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*“ He lives to comfort  
me when faint.  
He lives to hear  
my soul's complaint.  
He lives to silence  
all my fears.  
He lives to wipe  
away my tears.  
He lives to  
calm my troubled  
heart. He lives  
all blessings to  
impart. I Know  
That My Redeemer  
Lives! ”*

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## GATHERING

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

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### Prelude

### Bells

### Welcome and Announcements

### Temple Talk

**Ron Olson**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**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.

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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 Hymn

**"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"**

**ELW #645**

### 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 4

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through 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: Job 19:23-27a

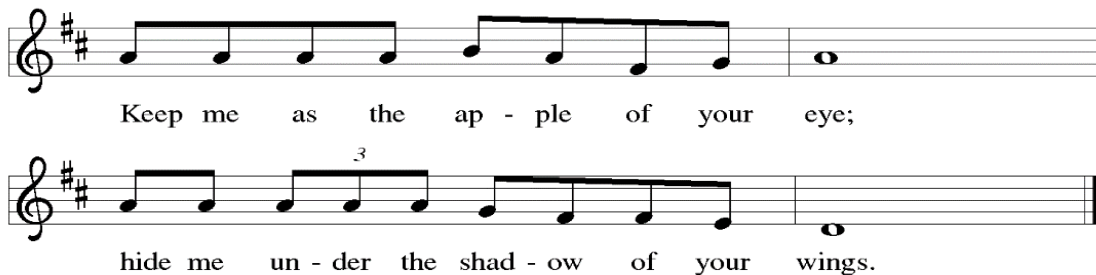
Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

<sup>23</sup>O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27a</sup>whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

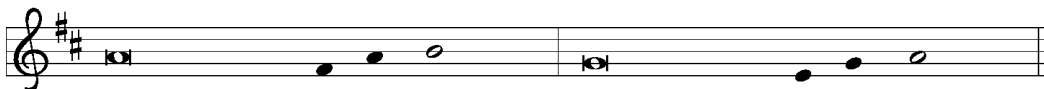
### Psalm 17:1-9



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;  
hide me un - der the shad - ow of your wings.

Psalm 17:8

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<sup>1</sup>Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.

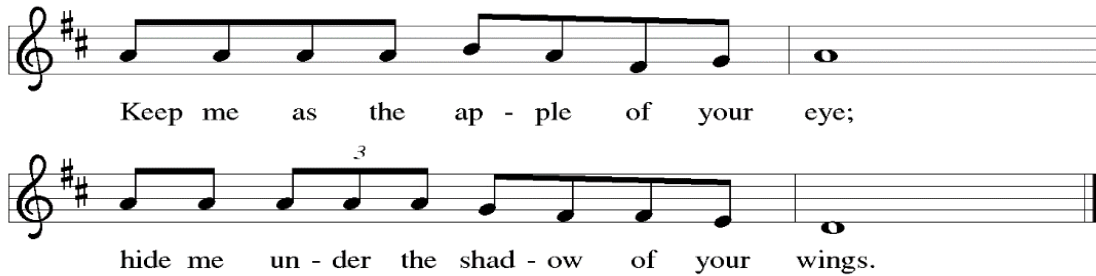
<sup>2</sup>**Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;  
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup>Examine my heart, visit | me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not regarded what | others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent. R**

<sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;  
and my feet | do not slip.

<sup>6</sup>**I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;  
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.**



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;  
hide me un - der the shad - ow of your wings.

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<sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.  
<sup>8</sup>**Keep me as the apple | of your eye;**  
**hide me under the shadow | of your wings,**  
<sup>9</sup>from the wicked | who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies | who surround me. **R**

## Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

*Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter <sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

*Cantor: Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn | of the dead;\* to him be glory and dominion forev - | er and ever. Alleluia. (Rev. 1:5, 6)*

## The Holy Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

*The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

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

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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**

**"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"**

**ELW #619**

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

ELW Pages 227-231

*We celebrate with Gertrude Alta Lena Wilson and her family as she is welcomed into the communion of saints through the waters and promise of Holy Baptism. Her parents are Walt and Lizzie Wilson. Gertie's God-Parents are also her Aunts and Uncles: Matthew and Rachel Pajl, Joseph Pajl, and Jaqueline Pajl.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition concludes: "Hear us, O God." The congregation responds: **"Your mercy is great."***

