

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 16, 2025
8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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And Jesus came and said to them.
All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

GO therefore
and
MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations.
BAPTIZING them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of
the Holy Spirit
and **TEACHING** them to obey
everything that I have
commanded you.

And **REMEMBER**

2025 I am with you always, to the end of the age." 28:18-20

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KIM KYLLO, SENIOR PASTOR
NATHAN LYKE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

PRELUDE: "Allegretto"..... Florence B. Price (African American, 1887-1953)
In honor of Black History Month

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESSELW p. 94

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
C: Amen.

P: 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.
C: Amen.

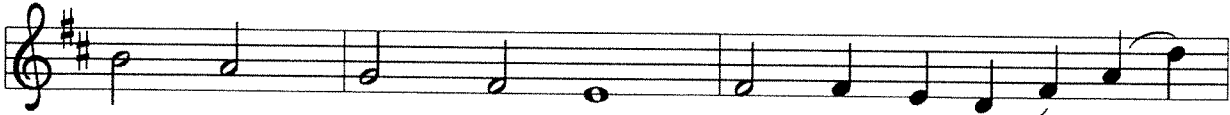
P: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

GREETING: ELW p. 98

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord Be With You

C: **And also with you**

P: Let Us Pray.

C: **Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 1

L: A Reading from the first Psalm. Please read responsively with me.

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Pastor Nathan Lyke

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:17-26

P: A reading from the Gospel of Luke

C: Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were

trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you,
and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,
for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the
prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the
false prophets.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

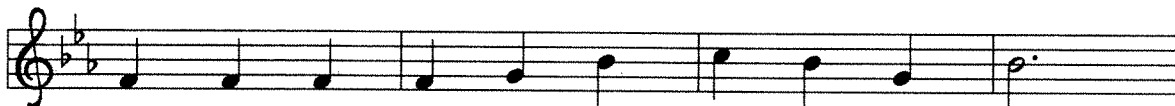
C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMONPastor Joyce Ngandango

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Be Thou My Vision”ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30) ELW p.227

APOSTLES CREED (8:30)

**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.**

OFFERING MUSIC: (8:30) "Listen, God Is Calling" Sam Eatherton (American, b. 1975)

**OFFERING MUSIC: (10:30) "Blessed Are You" Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir**

Anthem Text

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.
Blessed are the makers of peace; for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile and persecute you, and speak evil against you, for my sake.
Rejoice, be glad for great is your reward in heaven;
for so they persecuted the prophets which were before you.
Blessed are you. Blessed are you.

GIVE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE please scan this QR code or text "give" to 218-210-7853 and click the link



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: God of Grace
C: Receive our Prayer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (8:30)

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: (8:30) "Lamb of God"..... ELW p.112



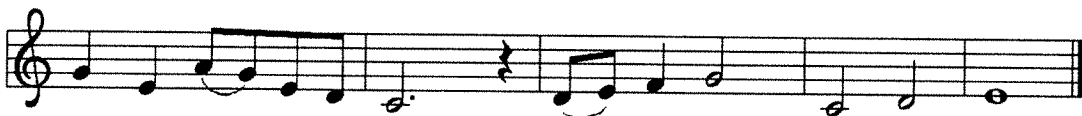
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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 -

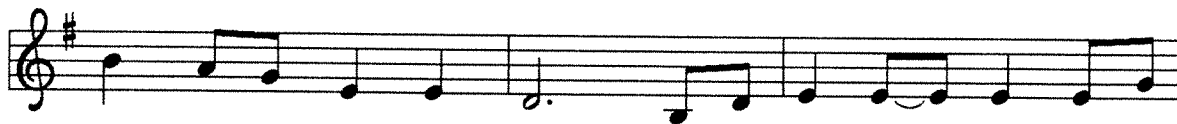


way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: (8:30) "Canticle of the Turning"ELW 723



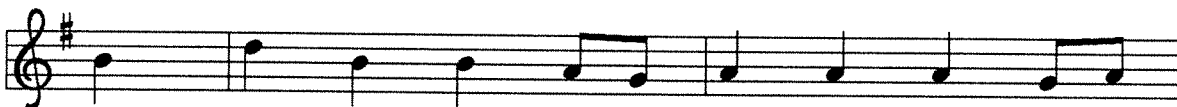
1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



