran
Dawn Dorrell
Molly Gleason
Mitchell Greene
Mary Haley
Zach Hinegardner
Sue Hladik
The Hobbs family
Ray Lawson
Michelle Lizardo & family
Jackie Lober
Michael Mazziott
Bill Moesinger
Jo Morrison
Linda Murphy
The Murphy family
Heike Neisius
Allyson Pipher
Linda Owens-Smith
Katy Stevens and family
Wayne Stolins
Vicki Thomas
Nancy Urban
Melanie Vohs
Dean Watkins
Henry Weaver
John Zelek
Sheila Zimmer

Condolences:

To the family of Eric Zahn, son of Jeff and Marlene Zahn, Eric passed away on 2/1. The Zahn's are former members that moved back to Ohio. Cards can be sent to 6695 Liberty Circle, West Chester OH, 45069.

*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 all who are facing poverty, viruses, gangs, and natural disasters.
Prayers for our search committee for a Director of Adult Discipleship
Prayers for Nicole and Kevin Fuhr on ordination ceremony in TX.
Prayers for Danielle Chandler for safety in global missionary travels.
Prayers for the violence in Baltimore and the rest of the state
Prayers for those with addictions
Lord, we pray for all schools, churches, scouts and all organizations for healthy service, best practices, and safe healing especially among your children and adults. We pray for all who serve. We thank you for the gift of trust. Let us strive to maintain safe space for all to learn and grow. Amen.

This week we pray for:

† Worship and Music Team
† Jubilee Singers
† St. John's Bronze

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:

Ken & Beverlea Davis
Todd & Stacey Deak, Cody
Tom & Liza DeBolt,
Kristin, Zachary, Katherine

BENEDICTION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

P: Go in peace, Love and care for one another in the name of Christ. May the warm light of Christ shine in the dark valleys of the world. May the spirit of God lead us out to love God’s people and creation. Amen.

HYMN

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

ELW # 315

SENT WITH A MISSION

L: Let us live the story:

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

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 your mission through Your eyes. Help us follow you up the mountain to see your glory and down the mountain to the cross. May we follow and trust You, Jesus Christ, Messiah, Savior and Lord. Let the people of God say: Amen. Please be seated.

TELL THE STORY

PSALM 87

Reader

L: The Epiphany psalm for today is Psalm 87. The Psalms are prayers. This psalm reminds us there is joy on the mountain of God. Let’s read the psalm all together. Psalm 87 begins:

On the holy mount stands the city he founded;

² the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

³ Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.

⁴ Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon;

Philistia too, and Tyre, with Ethiopia—This one was born there,” they say.

⁵ And of Zion it shall be said, “This one and that one were born in it”; for the Most High himself will establish it.

⁶ The LORD records, as he registers the peoples, “This one was born there.”

⁷ Singers and dancers alike say, “All my springs are in you.”

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 8:27-9:8

Reader

Reader: The Holy Gospel is according to Mark the 8th chapter.

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

Reader: We continue to Live the Story entering Act 5 Jesus. Today is considered the grand finale of Epiphany with the Festival of Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain revealing his glory as the Son of God. What kind of Messiah does Jesus describe? How is he the unexpected Messiah? A reading from Mark chapter 8:

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

¹ And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“You Belong to Christ” ELW # 212

“Now We Join in Celebration” ELW # 462

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.**

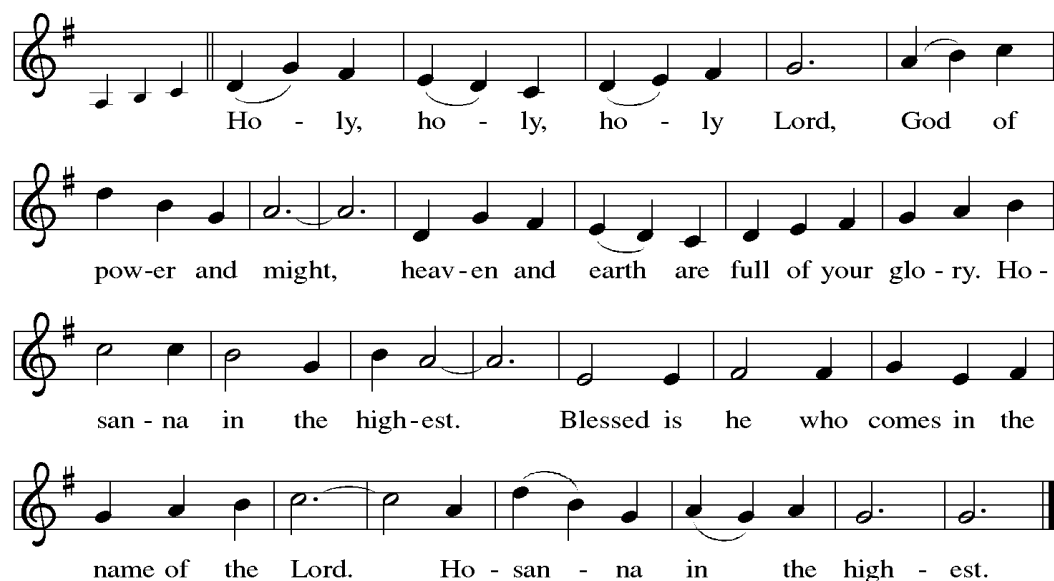
L: Let us pray. Lord we thank you for the word made flesh, the Word of life and bread of heaven. Thank you for connecting us as the body of Christ. Rebuild your church. Rebuild each of us. That, fed by your Word, we may be your church rising in grace, learning the story, loving to tell the story as student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

NEXT STEPS

Pastor Lisa Arrington

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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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.

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.

MESSAGE

Riley McWilliams, *Lay Preacher Group*

GROW AS DISCIPLES

1108 BAPTISM

Wallace Tyler Sommer

Welcome Wallace Tyler Sommer born June 22, 2019 family: Lindsey and Dustin Sommer, parents and big brother Emmett Godparents: Amanda Earle and Joshua Sommer

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, let us celebrate and be renewed in God's free gift of baptism.

POURING WATER *into the Baptismal Font.*

P: Prepare the way of the Lord. Water is the sign of cleansing. From the beginning in Genesis, the spirit of God moved over the waters. Jesus was not baptized in Bethlehem. Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan as the beginning of his public ministry. Today begins the public ministry of Wallace Tyler Sommer.

INTRODUCTION TO COVENANT or BAPTISMAL PROMISES

P: Prepare the way of the Lord. Holy Baptism is a precious gift from God. We are all called to faithfully worship in God's house. We are all called to teach the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. We are all called to grow as disciples. We are all called to dive into the Holy Scriptures and be in communion with the Church.

P: People of St. John's, do you promise to support this family with the church?

All: We will.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us together rise and renew our faith and baptism. Creed means "I believe."

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.

Please be seated.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANOINTING

P: Paul in Ephesians says, “*you are sealed by the holy spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever*”

CANDLE IS A SIGN

P: As Jesus says in Matthew’s Gospel: “*Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*”

P: Let us welcome one another as new brothers and sisters:

All: We welcome you, Wally, to the Lord’s family. We receive you as a brother in Christ Jesus, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Baptismal Certificate, napkin, candle and Splash updates for 36 months!

HYMN

“*Beautiful Savior*”

ELW # 838

8:08 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.

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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

Michael Chambers

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 11:08

“*I Will Rejoice*”

-Benjamin Harlan

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.

WORDS FOR COMMUNION

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HOLY COMMUNION

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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...