

**I have a dream that  
my four little children  
will one day live  
in a nation where  
they will not be  
judged by the color  
of their skin, but by  
the content of their  
character.**

**~ Martin Luther King**

## Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 2021 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC



# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God*

## Prelude

## Prayers of Confession

*We make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

*From Psalm 139*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. <sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

## God's Promise of Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with his light, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

***We invite you to join together in song at your discretion but please remember to keep your masks on throughout worship so that everyone can remain safe and comfortable.***

**Hymn 834**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
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ST. DENIO

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## Word

*We hear God's word in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

*Samuel's calling and prophetic activity*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the 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. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and 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. <sup>6</sup>The 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." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The 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. <sup>9</sup>Therefore 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.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Word of God. Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

**Response**

***He Never Failed Me Yet***

Written by Robert Ray

Teresa Moore-Mitchell—Soloist

## The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-13

*Jesus in the wilderness*

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

## Hymn 843

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*  
(See page 9)

NETTLETON

**Apostle's Creed.** Gathered as God's people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession.** *Each petition ends: Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*



## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## Preparation of the Lord's Table

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Eucharistic Prayer followed by *Holy, holy, holy!*:

Holy, holy, holy!

All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert and art, and evermore shall be.

### The 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.**

**Distribution of Holy Communion.** *You will be invited forward one row at a time. Please take an empty glass, into which the wine will be poured. Grape juice is available in pre-filled cups. All bread in our communion celebration is gluten-free. Welcome to the Lord's Table!"*

**Communion Hymn 471**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**BREAK BREAD TOGETHER**

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*Please stand*

### Blessing and Prayer



## Sending

*Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.*

### Benediction

**Sending Hymn 841**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
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LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated. During the postlude, ushers will dismiss one row at a time so that good social distancing can be maintained. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.*

### Postlude

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## Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS** — Scott Robinson

**CONDOLENCES**—Holly Zemke and family, on the passing of her fiancé, Bill Patterson, on Dec. 26.

Tim Trexler and family, on the passing of his mother, Shirley Trexler on Dec.26.

Robert Brady and family, on the passing of his mother, Joyce Brady, on Dec. 23.

Brent Barringer, Gib Johnson, Heidi Bell and family, on the passing of Mary Ann Hoover on Dec. 17.

**ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS** —Randy Overcash, Hal Furr, Pat Nelson, Tom and Nancy Austin, Marge Fuertinger, Jane Britt, Roger Alexander, Karen Rogers, David Wilson, Mike Connor, Phyllis Edwards, Robin Cohen, Paula Kafitz, Richard (Dick) Petherick, Benny Banks, Karen Shelton, Lee Wagoner, Gerald Jones, Betty Denker, Rachel Safrit, John Myers, Jane Shuping, Barbara Rufty, Walter Tatum, Jim Rabon, Matt Stahl, Nancy Parrish, Thomas Livesay, Gene Myers, Kent Brown

**HOMEBOUND** — Anita Foreman, Peggy Taylor, Lois and Paul Carter, Alda Smith, Margaret Ketner, Sonny Allen, Dottie Bedford, Hal Furr, Fran Hoke, Sherry Morgan, Ermine Peeler, Shirley Smith, Peggy Smith

# Worship Participants

**SONG LEADERS:** Kimberly Lentz, Carol Everhart, Teresa Moore-Mitchell, Ann Rollins, Phil Rollins, Bonnie Hord, David Hord, Rosemary Kinard, Sacha Witt, Carter Woolly

**GUEST MUSICIAN:** Teresa Moore-Mitchell

**READER:** Ted Goins

**SOUND:** Mike Agee

**VIDEO:** Taylor Hutchins

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Senior Pastor.....Rhodes Woolly  
Pastor for Youth and Discipleship..... Laura Henrik  
Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

### Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Worship and the Arts.....Rob Durocher, deacon  
Associate Parish Musician .....Rosemary Kinard  
9:27 Worship Leader.....Bradley Chestnut  
Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins  
Director of Music Emeritus.....Karl Kinard, deacon

### Program Ministry

Youth..... Laura Henrik  
Children.....Stacey Shafer  
Adults.....Danny Hines  
Senior Adults .....Diane Poole  
St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) .....Teresa Stoner  
CDC Interim Directors.....Lonna Richardson and Kristy King

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Business Manager .....Ruth Ann Diehl  
Office Manager.....Deborah Cross  
Accounting.....Mark Bias  
Communications Specialist.....Angel Owens  
Facilities Manager.....Jon Koppe  
Maintenance.....David Ellenburg

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 3 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;  
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
 praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;  
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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## Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing  
 sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

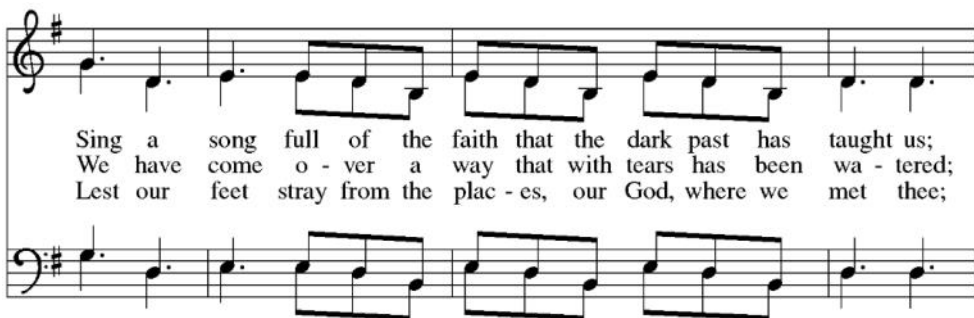
1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

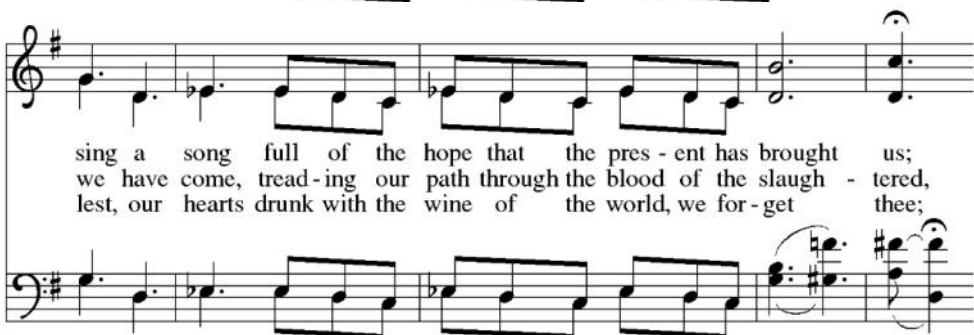
Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

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Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

