



# FIRST SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Be Together at First St. John's – Your Community Church and Your Family in Jesus



## MORNING SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 AM SUNDAY- FEBRUARY 4, 2018 NON-COMMUNION SERVICE



# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY NO COMPETITION FEBRUARY 4, 2018

## THE MISSION OF FIRST SAINT JOHNS

Lutheran Church is to proclaim His Gospel! To worship and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Our major objective is to have a passion to lead all to Jesus and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ.



## AS WE GATHER

Today's Readings have one point in common: There is no competition to our great God on any level. In Isaiah's day, the people feared the nations around them. But the prophet reminds them that God is in control of not only nations but His whole creation. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, the people were amazed. But Jesus is ready to conquer the true opposition by preaching and casting out demons in towns throughout the area. The limited expectations about God by Jews and Gentiles alike were a challenge to Paul. But by becoming "all things to all people," he hopes to open their eyes to see the God who offers the blessings of the Gospel to everyone.

## WELCOME WORSHIPPERS

Welcome to everyone; especially first time worshipers to our service. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us as we celebrate friendships, especially that in God's love we are disciples of our Savior, Jesus. May God bless you as you worship with us. If you have questions or need assistance, our members, Greeters, and Pastor are here to assist you. If you have no church home, please ask about membership at First St. John's. **Please fill in the names of those here today. If any address or phone numbers have changed note the changes on the card, and place our WELCOME CARD in the offering plate when it is passed.** We look forward to seeing you again.

## RINGING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE

"Prelude in Classic Style"

G. Young

### WELCOME

**P** = Pastor, **A** = Assistant, **L** = Lector, **C** = People, & **△** = Stand

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## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8*

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C** Extol Him, all peoples!

**P** For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**C** and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**C** bring an offering, and come into His courts!

## HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Fight the Good Fight”

LSB 664

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION and INTROIT *Psalm 13:3–6*

**P** In today’s Introit, David speaks for us as we, God’s people, waver between strong faith in Him and fear of other forces. Let us speak the Introit together as a guide for confession.

**ALL:** “I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me.”

**P** God has blessed us so often!

**C** Yet we confess, heavenly Father, that we have wondered about Your care in times of distress. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, our God.

**ALL:** “Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,  
lest my enemy say, ‘I have prevailed over him,’  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.”

**P** God is greater than any foe!

**C** Yet we confess, gracious Lord, that at times our faith has been shaky—when You have not answered our prayers immediately, and when pain, sadness, or fear have increased. In our distress, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, O Lord, our God.

**ALL:** “But I have trusted in Your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.”

**P** God has indeed worked salvation for us! Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, He has conquered sin, death, and the devil. He covers even our doubts and the weaknesses of our faith with Christ’s own righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### GLORIA PATRI



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

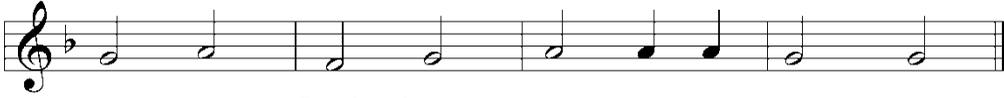


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

# KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** And with thy spirit

**P** Let us pray O Lord, strengthen our faith that we rely on You for all things,

**C** and that we be confident of Your almighty power and eternal love in all circumstances;

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

(Sit)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** (The Lord reminds His people that He is willing and able to defend them.) **Isaiah 40:21–31**

(The Word is read.)

- <sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- <sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
- <sup>23</sup> who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
- <sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- <sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
- <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.
- <sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?
- <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.
- <sup>29</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;
- <sup>30</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** (Paul changes his approach to win different people.)

**1 Corinthians 9:16–27**

**(The Word is read.)**

- 16 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!
- 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.
- 18 What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.
- 19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.
- 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.
- 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.
- 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.
- 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.
- 24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.
- 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.
- 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.
- 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**(Stand)**

**HOLY GOSPEL** (Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law and many others.)

**Mark 1:29–39**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



**C** **Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

**(The Gospel is read.)**

- 29 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
- 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her.
- 31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.
- 32 That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.
- 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door.
- 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.  
 36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him,  
 37 and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you."  
 38 And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out."  
 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

God called to us inviting us to be a part of his family. Through Holy Baptism He made us His children. As a family we live together in trust and hope confessing our faith:

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**C** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
 From thence 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.

(Sit)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" **LSB 398**

**SERMON** *He brings princes to nothing* **Isaiah**

(Sit)

**OFFERING** {Please fill out the BLUE CARD and place it in the offering plate.}

**VOLUNTARY** "Be Thou With Me" **J. S. Bach**

**OFFERTORY**

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

(Stand)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Isaiah 40:22–23, 28–29, 31*

**P** Let us pray for people around the world in their various needs and for the Church wherever it gathers around Word and Sacrament. Isaiah wrote, “The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.”

Let us ask God’s blessings on all who tend fields, flocks, and fisheries, all who protect wildlife and forests, all who tend parks and gardens.

**C** **Creator Lord, give them a sense of Your presence to bring forth the fruits of Your good creation. Answer their prayers with good weather and bountiful harvests.**

**P** Isaiah wrote, “(He) stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and brings princes to nothing.” Let us ask God’s blessings on governments and citizens, on armed forces, [**specifically...Charlie, Jose, Blake, Clay, Austin, Sean, Brent, Jake, Justin, Ashlee, Samuel, Kevin, Lindsay, Jonathan, Dakota, Matthew, Chuck, Megan, Krista, Jonathan, Dylan**], and peacemakers.

