

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Epiphany Season



The Revelation of God as Jesus Christ

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AS WE GATHER

Every year, the Epiphany season marks events that John summarizes as significant of what we will hear concerning the earthly ministry of Jesus leading to the glory of His cross. Jesus enacts His first sign or miracle at a wedding in Cana. Turning water into wine signifies more than the joy of the marriage of God to His people. To Christians, it instantly calls to mind the Means by which God literally pours the new life of forgiveness into us through the blood of the cross of Christ. As the Bride of Christ, the Holy Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit to live a life of the reverent worship of God and loving service of one another and the world. The one Spirit works through the many members of the Body of Christ.

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

PREPARATION

HYMN The Only Son from Heaven *LSB 402*

**The only Son from heaven,
Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given,**

In human form appears.

**No sphere His light confining,
No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.**

**O time of God appointed,
O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the King anointed,
The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.**

**O Lord, our hearts awaken
To know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken,
In Spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.**

Stand

**O Father, here before You
With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You,
O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly
Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O blessed Trinity!"**

INVOCATION

**In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:5–7

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.

Merciful God, we confess that we live surrounded by the darkness of sin. Our lives are spent in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from this darkness and grant us Your forgiveness by the light of Your Son's saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Amen.

Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WORD

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS... Glory to God in the Highest LSB 204

**To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing-
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heavenly King.**

To You, O sole begotten,

**The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us , Jesus;
Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high.**

**For you a-lone are holy;
You only are the Lord,
For-ever and for-ever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad re-ply.**

SALUTATION

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son to establish a new creation, by the forgiveness won in the glory of His cross and resurrection, renew our lives by the breath of the Holy Spirit empowering us to worship You in purity and serve one another in love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

MEMORIZED WORD

**Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
Isaiah 7:14**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 62:1–5*

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You 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. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all * nations!

Extol Him, all * peoples!

**For great is His steadfast * love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for * ever.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory * due His name;
bring an offering, and come in * to His courts!**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 12:1–11*

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who

empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 2:11*

Alleluia.

This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 2:1–11*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master

of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord *LSB 407*

**To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,
To do His Father’s pleasure;
Baptized by John, the Father’s Word
Was given us to treasure.
This heav’nly washing now shall be
A cleansing from transgression
And by His blood and agony
Release from death’s oppression.
A new life now awaits us.**

**O hear and mark the message well,
For God Himself has spoken.
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell
And so receive this token.
Our Lord here with His Word endows
Pure water, freely flowing.
God’s Holy Spirit here avows
Our kinship while bestowing
The Baptism of His blessing.**

These truths on Jordan's banks were shown
By mighty word and wonder.
The Father's voice from heav'n came down,
Which we do well to ponder:
"This man is My beloved Son,
In whom My heart has pleasure.
Him you must hear, and Him alone,
And trust in fullest measure
The word that He has spoken"

There stood the Son of God in love,
His grace to us extending;
The Holy Spirit like a dove
Upon the scene descending;
The triune God assuring us,
With promises compelling,
That in our Baptism He will thus
Among us find a dwelling
To comfort and sustain us.

To His disciples spoke the Lord,
"Go out to ev'ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word
And this My I invitation:
Let ev'ryone adandon sin
And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win
Full pardon and remission
And heav'nly bliss inherit."

But woe to those who cast aside
This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide
And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works, must fail,
Their striving saves them never;

**Their pious acts do not avail,
And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.**

**All that the mortal eye beholds
Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood
To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood
The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.**

SERMON

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, merciful Father, we praise and thank You for Your gift of life, especially the new life You give us in the water of Holy Baptism and for teaching us to be Your new creation by Your Holy Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Having given us this new life by Your Holy Spirit, cause us to live in Your love actively, faithfully caring for and serving our neighbor. Give us confidence in Your never-failing love and help. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As Your Son brought blessing and joy to the wedding at Cana, so You have made us to be His Bride, Your Holy Church. Help us to be faithful to You as You are to us, that we may demonstrate the beauty of Your love, which You bestow on the whole world.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, grant that justice and honor prevail in society so that we may dwell in peace all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We here remember before You all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [*especially* . . .]. By Your Spirit, calm their fears, grant healing and especially steadfastness and confidence of faith in Your never-ending kindness and power to help. Be with all to whom death draws near. Grant Your compassion and skill to all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With reverence and affection we remember before You, O Lord, all our friends and relatives who have departed in faith especially Irene Hurst. Keep us in the true faith that we may ever hold the sure hope of eternal life in the marriage feast that has no end.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

HYMN

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord *LSB* 405

**To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.**

**The Savior came to be baptized-
The Son of God in flesh disguised-
To stand beneath the Father's will
And all His righteousness fulfill.**

**As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heavn'ly dove,
Descended on Him from above.**

**Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is My Son," was His decree,
"The one I Love, who pleases Me."**

**The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.**

**Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Sam Shick
Lector	Dan Reh
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Allen Dass
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Dan Reh
Sunday School	Dan Reh
Confirmation	Pastor Michael Tanney

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 33

Communion: 26

Offering: \$2,693.00

WORD OF LIFE FUNDRAISER WOL will be having a fundraiser at Noodles & Co (64 Hampton Village Plaza) on January 18th, All Day. You can order online or on the Noodles APP and enter code GIVING30 at checkout. You can also bring the flyer to the cashier when ordering. Flyers are available to pick up.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY AFTER CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES The After Chapel Concerts are mini concerts featuring musicians from within and beyond the Seminary community. Concerts are held in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus directly following morning chapel services from 9:55 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Concerts are typically held in the chapel balcony. These concerts also will be streamed at csl.edu/live. Check out their website for a full schedule and details! The next concert is on Tuesday, February 8th featuring Erica Mertz.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY for young adults between the ages of 18-30. The Bible Study will run from 5:30pm-7:30pm, and will include a pizza dinner (provided by St. Johns). Our next date being January 22nd. If interested, please RSVP to stjohnslechl@gmail.com or call 314-773-0126 and let us know what your preferred pizza topping is.

TRIVIA NIGHT FOR TROOP 181 has been postponed. The future date has not been decided yet.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available to be picked up on the table in the Narthex. Please take yours.

THANK YOU Pastor would like to thank all those who sent cards and gifts to him and his wife during Christmas.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY CONCERT SERIES The Epiphany Hymn Festival will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus Featuring Dr. Stephen Starke, commentator, the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale and the Seminary String Ensemble Celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ with us this Epiphany season! Join us in person or via livestream at csl.edu/live. Find details on our [events calendar](#) and learn more about the [Concordia Seminary Concert Series](#).

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –For those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery; **Maureen Rehmer** as she continues to recover at home; **Dennis Solomon** for healing from bed sores; **Dennis Schwab** as he was just diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus and brain; **Family & Friends** of Irene Hurst; **Field-workers** and **Vicars**; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **EAGLE schools & Compass** as they make decisions due to the outbreak of covid.

Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain, Maureen Rehmer, Eileen Wehrheim, Don Osiek

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

January 16-January 23

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	Office Closed NO Compass 6pm Ladies Exercise Class
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 3:45pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am-10:30am Food Pantry 1pm Vicar Meeting 5:30pm-7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/ Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship