



The Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 2023

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Bath, PA

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Prelude: "*Prelude in G*"

arr. Robert J. Powell

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, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

*C: **Amen.**

*P: Trusting the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: God of life,

*C: **you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.**

*P: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

*C: **Amen.**

*Hymn **LBV #390** - "*I Love To Tell The Story*"

8 AM vs. 1-2

***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.**

***Prayer of the Day**

*P: Lord God,

*C: **Your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. →

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

***Gospel Verse**

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

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

***Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Sermon/Sermon

*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.

*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 am) "Hope"
(10:15 am) "Come Follow Me Forever"

arr. Thomas Keesecker
arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

*Offertory Prayer

*P: God of abundance,

*C: **receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen**

***Prayers of Intercession**

*P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

*V: Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Heal the sick. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*V: Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

*V: We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

***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:** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

***C:** **Amen.**

***Hymn WOV #752 "Here I Am, Lord"**

8 AM vs. 1-2

***Dismissal**

***P:** Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

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

Postlude: "*Andante Maestoso*"

arr. Benton Price

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Assisting in Worship Today
Altar Guild - Judy F., Gloria M.
8:00 AM - Ushers - Linda & Galen W.
Lector: Linda W.
Acolyte: Payton K.
10:15 AM - Ushers - Phyllis & Joe A.
Lector: Jim G.
Acolyte: Caidyn F.

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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 2023, Shrove Tuesday will be on February 21st.

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? Please call or email Pastor Terry.

Upcoming Commemorations

Conversion of Paul, Wednesday, January 25, 2023 - The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries, Thursday, January 26, 2023 - These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith, Friday, January 27, 2023 - Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274, Saturday, January 28, 2023 - One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymn writer.

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Today's Announcements Sunday, January 22, 2023

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This Week at St. John's

1/22/23 - Sunday	Worship	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Vaccinated Worship (Fellowship Hall)	11:45 AM
1/23/23 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00-12:00 PM
1/23/23 - Mon.	Girl Scouts	6:00-7:00 PM
1/26/23 - Thurs.	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)	7:00 PM
1/29/23 - Sunday	Worship	9:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Vaccinated Worship (Fell. Hall)	11:45 AM

Our Holiday Good Gifts program: was a big success! We collected a total of \$610.00. That money was sent to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. They'll be using it to pay for chicks, goats, piglets, and honeybees. Money was also donated to stuff backpacks with food and feed 50 people at a soup kitchen. Your generosity will help to make the lives of people better. Thank you to all that donated!

Home Heating Help - Are you or your neighbors having trouble paying your heating bill? You can get information or request help at 800-UGI-WARM.

Nursery School Enrollment 2023-2024: Do you know someone looking for a great place to enroll their child in nursery school? Look no further and share the word, we still have openings here at St. John's Bath. Enrollment forms are available through Dawn Mayer at 610-837-9868 or by e-mailing stjohnbath@gmail.com. Classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds.

Save the Date: The highly anticipated Lenten fish dinners are coming. Ordering details will be out soon but the 2023 dates are Friday, March, 10, 2023 and Friday, March 24, 2023. These meals will be take-out again, save the dates for a fantastic meal.

Prayers Requested For: Matthew A., Shane B., Madison B., Dawn & Bill B., Rosanne B., Jason C., Bishop Christopher D., Patty & Larry D., Esther F., Laverne F., Carole F., Shelba F., Arya G., Janis G., Harold H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Claire & Dennis K., Gerry K., Stanley K., Lee L., The M. Family, April Rose M., Joe & Louise N., Arlene O., Ernest R., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Rosalia S., Stephen S., Karen S., Mary T., James T., Scarlett W., "Woody" W., Viola W., LaNor W., Cecile W., Yvonne Y., Dolores & Richard Y., Francis Z.

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