*We hold in prayer: Bob Cauble, Frances Bara, Chris Gates, Danny Myers, Rev. Louise Shaw, Jet Smith, family of Lucille Zastawny.*

*For prayer request updates, please contact the church office by phone or email at (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**

**"Set Me As A Seal"**

**Joseph Martin**

**Offertory Hymn**

**"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"**

**ELW #207**

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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### Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

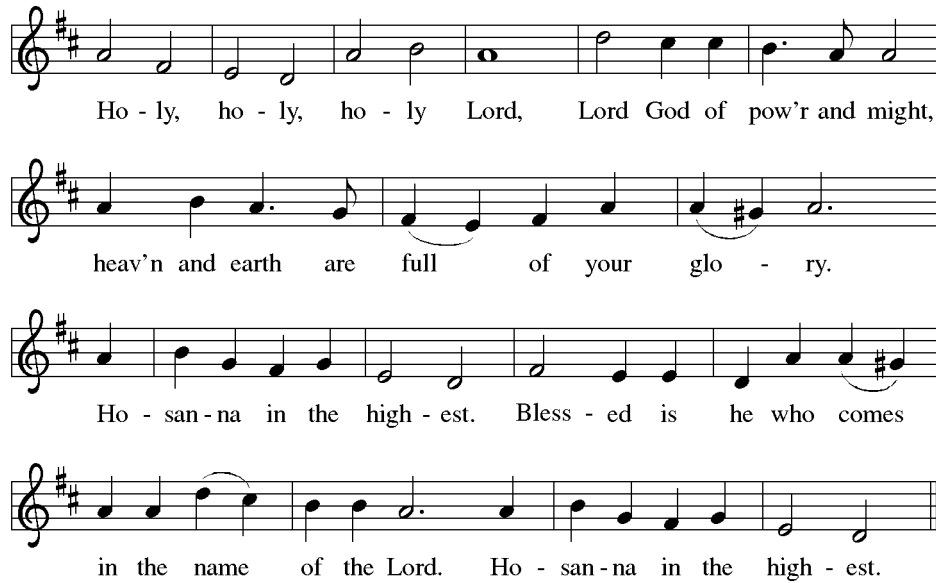
Lift up your hearts.

**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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 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.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Send your Spirit, O God, upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they become your people the Body and Blood of Christ. Send your Spirit also into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this holy meal.

*(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.**

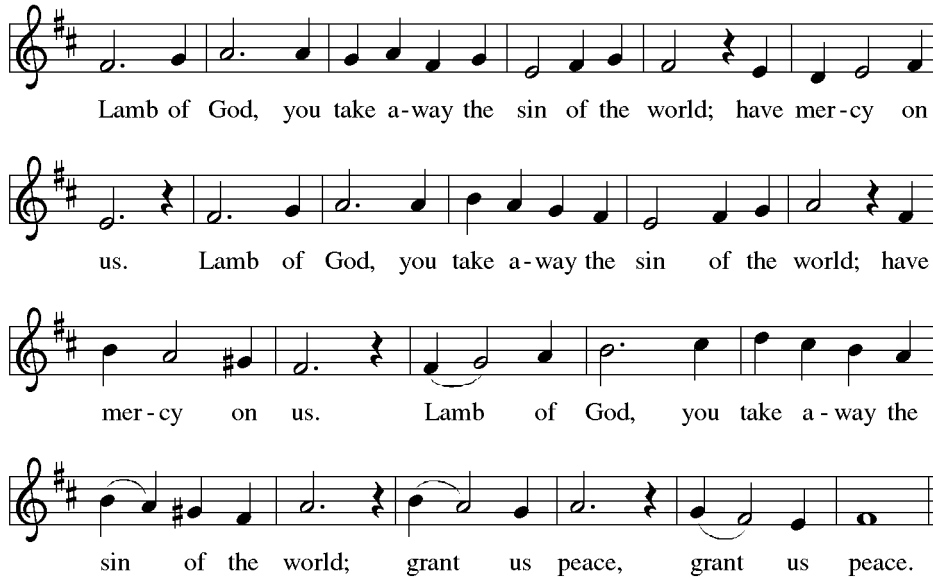
Remember us, Lord, in your kingdom, and help us to pray:

**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.**

All are welcome to this table. Come receive the gifts of God for the people of God.



