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10 AM By phone 1(888) 788-0099 Meeting ID 886 7604 5376 for Personal ID use “ # ”

We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used by Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends. **1(888) 788-0099** is the free 800 phone number . For Sunday worship the meeting ID is **886 7604 5376**, no personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection or not. If you do not get in please call 385-234-1931 before 10 AM and I will try to help you connect.

The easiest way to come on Zoom by computer is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to me or Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form and good work that humans can do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, prayers and confessions.

Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute our mic or phone if feature available, or cover the mouth piece. Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion. Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship concentration with the lag time. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen and participate.

You will have opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time will be very short. Please join us.

In these times of isolation and danger we give thanks to our God who tells us, "I will never leave you or forsake you." We may not be able to understand the why, but we know that God is in our midst working to sustain us and turn this evil to our good. His Word is never broken; His promises are sure! His love for us assures us of victory over all that which would destroy body and soul. We are with Him, and He continues to gift us with life, body, soul, family, friends, and our church family. We have much to be thankful for. Because of the resurrection of our Lord, we need never fear our future. We can do all things through Him who strengthens and loves us. We have Joy and Peace in Jesus Christ!

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 31, 2020

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Divine Service Setting 1 / Service of the Word**

Opening HYMN: LSB 904 “Blessed Jesus at Your Word”

1. Blessed Jesus at Your Word We are gathered all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded. You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.
3. Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding, Open now our heart and mind; Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading. Hear the cry Your Church now raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
4. Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord, Praise to You and adoration! Grant that we may trust Your Word, Confident of our salvation, While we here below must wander, Till we sing Your praises yonder.

GREETINGS:

INVOCATION:

P: We worship in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

P: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: but if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then, confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

PSALM / INTROIT (Ps. 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; Antiphon Ps.113:3)

P: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C: whose sin is covered.

P: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity,

**C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;

C: surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

P: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;

C: You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**Glory be to the Father and to the (+) Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

KYRIE:

P: In peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & the unity of all,
Let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For this holy house & for all who offer here their worship & praise. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise Gloria in Excelsis

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

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

Hymn LSB 409 "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

1. Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race! Gentiles now, Your grace
possessing, In Your courts obtain a place. Grateful now, we fall before You, In Your Church
rejoice to live, See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.

2. Once far off but now invited, We approach Your sacred throne, In Your covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one. Now revealed to eastern sages, See the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages, Myst'ry great of love divine.
3. Hail, O all inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'ings bring, In Your temples seek Your favor,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King. May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.

SALUTATION and COLLECT of the Day:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen – ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die!’ ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command Him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to My words that he shall speak in My Name, I Myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My Name that I have not commanded Him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

GRADUAL: (Is.9:6; Ps.98:1a)

P: Praise the LORD, all nations!

C: Extol Him, all peoples!

P: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name;

C: bring an offering, and come into His courts!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹ Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he know something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “There is no

God but one.”⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth- as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from Whom are all things, and for Whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through Whom are all things and through Whom we exist.⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in the idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols?¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.¹² Thus sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE: *(John 6:68)*

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: Alleluia. They were astonished at His teaching for He taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

^{1:21}And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching.²² And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as One Who had authority, and not as the scribes.²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know Who You are- the Holy One of God.”²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.”²⁸ And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon LSB 660 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross, Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss. From vict’ry unto vict’ry His army He shall lead Till ev’ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey; Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes; Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone. The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer. Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.
4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long; This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song. The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

Sermon: “The Spiritual Battle Is Real ”

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us now confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.

LSB 827 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

1. Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today? Fields are white and harvests waiting Who will bear the sheaves away?” Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee. Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
2. Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon; Some are called in heat of midday, Other late in after noon; Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields, There to gather in the bounty That God's Word so richly yields.
3. For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil, Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil; So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace—Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.
4. Harken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end, When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend. Soon the night the final harvest, Soon the time for work shall cease. Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

(after each petition ending in Lord in your mercy-- the congregational response is):

C: Hear our prayer.

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.

Collect for Grace:

P: *O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: Amen.

Offering Hymn LSB 588 “Jesus Love Me”

1. Jesus Loves Me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven’s gates to open wide. He has washed away my sin, Let His little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

OFFERING: (As you are privileged, do contribute to our ministry by sending your offering in support of God’s ministry at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111)
In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community and through this congregation. To participate, you will need to send it to the address above or use the PayPal app on our website. stjohnslutheranslc.org

OFFERTORY:

All: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation, and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

BENEDICTION

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.*

C: AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN LSB 965 “God Bless Our Native Land”

1. God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night.
When the wild tempest rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.
2. So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, to Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Please keep in your prayers: Robert Schiavo, Sharyn Oliver, Louise Merritt, Bob Malinsky, Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau and Maurine Rathje.

2. Wednesday's Bible Studies: Meeting ID on Zoom is 8133 807 5489. Join us and get the live session or down loads from our website and the archive. **stjohnslutheranslc.org** **To join us for the Wednesday Bible Study just send an email to susan.roberts.utah@gmail.com for an email link.**
3. We are still in basic lockdown for our services as per the state mandates. Stay safe; wear your mask for your sake and for the sake of others. Communion is available by request.
4. We now need our congregation and friends to take a good look at what St. John's is about. You need to visit our website **stjohnslutheranslc.org** to see our new church image to the public. Questions, suggestions and corrections all help us improve our ministry to you and the public.
5. Offering donations may now be made on PayPal using our web page connection or your check should be made out to St. John's Lutheran Church and mailed in. Yes, to do ministry we need your participation as you are able.