

St. John Lutheran Church



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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY • JANUARY 19, 2025

Reverent Reflection

Prelude

Welcome

Church Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

- D. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C. **Amen.**
- D. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C. **Amen.**
- D. Most merciful God,
- C. **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
- Amen.**
- D. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: All Are Welcome (#641)

Greeting

- D. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. **And also with you.**

Kyrie p. 147

- D. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. **Lord, have mercy.**
- D. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. **Lord, have mercy.**

- D. 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.
- C. **Lord, have mercy.**
- D. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C. **Lord, have mercy.**
- D. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C. **Amen.**

Canticle p. 149

- D. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You 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.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10

Response: We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord.

⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord. R**

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸ **They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹ For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

¹⁰ **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart. R**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation p. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Children's Sermon

Anthem

Apostles' Creed

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 Intercession

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (especially).

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites (especially). Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace throughout the world: in our nation, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, and all war-torn areas.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Thanksgiving for the Word p. 220

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: We Are All One In Mission (#576)

Dismissal

Postlude

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	9:30 am	Regular Sunday Morning Church Service
	10:30 am	Band Rehearsal
	11:15 am	Youth Chime/Vocal Choir
	11:30 am	Bell Choir (<i>every other Sunday</i>)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Band Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Ongoing		Shelf Stable Milk Collection Crocheting for a Cause Collection for Baby Pantry Holy Communion Berlin
Tuesday, January 21st	7:00 pm	Council Meeting (reschedule of Jan. 13th meeting)
Sunday, January 26th	After Worship Service	St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday, January 27th	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class in the Parish House
Tuesday, February 4th	7:00 pm	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles in the Parish House
Saturday, February 8th	11:30 am	Community Luncheon in the Ed. Bldg.
Monday, February 10th	7:00 pm	Council Meeting in the Parish House
Wednesday, February 12th	2:00 pm	Afternoon Tea in Parish House Tea Room
Monday, February 17th	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class in the Parish House
Wednesday, February 19th	7:00 pm	Grief Gathering in the Parish House Tea Room
Monday, February 24th	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class in the Parish House
Wednesday, February 26th	6:00 pm	Dinner and Discussion

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers for healing:

Jen Bailey	Indie Fisher	Valerie Hoffmann	Ashley Rosser	Christopher Weaver
Brian Byrnes	Bob Garner	Joanne McVelli	Finn Schureman	Mary Weltzin
Randy Cantoral	Myrtle Garner	Melanie Miles	Frank Siderio III	Ryan Williams
Janet Cappuccio	Heidi Goff	Kent Montford	Eric Sprengel	Helen Yezusko
Sandra DeRitis	Angela Guedes	Sue Murphy	Janice Stronski	Ashley Zenzola
Helen Dominic	Stan Harmer	Doris Piech	George Vaneman, Sr.	Bob Zielsdorf
Rosemarie Doucette	Ray Hemphill	Kimberly Rickert	Beverly Warming	

Please notify the office if you want to add or remove a person from this list.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

Altar Flowers are available for dedication for \$30. Please fill out the envelope located in the pew rack at least one week before you wish to dedicate the flowers. The card may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. Please be sure to note the date on the white board in the Narthex. Please see Pat Reed to make payment.



**HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF BERLIN BABY PANTRY NEEDS
DONATIONS OF BABY DIAPERS**
(especially larger size ones).



Collection will take place in the Narthex.



JUST A REMINDER . . .

We are accepting donations of
Shelf Stable Milk for Our Lady of Peace Food Bank.

Donations in the form of cash or check will also be welcome.

Calling All Crafters!

Work on crochet projects from home to
benefit various non-profits in South Jersey.

Current project: Tote Bags, Hats, Scarves & Baby Hats

Please take a flyer (in the Narthex) for more details.



Crocheting For A Cause
VOLUNTEER CENTER
of South Jersey

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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Monday, January 27th

5:30 pm in the Parish House



BIBLE STUDY!

Tuesday, February 4th
at 7:00 pm in the Parish House
Please join us!



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Ed Building.



MONDAY • FEBRUARY 10TH @ 7PM

COUNCIL MEETING

PARISH HOUSE



Afternoon Tea at St. John's Lutheran Church
Wednesday, February 12th

2:00 pm in the Parish House Tea Room

All Are Welcome!



CONFIRMATION CLASS



Monday, February 17th

Monday, February 24th

5:30 pm

in the Parish House

Grief Gathering
Wednesday,
February 19th



Parish Tea Room
@ 7pm
All Are Welcome!



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

6:00 PM IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

Potluck Dinner • Bring a dish or dessert to share
Participate in an after dinner Inspirational Discussion.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

All Are Welcome

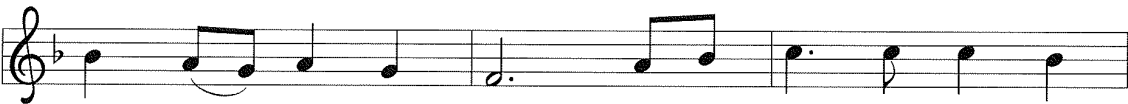
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

We All Are One in Mission

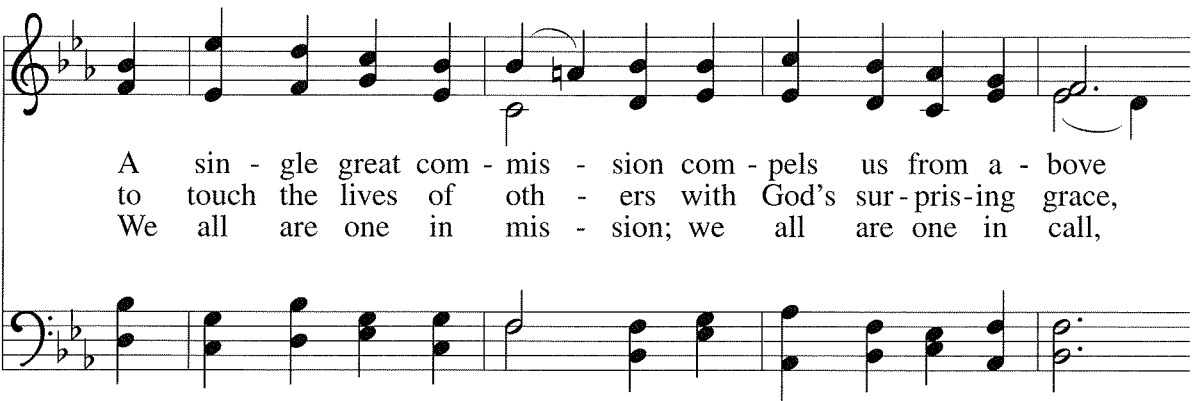
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1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Just a reminder . . .



**ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025
after the Worship Service in the Education Building

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