**C** **Sovereign Lord, guide and direct those in the powers that be on this earth that they may govern for the benefit of all. Give courage to those who defend freedoms and protect communities. Instill wisdom in those who make, administer, and judge laws in each nation, and those who seek peace across their borders.**

**P** Isaiah wrote, “He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength.”

Let us ask God's blessings on those near and dear to us, [especially...Joyce, Bonnie, Wil, Ruth, Betty, Bill, Gloria, Dawn, Ruthetta, Becky, Angie, Don, Beth, Doug, Pat, Bob, Keith, Nancy, Jerry, Helen, Susan, Eddie, Leslie, Larry, Chris, Marianne, Graham, Betty, York City Police Officer Kyle Pitts, Those persecuted for Jesus' sake, prayer warriors, The ministry of First St Johns, our radio ministry of WYCO, Our Community and families, Music Ministry, "for all those who do not know Jesus as Lord", for our "Action" Committees for recovery in Puerto Rico], on all who are weary and heavy laden, all who struggle in the face of illness or injustice, all mourning the loss of family or friends, employment or home, freedom or opportunity.

**C** **Strengthening Lord, give them an increase of faith to place their hope in Your power and love. Use doctors and nurses, counselors and emergency workers to answer their prayers with the relief, health, and comfort that fit Your gracious plans for them.**

**P** Isaiah wrote, "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles."

Let us ask God's blessings on the Church here and around the world, pastors and lay leaders, missionaries and evangelists, teachers and new Christians alike.

**C** **Lord of the Church, protect Your people against persecution from without and indifference from within; give us all a desire to listen to Your Word, a thirst to serve with the gifts You have placed within us, and a renewal of strength to spread the news of Your gracious salvation.**

**P** For guests in worship today, that Christ bless their hearing of the Word with faith, understanding, and joy. Let us pray to the Lord, **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

**P** Now as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

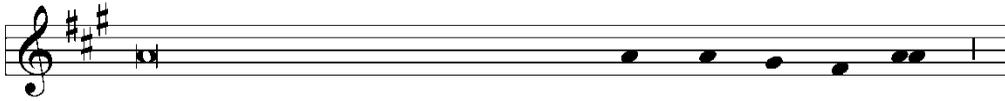
## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

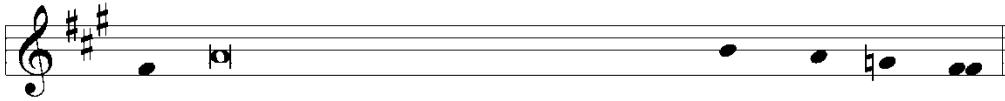
## **BENEDICTION**



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**LSB 528**

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C** **Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!**

**Dios los bendigas, Gott Segne Dich**

**POSTLUDE**

“March’ from ‘Scipio”

G. F. Handel

**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY**

<b>THE PASTOR:</b>	Rev. James A. Driskell
<b>MINISTER OF MUSIC:</b>	Ken Sanders
<b>THE LAY READER:</b>	Geoff Abendschoen
<b>THE USHERS:</b>	Wayne Hildebrand, Wally Smith
<b>THE ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Carla Allison
<b>REFRESHMENTS:</b>	Tammy Bosley
<b>THE ADULT CHOIR:</b>	Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith
<b>THE GREETERS:</b>	Delores Rehmeyer, Barb Klahold
<b>THE PRIESTS:</b>	The People of 1 <sup>st</sup> St Johns

**ATTENTION (NURSERY FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL.).**

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the GLORY OF GOD.

**THE SPECIAL OFFERING** for the month of **FEBRUARY** is Habitat for Joy EI Ministries.

**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE OF THE MONTH** will include a healing service. The next healing service is **February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the pastor if you would like healing attention at a different time.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

**1 Corinthians 9:25** – “Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.” Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit – for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received the new life in Christ by his grace, he now calls us to follow him deliberately, with self-control, with intention.

## WEEKLY WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

### THURSDAY

**9:00 AM**

*Matins*

**5:00-6:00 PM**

*Private Confession*

### SUNDAY

8:30 AM

*Matins*

9:00 AM

Adult Bible Study / Confirmation Class

9:15 AM

Sunday school

10:30 AM

Worship Service

5:30-6:00 PM (Bible Study) 6:00-6:30 PM (Dinner)

6:30-8:00 PM (Spanish Worship Service)

### READINGS FOR THE FEBRUARY 11TH SERVICE

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** (Moses' face shines after being in God's presence.)

**Exodus 34:29–35**

**EPISTLE** (We need not fear being near God as Israel did at Mount Sinai.)

**2 Corinthians 3:12–4:6**

**HOLY GOSPEL** (Jesus is transfigured in the presence of three disciples.)

**Mark 9:2–9**

### UPCOMING SERVICES

**February 11<sup>th</sup>: COMMUNION (The Transfiguration of our Lord) (10:30 am service).**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>: Matins, Non-COMMUNION (1st Sunday in Lent) (10:30 am service).**

**February 25<sup>th</sup>: COMMUNION (2nd Sunday in Lent) (10:30 am service).**

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