

**St. John**
Lutheran Church

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January 17, 2021

11:00 am

**Take My
Keys...
Please!!**



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“St. John will do whatever it takes for the sake of God’s Kingdom.”

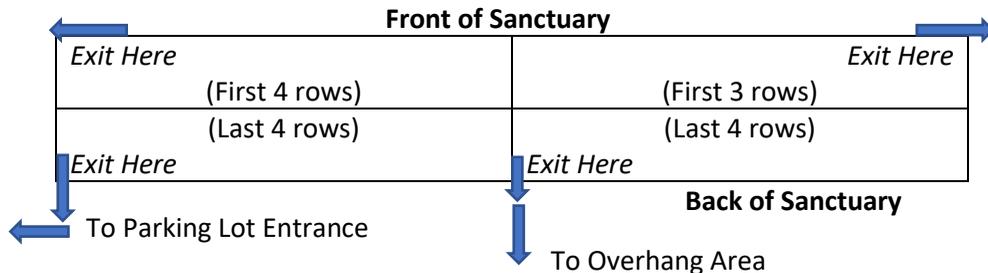
We accomplish this by:

RELY(ing) on God; **RELATE** (ing) to each other as Christ taught;
RESPOND (ing) to His grace with the help of the Holy Spirit

COVID-19 Worship Guidelines

Welcome to St. John! During these challenging times we have tried to create a worship experience that helps us worship in a safe manner and is considerate and loving of our fellow believers in Christ. We do ask that you adhere to a few guidelines that are in place for your safety as well as the safety of others around you. We ask, regardless of your opinion on these difficult issues, to follow the guidelines listed below:

- Please use hand sanitizer when entering the building.
- Please wear a mask for your safety and others.
- Please stay socially distanced in your selection of seating and please allow room for others who arrive later, by moving toward the middle section of the pew.
- We ask that you don’t sing, but hum or mouth the words as they are sung by our music leaders. If you do want to sing, please wear your mask in consideration of others.
- For Holy Communion make sure your used all-in-one communion cup and any other trash is placed in your baggies and discarded in the trash can when you exit the building.
- Please adhere to our exit strategy below:



Thank you for following these simple guidelines. We appreciate your understanding and your consideration of others as we navigate through these trying and difficult times.

If You Are a Visitor:

We thank you for worshipping with us today! If you would like to be part of our daily distribution of devotions and prayers from our Elders, please fill out the form at the back of this bulletin and leave it on your seat. If you do not have a writing implement available, we do have some pencils located on a table in the Narthex. You can fill the form out there and place it in the basket when complete. Thank you and you are always free to speak to the Pastor after the service or you can email him any questions you may have considering the ministry of St. John at pstrcosgrove@comcast.net



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021
11:00 am



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Congregation stands

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P O Lord, You have searched and known us.

C You discern our thoughts from afar.

P Where shall we go from Your Spirit?

C Or where shall we flee from Your presence?

P If we ascend to heaven, You are there!

C If we make our bed in Sheol, You are there!

P Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

C We were bought with a price, the blood of Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Indeed, we were bought with the precious blood of Christ, and God calls on us to glorify God with our bodies, but we have failed to do this. We have lived as if our bodies and lives were our own, as if Your Son had not bought them with His blood. Such sins cause deep shame, yet even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we have sinned by the things we have done and by the things we have left undone. Forgive us, remove the shame that clings to us, and make us new creations for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. In His resurrection, He removes our shame and makes us more than conquerors. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(words on screen)

✠ WORD ✠

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Congregation is seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:1-3, 7-11

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called

oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. ⁷Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy. ⁸For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. ⁶If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort. ⁸For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. ⁹Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. ¹¹You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

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WORSHIP AND PRAISE

“Softly and Tenderly”

(words on screen)

Congregation is seated

MESSAGE

Being Ones Who Mourn

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

“Nothing But the Blood”

(words on screen)

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

PREFACE

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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LORD'S PRAYER

(words on screen)

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

(words on screen)

Congregation is seated

As the Pastor leads you, reveal each portion of the communion cup and partake of God's grace and forgiveness to you.

✠ WE DEPART IN PEACE ✠

Congregation stands

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

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DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

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St John Lives the
W.I.T.
Principle

“Whatever It Takes” for the sake of God’s Kingdom!