



## St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God...*

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**Prelude                      Improvisation on ELW 675 O, Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True**

**Bells**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Temple Talk**

**Deacon John Dellis**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,  
the Eternal Voice from heaven,  
the Anointed and Beloved One,  
the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,  
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

God who searches us and knows us:  
**You have shown us what is good,  
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.  
We have not been just in our dealings with others.  
We have chosen revenge over mercy.  
We have promoted ourselves  
instead of walking humbly with you.  
With what shall we come before you?  
Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
Do not receive the spirit of this world,  
but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the promise of baptism,  
that you are God's child; † and your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

**"All My Hope on God Is Founded"**

**ELW #757**

**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.**

# Canticle of Praise

Setting 3

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple 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.

## Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture and preaching; we respond in profession of faith and prayer*

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### **First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalmody**

### **“The Lord Is My Shepherd”**

**Rutter**

(The choir will sing the Psalmody this morning)

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.*

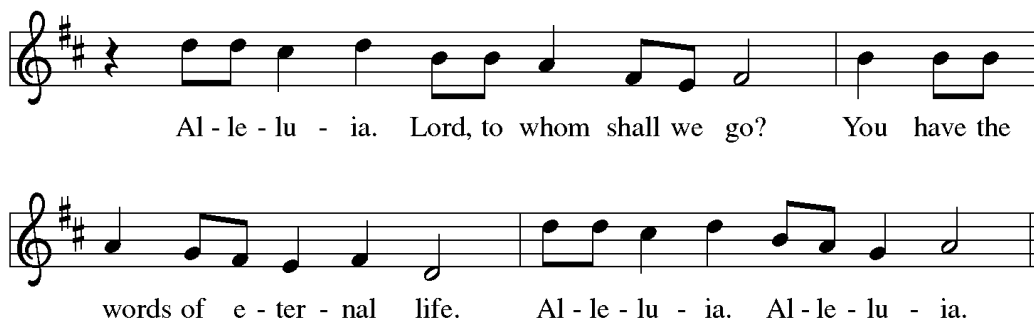
<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor: Alleluia.* Jesus preached the good news | of the kingdom\* and cured every sickness a - |  
mong the people. *Alleluia. (Matt. 4:23)*

## The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

The good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>3</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children are invited to go to their Sunday lesson and activity. They will return at Holy Communion. Parents are welcome to accompany them.*

**Sermon**

**Pastor James Dew**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"Will You Come and Follow Me"**

**ELW #798**

*We celebrate this morning as  
Cora Brenna Faye Baker and Theadosia Evie Rae Baker  
are brought to the waters of Holy Baptism.  
They are the daughters of Steven and Clari Baker.  
Proud grandparents are Scott and Charlotte Baker.*

**Prayers of Intercession**

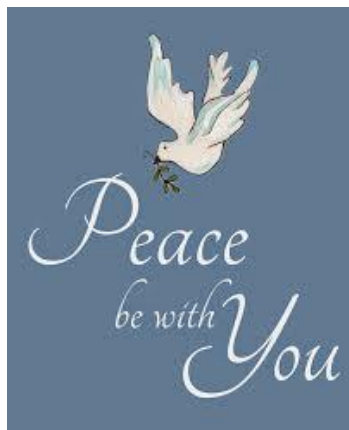
*Each petition concludes: "Lord, in your mercy," The congregation responds: "**Hear our prayer.**"  
We hold in prayer: Bob Cauble, Frances Bara, Chris Gates, Danny Myers, Janice Williams, Ralph  
Detwiler, Joan Arnet, Louis Spreen, Jon Bohmann, Janie McWhirter, Arlene Schirmer, Dean Perry.*

*For prayer requests and updates, please contact the church office  
(210) 223-2611 or [info@StJohnsSA.org](mailto:info@StJohnsSA.org)*

**Peace**

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

*(Please share with those nearest you these or similar words: "Peace be with you.")*



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## MEAL

*We bring our "first fruit" offerings to the Table of the Lord  
where we are strengthened and nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ*

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Offering

The Call

Z. Randall Stroope

Offertory Hymn

**"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

**ELW #182**

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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### Offertory Prayer

God of wonder,

**We bring our gifts to your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love for us and for all your creation, you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who took upon himself our own flesh and blood, who showed us your face, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

For on 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, as often as you drink of it, for the remembrance of me.

