

Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

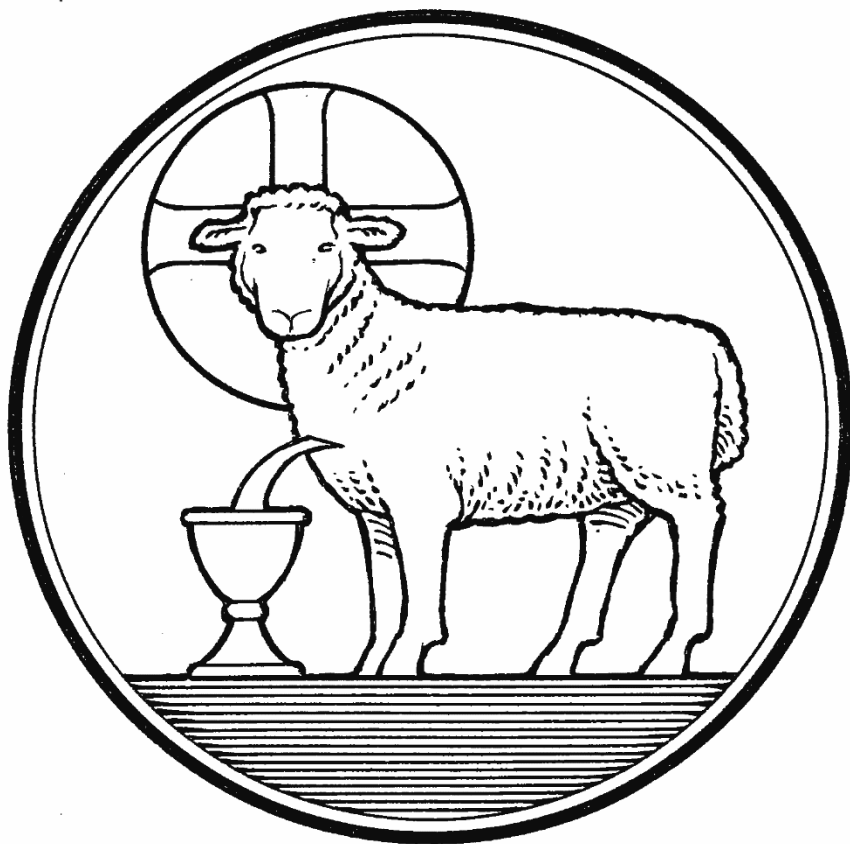
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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

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The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Teaching Points

Epiphany From the Greek, meaning "to appear." Observed on January 6, Epiphany is the church's celebration of the proclamation of Jesus' birth to the Gentiles; hence, the reading of the story of the visit of the Magi from Matt. 2. Originally, and still in the Orthodox churches, Epiphany served as the celebration of Jesus' birth. It wasn't until the fourth century that Dec. 25 was established in the western church for this celebration.

From the Small Catechism

The Lord's Prayer: The Third Petition

Thy _____ be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and _____ will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and _____ every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our _____ nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Divine Service I

Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397

Confession and Absolution

Invocation and Exhortation (p.151)

Corporate Confession (p.151)

Stand

Service of the Word

Psalm 40:1–11 (prayed responsively by whole verse)

Kyrie (p.152)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.154)

Collect of the Day

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.

Sit

First Reading: *Isaiah 49:1–7*

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
⁵And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his
servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the
earth.”
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia (p.156)

Holy Gospel: *John 1:29–42*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit

descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed (p.158)

Sit

Office hymn: Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

LSB 398

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offertory (p.159)

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.160)

Sanctus (p.161)

The Lord’s Prayer (p.162) Spoken

The Words of Institution (p.162)

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.163)

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	LSB 641
Great Is Thy Faithfulness	LSB 809
“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake	LSB 688

Stand

Post Communion Collect (p.164)

Benediction (p.166)

Hymn: Voices Raised to You We Offer LSB 795

Announcements

Remember in our Prayers:

Our Shut-ins

Today at Bethlehem and St. John

Beth:	Sun. Jan 15 th	8:00am:	Divine Service w/HC
		9:15am:	Sunday School
		9:15 am:	Quarterly Voters Meeting
STJ	Sun. Jan. 15 th	9:15am	Sunday School
		10:30am :	Divine Service w/HC
		11:45am:	Quarterly Voters Meeting
STJ:	Wed. Jan.18	6:00pm:	Confirmation

Next Week at Bethlehem and St. John

January 22nd Lutherans for Life Sunday

Beth:	Sun. Jan. 22	8:00am:	Divine Service w/HC
		9:15am:	Sunday School
		9:15 am:	Bible Study
STJ	Sun. Jan. 22	9:15am:	Sunday School
		10:30am:	Divine Service w/HC
		11:45am:	Bible Study
STJ:	Wed. Jan.25	6:00pm:	Confirmation

Thank You to former members Rick and Nancy Hippe , who sent St. John a monetary gift for Christmas.

"Pennies for Life" and door collection on Jan 22 for Lutherans for Life.