

St. John's Lutheran Church

Second Weekend after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Online Worship

Pre-service Music

Welcome/Announcements

(Please rise)

Opening Hymn: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LSB 528

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| 1 | Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace! | 3 | Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace. |
| 4 | He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me. | 7 | To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n. |

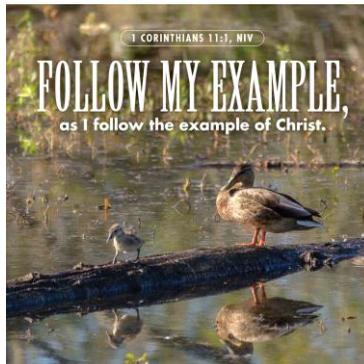
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The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Confession & Absolution (Psalm 51)

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
C **according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**
P Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
C **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**
P Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
C **so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.**
P Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
C **Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**
P Restore to me the joy of your salvation
C **and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

(Silence for private confession and self-examination.)

- P** God is merciful and good, and He has had mercy upon you. Receive the forgiveness that Christ has won for you by His Passion, His death, and His resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**



Psalm 51:1, NRSV

Song of Praise: “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” LSB 729

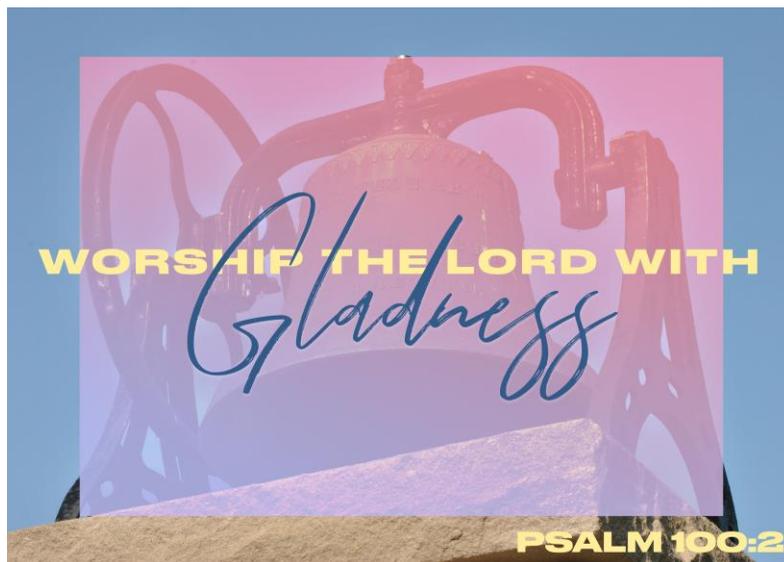
- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

(May be seated)



Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my LORD were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:19-11:1

¹⁹What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?
²⁰No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²²Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? ²³"All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. ²⁴Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. ²⁵Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁶For "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." ²⁷If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁸But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— ²⁹I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? ³⁰If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? ³¹So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³²Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. ¹Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise)

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

⁴⁰A leper came to [Jesus], imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." ⁴¹Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." ⁴²And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." ⁴⁵But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(May be seated)

Hymn of the Day: "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" LSB 846



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch, then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
 fren - zy calmed, Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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Sermon: “A Cleansing Touch” ~ Mark 1:40-45

(Please rise)

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering

(Please place your tithes and offerings in one of the collection plates as you enter or exit the sanctuary.)

*We encourage our members to consider giving their tithes and gifts through the online opportunities offered on our website at www.stjohnsgrandhaven.com/about-us/mobile-donations-and-tithing. Members can also contribute their gifts via mail **or you can now drop off your offering in the special lock box hanging near the entrance to our church and school** between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. ~ checks preferred. (If cash is given, please try to drop off your offering between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.). Please remember that we rely on these gifts for all the ongoing ministries of St. John's – both now and for the future.*

Prayers of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with You always.

C **And also with you.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” LSB 922

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love’s baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son’s story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

Minister
Organist
Vocalist

Pastor Kurt Wenzelburger
Priscilla Isabell
Richard Rothe



Blessed
shall you be when
you come in,
and Blessed
shall you be when
you go out.

Deuteronomy 28:6