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*John 2: 10-11*

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**Second Sunday after Epiphany – January 17, 2016**

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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an \*, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Second Sunday after Epiphany - January 17, 2016**

*The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

**PRELUDE:** *Jesus, Come! For We Invite You* – Charles Callahan

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,  
**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG #310: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*GLORY TO GOD**

*Cantor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.*

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff starts with a common time signature (C) and includes the instruction 'All' above the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The final staff concludes with a double bar line.

**\*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.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1–5**

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.*

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

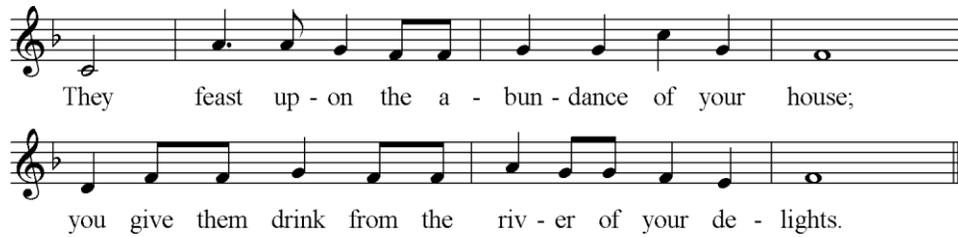
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM 36:5-10**

*The cantor sings the refrain and all repeat it; the congregations sings the verses in **bold**.*



<sup>5</sup>Your love, O LORD, reaches | to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like | the great deep;  
you save humankind and ani- | mals, O LORD. R**

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

<sup>8</sup>**They feast upon the abundance | of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of | your delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the | well of life,  
and in your light | we see light.

<sup>10</sup>**Continue your loving kindness to | those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are | true of heart. R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>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.

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The cantor sings the Alleluias, and all repeat them.*



*Verse (cantor): Jesus revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.*

## **GOSPEL READING: John 2:1–11**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>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 <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>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.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY#312:** *Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*

### **\*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**

Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

You enliven your church. Inspire the body of Christ to rejoice in and make good use of the various gifts and vocations with which you have entrusted it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the fountain that brings forth life. Guide us to be good stewards of all plant and animal life entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your light we see light. Shine on the path for all nations to seek peace, justice, and the well-being of all your children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are a refuge to those in peril. Grant help, healing, and wholeness to all who are in need of your care. We pray especially for Frieda, Raymond, Wanda Jean, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Fred & Jane, David & Ellen, and all those we remember aloud or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the leaders of this assembly. Help them to use their gifts in this community to the glory of your holy name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed who have gone to join the marriage feast that has no end, especially Antony of Egypt and Pachomius, renewers of the church. May their lives inspire us to trust always in your promise of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN #816: *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life***

(All stand for the final stanza as the gifts are brought forward)

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills  
were gathered together to become one bread,  
so let your church be gathered together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*DIALOGUE**

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

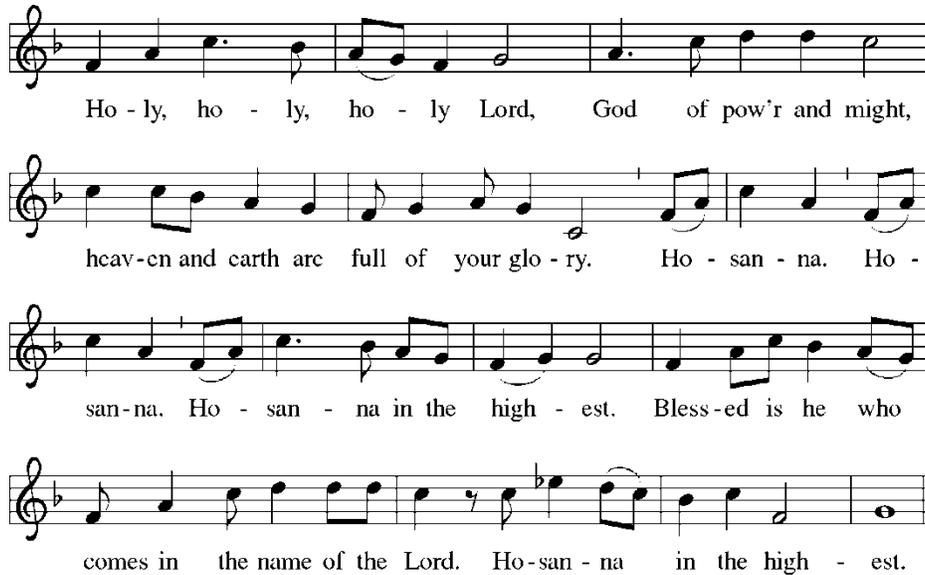
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O holy God:  
you are the Life and Light of all.  
By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness  
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever. **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**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table.  
Feast on God's abundant life for you.

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The area of cups bordered by green tape has grape juice.*

**COMMUNION SONG: *Lamb of God***

The image shows the musical notation for the Communion Song 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff contains: 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The third staff contains: 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff contains: 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' The word 'grant' is underlined with a curved line. The music ends with a double bar line.

**COMMUNION HYMN #488: *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness***

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace.

**Amen.**

**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Lord, now you let your ser - vant go in peace; your word has been ful-  
- filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-  
- pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-  
- veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God,

that you have fed us at your banqueting table  
with bread and wine beyond compare,  
the very life of Christ for us.

Send your Spirit with us now,

that we may set the captive free,

use your gifts to build one another up,

and in everything reflect your glory

revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

God Almighty send you light and truth  
to keep you all the days of your life.

The hand of God protect you;

the holy angels accompany you;

and the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be with you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!**

All: O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 Men: Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with-  
 All: Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 Women: Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,  
 All: Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be  
 All: What joy to know when life is past, the Lord we

God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 - in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old world's foun - da - tion!  
 all with mu - sic crowned, our voi - ces gai - ly blend - ing!  
 love is first and last, the end and the be - gin - ning!

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in  
 Our Christ goes with us all the way - to - day, to -  
 He will one day, oh glo - rious grace, trans - port us

Sav - ior, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!  
 branch - es of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
 souls with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
 him here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.  
 - mor - row, ev' - ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!  
 to that hap - py place be - yond all tears and sin - ning!

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us, and  
 Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life  
 Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion! Tell  
 A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness! We

in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!  
 the sto - ry! Praise to Christ, who reigns in glo - ry!  
 are yearn - ing for the day of your re - turn - ing.

**Our service continues with the congregational meeting.**

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**Today's commemorations:**

**Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356**

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

**Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346**

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

**9:00 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Ruth Ann Tully

**Communion Assistant:** Valerie Cardinal

**Acolyte:**

**Lector:** Valerie Cardinal

**Usher:** Bob Davidson

**Attendance Last Week:** 58

**Weekly Budgeted Need:** \$ 2,755.44

**YTD Budgeted Expenses:** \$ 142,672.68

**YTD Receipts:** \$ 4,669.00

**YTD Actual Expense:** \$ 142,444.97

**Attendance Last Year:** 58

**Last Week's Giving:** \$2,215.00

**YTD Receipts:** \$6,884.00

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