



**Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 14, 2024**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Bath, PA**

**Flowers presented In Loving Memory of
Mabel G. by her Family**

**Bulletins presented In Memory of Departed
Loved Ones in the H./H. Families
by Jason and Wendy H.**

Prelude: *“Allein zu dir Herr Jesu Christ”*

arr. Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

*C: **Amen.**

*P: God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: Everlasting God,

*C: **you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to confront sin. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation’s bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

*P: Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God’s covenant is eternal, and God’s blessing rests upon us all.

*C: **Amen.**

*Hymn LBW #248 *“Dearest Jesus At Your Word”*

*The Greeting

*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.**

***P:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

***C:** Lord God, heavenly king, have mercy on us. You are seated
almighty God and Father: We at the right hand of the Father;
worship you, we give you thanks, receive our prayer. For you alone
we praise you for your glory. Lord are the Holy One, you alone are the
Jesus Christ, only Son of the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
take away the sin of the world; the glory of God the Father. Amen

***Prayer of the Day**

***P:** Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer,

***C:** For the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."
⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood →

there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

***“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia”***

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

***C: Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel: John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”

⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

***C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon/Sermon

***Hymn WOV #752 - “Here I Am, Lord”**

***Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

***The Peace**

***P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

***C:** **And also with you.**

The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation (only).

Offering

The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service. We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for the work of God's kingdom.

Music at the Offering

(8:00 am) *"Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"* arr. Cindy Berry

(10:15 am) *"Take My Life and Let it Be"* arr. Havergal/Landgrave

***Offertory Prayer**

***P:** God our provider,

***C:** **by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

***P:** With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

A brief silence.

- *V: Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. Lord, in your mercy,
- *C: Hear our prayer.**
- *V: Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. Lord, in your mercy,
- *C: Hear our prayer.**
- *V: Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. Lord, in your mercy,
- *C: Hear our prayer.**
- *V: Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism, the sick, the poor, and children everywhere and all who long for respite or restoration. Lord, in your mercy,
- *C: Hear our prayer.**
- *V: Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we reach out to our community. Send us those who need to hear good news. Lord, in your mercy,
- *C: Hear our prayer.**
- Here other intercessions may be offered.*
- *V: Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church. Lord, in your mercy,
- *C: Hear our prayer.**
- *P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- *C: Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

*P: Lord, 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.**

***Benediction**

*P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you now and forever.

***C: Amen.**

***Hymn LBW #406 - "Take My Life, That I May Be"**

***Dismissal**

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

Postlude: "*Postlude in B-flat*"

arr. C. Rossini

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Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild - Judy F., Gloria M.

8:00 AM – Robert & Robin M.

Lector: Linda H.

Acolyte: Cooper H.

10:15 AM - Ushers – Barry and Judy F.

Lector: Judy F.

Acolyte: Paige H.

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us! We are in the midst of the Epiphany Season, which runs from the Epiphany of Our Lord on January 6th until "Shrove Tuesday" or "Fat Tuesday." In 2024, Shrove Tuesday will be on February 13th. The Epiphany season teaches us about Jesus revealing himself to the world. The word "epiphany" means a manifestation or a showing forth. In the Epiphany season we remember the coming of the Wise Men to see the baby Jesus, the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan River, and the earliest days of Jesus' ministry. Together we will worship our Lord as the disciples are called by Jesus and as the world hears Jesus' calling each of us to lives of love, forgiveness and service.

You may be new to St. John's, new to the Bath area, new to Lutheran worship, or may have never before set foot in a church. Regardless how often you have sat in church we are glad to have you join us. We invite you to listen to the service, enjoy the music, and say prayers for yourself and all who are need. Have questions? Can't find the right page? Please see Pastor Terry or ask any of the ushers. You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

Upcoming Commemorations

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968 - Monday, January 15, 2024 - An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356 - Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor. **Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346 -**

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter, Thursday, January 18, 2024 - Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness. **Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156 -**

Friday, January 19, 2024 - When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

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Our annual congregational meeting: will be held next Sunday, January 21, 2024, after the 9:00 AM Worship Service. On this Sunday, only one service will be held; there will not be an 8 AM or 10:15 AM Worship Service and there will be no Sunday school session. Please plan to join us on this very important day. The proposed 2024 budget was mailed; if you need a copy, please call the church office. In the event of inclement weather, the congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 28, 2024. The same schedule will apply: one service at 9 AM with no Sunday school session. See you there!

Prayers Requested For: Matthew A., Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., Shane B., Barb B., Cory B., Jamie B., Dawn & Bill B., Jason C., Patty & Larry D., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Cami Grace G., Janis G., Shawn H., Lil H., Troy H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., the family of Claire K., Gerry K., Mary K., Steve K., Diane L., Lee L., Jeff L., Ruth M., The M. Family, April Rose M., Joe N., Danielle N., Samantha O., Arlene O., Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., John S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Carol W., Viola W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Cecile W., Galen W., Susan W., the family of Dolores Y., Richard Y., Yvonne Y., Pauline Y., Francis Z.

If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).

New Online Giving Option: We want to start by expressing gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity towards our church. Your contributions have been essential to our ability to continue carrying out our mission and serving the needs of our community. We also want to take this opportunity to introduce our new e-giving platform, Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our congregation. You can give now at this website link: **<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAB8>** Whether you choose to give online or in person, your support is vital to the continued success of our church community. We are so grateful for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission. Thank you again for all that you do.



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Today's Announcements - Sunday, January 14, 2024
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

This Week at St. John's

1/14/2024 - Sun.	Worship	8:00 AM
	Sunday School/Confirmation	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship/Children's Christmas Play	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship (Library)	11:45 AM
1/15/2024 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
	Girl Scouts	6:00 PM
1/18/2024-Thurs.	Quiet Communion (Fellowship Hall)	1:00 PM
	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
1/21/2024- Sun.	Worship/Communion	9:00 AM
	(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)	
	Congregational Meeting	9:45 AM