As we bind ourselves to his life, his death, and his rising, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, upon these gifts of this bread and wine, and upon all who come to your table seeking, your touch upon their lives. Shape us to be a kingdom people, living out your vision for our world. Transform us, that we may be your vessels of hope, mercy, justice, and peace. And work through us, that we, who are truly abundant in gifts beyond measure, might share from all your give us, for the sake of the life of the world.

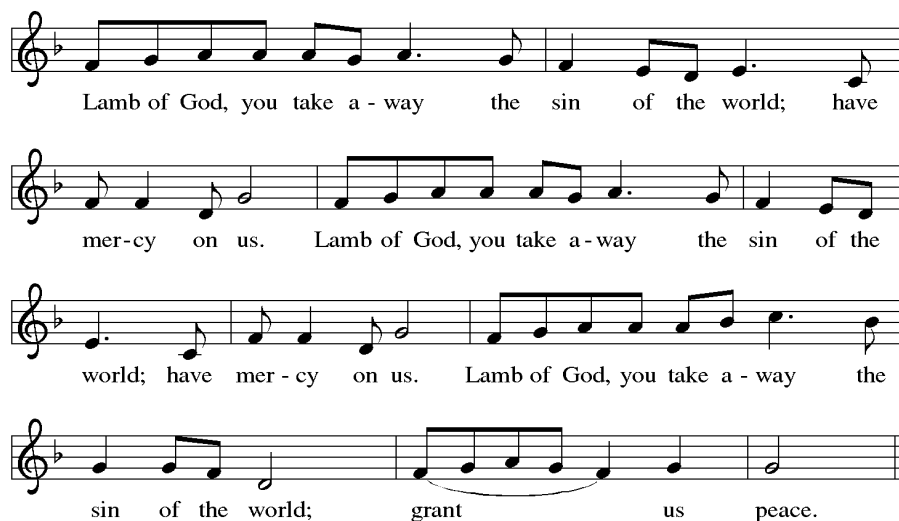
*(Intoned)* Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remember us, Lord, in your kingdom, and help us to 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, who welcomes you to his table of mercy and joy.

## **Agnus Dei**



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.

## **Holy Communion**

*We believe that Christ is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and we welcome all who wish to receive the Holy Sacrament. Please follow the direction of the ushers. A gluten free host is available upon request.*

## **Communion Hymns**

- ELW # 306 *Come, Beloved of the Maker*
- ELW # 574 *Here I Am, Lord*
- ELW # 696 *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

## **Communion Blessing**



## Communion Prayer

Faithful God,  
You have kept your promise to us in this meal,  
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.  
Now send your servants forth in peace,  
that we may testify to your goodness  
and share the hope that is ours  
in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world*

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## Benediction

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,  
and the source of our life together,  
keep you united in mind and purpose.  
And the blessing of Almighty God,  
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you always. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

***"Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"***

**ELW #312**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

**Praeludium and Fugue in C Major**

**J.S. Bach**

**The flowers today are in memory of (our Mom) Dora Boenisch  
by the Boenisch, Riemenschneider, & Shadrock families.**

## **Worship Leaders**

Presiding Minister + Pastor James Dew

Assisting Minister Rosemary Petry

Lector + Luci Traeger

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*Worship is central to who we are as a people of God. Every time we gather to hear and respond to the Word, to offer up our prayers for the needs of many, and to receive Christ's living presence in the consecrated bread and wine, we seek to "become what we receive", namely, the Body of Christ for the sake of the life of the world. As we are gathered, fed, and then sent back out in mission, God empowers us to be bearers of blessing and vessels of grace, commissioning us to intentionally live out the reign of God throughout the course of our weekly living.*

## **This week at St. John's**

Sun 26 • Dcn. John Dellis Legacy Planning 11:00 AM

Mon 27 • Finance Team Meeting 9:30 AM

Mon 27 • Property Team Meeting 6:15 PM

Wed 29 • Mid-Week Word and Prayer 12:15 PM

Wed 29 • Campus Ministry Dinner 6:00 PM

Wed 29 • Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Sun 2 • Worship Team Meeting 11:00 AM

*Please see the current month's Tidings for other calendar events.*

**Financial Reports and Council Minutes are available in the church office by request.**

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## **Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest**

Today is the day for the **Legacy Giving for Family and Ministry Seminar** at 11:00 AM. Please join us for the seminar as we share significant ideas in planning for the future. We'll meet in Memorial Hall and enjoy learning more about legacy generosity together!

## **Liturgical Calendar Commemorations**

### **Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries**

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the Apostle Paul. Timothy became Bishop of Ephesus, Titus Bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

### **Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith**

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the Apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

### **Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.



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