

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

*December 30, 2018*

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### **HOLY COMMUNION**

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to 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 His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

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### **The Order of the Holy Communion**

**+ Prelude**

**+ Hymn of Invocation - #92**

*"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"*

**+ The Invocation – pg. 15** (*stand*)

**+ The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution pg. 15-16**

**+ INTROIT** *Ps. 98:1– 4; antiphon: Is. 52:10*

*The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

*The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

**The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

**+ The Gloria Patri – pg. 16ff**

**+ The Kyrie – pg. 17**

**+ The Gloria in Excelsis**

**+ The Salutation – pg. 19**

**+ The Collect for the Day**

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**+ The Old Testament Reading – Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15**

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

**+ The Epistle – Colossians 3:12-17**

**+ The Triple Hallelujah, pg. 20**

**+ The Gospel Versus, pg. 20-211**

**+ The Holy Gospel – Luke 2:22-40 (*stand*)**

**+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22**

**+ Sermon Hymn – #139**

*“In His Temple Now Behold Him”*

**+ Sermon – “The Favor of God Is Upon Jesus and Us”**

**Luke 2:39-40**

- I. The favor of God is upon Jesus because of His obedience.
- II. The favor of God is upon us because of Jesus.

+ **The Offertory, pg. 22-23** (*stand*)

+ **Offerings**

+ **The Prayer of The Church**

+ **The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei** – pp. 24-28

+ **Distribution Hymns**

**#76** - “A Great and Mighty Wonder”

**#80** - “All Praise to Thee, Eternal God”

**#97** - “Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”

+ **The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29**

+ **The Thanksgiving –pg. 30**

+ **Post-Communion Collect – pg. 31**

+ **The Salutation & The Benedicamus pg. 31**

+ **The Benediction – pg. 31**

+ **Closing Hymn - #97** (*7:00 p.m.*)

“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

## **DAILY READINGS**

**December 30:** Is. 58:1–59:3, 14–21; Luke 1:26–38; **31:** Is. 60:1–22; Luke 1:39–56; **January 1:** Is. 61:1–11; Luke 1:57–80; **2:** Is. 62:1–12; Luke 2:1–20; **3:** Is. 63:1–14; Luke 2:21–40; **4:** Is. 63:15–65:7; Luke 2:41–52; **5:** Is. 65:8–25; Luke 3:1–20.

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