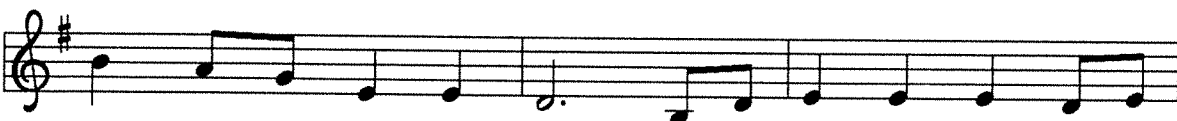
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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BENEDICTION ELW p. 115

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Let Streams of Living Justice".....ELW 710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934
Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934
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DISMISSAL

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

P: We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: "Let Streams of Living Justice Flow" Paul D. Weber (American, b. 1949)



Baptized today are

Rylee Rebecca Weckman

Daughter of David and Amy Weckman

Rylee's sponsors are:
Matthew and Jessica Englund

Welcome, Rylee to the family of God

And

Noah Nathaniel Wiemann

Son of Matthew and Kaillie Wiemann

Noah's sponsors are:
Amanda Wiemann and Claire Elis

Welcome, Noah to the family of God

Announcements:

1. Welcome our guest preacher, Pastor Joyce Ngandango. Pastor Joyce serves as a pastor in Tanzania, and is currently studying at Luther Seminary. We at St. John's are fortunate to be able to have Pastor Joyce visit and preach while she is studying in Minnesota this year!
2. **Altar Flowers** are given today by Charles and Deb Lueck in honor of Rylee Rebecca Weckman's baptism and by Scott and Tyra Wiemann in honor of Noah Nathaniel Wiemann's baptism.
3. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
4. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next March 4th.**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
5. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am from September through June. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
6. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on March 13th.**
Where: Highview Hills
7. The **pink envelopes** in February support the St. John's Youth Assistance Fund to help kids who need financial assistance go to camp, mission trips, and summer stretch events. Pick up a pink donation envelope from the pew rack while at church and place your check or cash inside and place in the offering plate during service. Or you can give on Tithe.ly too, just choose "pink envelopes" from the dropdown menu and write "Youth Assistance Fund" in the note box.
8. **More Than Just Lunch** in February will be going to the St. George's Greek Orthodox church in St. Paul on **February 18th**. The architecture and iconography of the temple

helps to explain the history of Orthodox Christianity. The Greek community was not recognized until 1918 and it was many more years before a church was built. There is no charge for the tour, but a donation box is available. After the tour we will have lunch at the Red Rabbit. We will **meet at the church at 9:30** with the tour starting at 10:30.

9. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pijudel@gmail.com)

Meets Next: February 17.

Where: Perkins in Lakeville

Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.

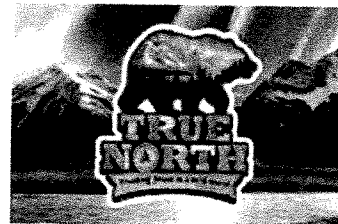
10. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's).** Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

11. **ACE Sunday, February 23, 9:40 am | ACE (Adult Christian Education):
The Theology of *Star Wars***

During our Star Words Epiphany series, take a trip in your imagination to a galaxy far, far away to uncover the spiritual themes from the classic film *Star Wars: A New Hope* and explore how they might help us in understanding our own spiritual adventure with God.

12. Save the date for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS). An adventure with Jesus! June 16-19, 2025 from 9am-12pm at St. John's. The theme this year is True North! Registration is available on the website.



13. **CORRECTION!** The book listed in the February newsletter was incorrect. The book group will be reading ***"All the Light We Cannot See"* by Anthony Doerr. Plan to come to the group discussion on April 9 at 1:00pm. (note the new date).** Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris, and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and dangerous jewel.

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector Marcé Spies-Johnson (8:30), Elisa Lande Brown (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Jeff Larson (8:30), Josh & Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Laurie Barth
Communion Servers..... Ginger Gustafson, Danny Barth (8:30)
Sound Tech Ryan Wright (8:30), Francine Capasso (10:30)
Clicker Team Christie Wright (8:30), Christie Wright (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso (8:30), Francine Capasso (10:30)
Worship Coordinator Christie Wright (8:30), Jenni Tange (10:30)
Coffee Servers Steve and Laurie Simonsen

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector (8:30), Linda Nielsen (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Don Knauff (8:30), Andy Schultz (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up..... Lynn Coldren
Communion Servers Christie Wright, Jeanne Hartwig, John Hartwig (8:30)
Jenni Tange, Lynn Coldren, Don Alberts (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Todd Kylo (8:30), Thomas Milbradt (10:30)
Clicker Team..... Kay Halvorson (8:30), (10:30)
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