



# St. John's Lutheran Church

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025 | 10:30am

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*Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.*

*The prelude signals a time of silent prayer and reflection.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

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 sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Holy Name.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life.

**Amen.**

## 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.

## GLORIA

**Fast and lively**

Org. *f*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

5  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9  
- migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13 *mp*  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

22  
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the

27

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

32 *f*

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

35

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

40

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

44 *ff* *rit.*

A - - men, a - - men, a - - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

ISAIAH 6:1-8

A reading from Isaiah.

**I**N the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL PSALM

PSALM 138

*Sung by the choir. Music by Margaret Woodley (contemporary)*

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*

before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple

and praise your Name, \*

because of your love and faithfulness;

<sup>3</sup> For you have glorified your Name \*

and your word above all things.

<sup>4</sup> When I called, you answered me; \*

you increased my strength within me.

<sup>5</sup> All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*

- when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- <sup>6</sup> They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- <sup>8</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## SECOND READING

I CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

A reading from I Corinthians.

**N**OW I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

SEQUENCE

*Sing verse 3.*



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,  
2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,  
3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare  
4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,  
5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;  
these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;  
to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,  
may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,  
what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be  
and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought  
to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,  
and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,  
that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.  
the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.  
de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.  
o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.  
and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**O**NCE while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SEQUENCE

*Sing verse 5.*

*We sit.*

SERMON

PASTOR GRORUD

*We stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*How clear is our vocation*

HYMN 580

## 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.

*We kneel or sit.*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each intercession ends with these words:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*We stand.*

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### MEAL

*We sit.*

### OFFERTORY

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Prayer of St. Richard*

WHITE



*We stand.*

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

MERTON

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son  
With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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



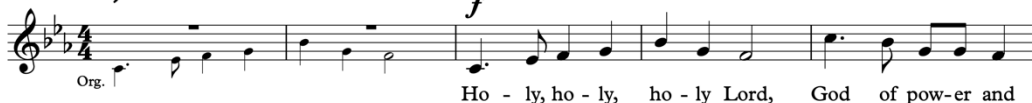
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



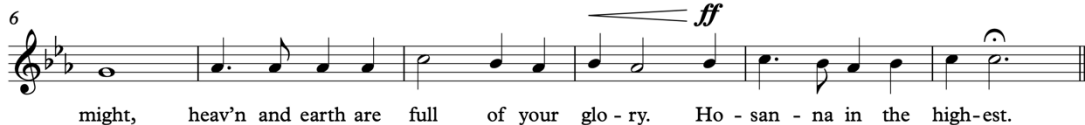
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Majestic**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

**Slower**



Org. *p* Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

4 *pp* Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
 the Word made flesh.

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.

All praise and glory are yours,  
 Holy One of Israel,  
 Word of God incarnate,  
 Power of the Most High,  
 one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Fa - ther who art in\_\_ hea - ven, Ha - llow'd be thy Name;  
Thy king - dom come; thy will be\_\_ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.  
Give us this day our\_\_ dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es as  
we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst\_\_ us. And lead us  
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the  
king - dom, the po - wer and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver.  
A - men. For e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available if requested.*

*We sit.*

## LAMB OF GOD

**Slowly and gently**

Org. *p*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

7 *mp*  
world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

13 *mf*  
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

19 *rit.* *p* *pp* *ppp*  
take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

MOTET

*Density of light*

SARAH QUARTEL (*Contemporary*)

*We stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal, we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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### **Worship Leaders Today**

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev <sup>d</sup> Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Michele Effren
Reader	Lois Coffin
Communion Assistant	Lois Coffin
Acolyte	Liz Ylitalo
Usher	Eric Lane
Altar Committee	Eva Jakubek, Cheryl Milukas
Counters	Noel Bartels, David Hendrickson
Little Free Pantry	

**Coffee/Fellowship Time**

Our thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ for hosting the fellowship time following worship today in the Welcome Room.

## **Little Free Pantry**

The pantry is in need of peanut butter, jelly, shampoo, bar soaps, toothpaste, Parmalat milk and liquid dish soap (small containers).

To volunteer to maintain the Little Free Pantry – clean, organize, and restock – for the period of one week, contact Janet Segerdell - [janet.segerdell@gmail.com](mailto:janet.segerdell@gmail.com).

The LFP can always use cash contributions which are used to purchase food at the Food Bank for pennies on the dollar. Your contribution will go much further through the Food Bank than purchasing at a grocery store.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **Tuesday, February 11**

Choristers - 5:15 pm Choir Room

Sneak Peek Bible Study - 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, February 12**

Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm Choir Room

### **Thursday, February 13**

OWLS 12:00 noon – Welcome Room

### **Sunday, February 22**

Youth Game Night - 6:00 pm Ylitalo's

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday, February 16**

9:30 am Sunday School

Pastor Grorud's last Sunday

Pot luck to follow 10:30 worship

### **Sunday, March 2**

9:30 am Single Worship - Pastor Martha McCreight



### **Worship Leaders & Acolytes Needed**

We are in need of worship leaders in all areas; reader, worship assistant, communion assistant, and fellowship hour volunteers. Over the upcoming months, there are many empty spots to fill. Please look at where you can help out and sign up. If you require assistance in signing up, please contact the office.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.**

## **INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church Stamford CT is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Munsee Lenape, Schaghticoke, Mohican, and Wappinger peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial and wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