## 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, 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 to the Lord's Table, available both at the altar railing and by intinction on the sanctuary floor. Please follow the direction of the ushers. A gluten free host is available upon request.*

## Communion Hymns

ELW #494 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*  
ELW #661 *I Love to Tell the Story*  
ELW #639 *When We Are Living*

## Communion Blessing

## Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
Through this Holy Sacrament you have fed us  
with the very body and blood of Christ.  
Now send us out, to do the work you have given us to do,  
to live-out your love to a hurting world,  
and to be the hands and feet of Christ  
to all we encounter; in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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

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### Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

**"We Praise You, O God"**

**ELW #870**

### Dismissal

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

### Postlude

#### Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister † Pastor James Dew  
Assisting Minister † Julie Shadrock  
Lector † Chelsea Huber

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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.*

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

Sun 10 • Congregational Meeting 10:45 AM

Mon 11 • Congregation Council Meeting  
7:00 PM

Tues 12 • Staff Meeting 11:00 AM

Tues 12 • Fiesta Team Meeting 6:30 PM

Wed 13 • Mid-Week Word and Prayer 12:15 PM

Wed 13 • Campus Ministry Dinner 6:00 PM

Wed 13 • Choir Practice 7:00 PM

Fri 15 – Sun 17 • Pastor Jim away for  
continuing education

Sat 16 • Lutheran Cluster Day – Habitat  
for Humanity

*Please see our online calendar at [stjohnssa.org](http://stjohnssa.org) (under the Home tab)  
for weekly recurring events and the current month's Tidings.*

## **Stewardship Sunday**

Please join us for Stewardship Sunday on November 24 for worship and for brunch following the service. During worship you will have the opportunity to return your pledge cards for 2020. This will be a special day for recognizing the blessings we have and giving thanks to God for all that has been given us. Deacon John Dellis, senior gift planner in our synod through the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, will be our special guest for a temple talk. We look forward to seeing you on November 24 for worship, brunch, and fellowship.

## **Let the Children Come**

Talking about heaven is difficult because we cannot fathom what it is like, but in today's gospel Jesus doesn't shy away from the subject. God's eternal order doesn't equate to how we relate to one another on earth. Often people take sides, create hierarchy in relationships, and play favorites. Children are sometimes pawns in the relationship negotiations of adults. In talking about heaven, children can be assured that all are included, loved, and favored in God's new order. How does this change the plea in the Lord's Prayer "on earth as in heaven"?

## **Theological Reflection**

The complexity of the question the Sadducees ask in the gospel reading mirrors the complexity of marriage itself today. The assembly will no doubt ruminate on the institution as it pertains to those married, those no longer married because of death, divorce, or tragedy, those longing to be married, and those happily single. As we head toward the holiday season, reflect on how the church can honor all the varied and complex questions that surround marriage. Poetry can help the assembly do this in ways both humorous and serious, from Steve Scafidi's "Prayer for a Marriage" (in *Sparks from a Nine-Pound Hammer* [Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 2001], 55) to Leo Dangel's "After Forty Years of Marriage, She Tries a New Recipe for Hamburger Hot Dish" (in *Good Poems*, Comp. Garrison Keillor [New York: Penguin, 2002], 136). How can we be sensitive and honest when addressing this topic?

## **Liturgical Calendar Commemorations**

### **Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397**

#### **Monday, November 11, 2019**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

### **Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855**

#### **Monday, November 11, 2019**

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

## **The Artwork of the Week**

Moving from the choir toward the altar on the right side of the church, the fifth window recalls Christ blessing the children. This window is located in the west transept overlooking the original baptistry which also features a carving of the same episode in the life of Christ. "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." The window is dedicated to the memory of Jacob Hotz, who lived nearby on Lafitte Street with his sister, Fredericke, and her husband, Henry Rilling. The Church and Faith windows, in the opposite, east transept, are dedicated to the Rillings, underscoring the strong family ties among first generation German members of St. John's.



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