



*The Wedding at Cana, from the Mafa Christian community in Cameroon, West Africa, part of an initiative in the 1970s to help teach the gospel in Northern Cameroon. French missionary François Vidil worked with Mafa Christians to create an enormous catalogue of colorful and vibrant paintings (seen here in black and white) that depicts the life of Jesus as an African man. The plan was to build a resource that would help Mafa people connect Jesus with their daily lives.*

## **The Season of Epiphany**

*Celebrate the light of Christ in our midst*

January 20, 2019 | 11 am



**St. John's Lutheran Church**

Salisbury NC

# Welcome to St. John's!

*For more information about today's worship and the availability of hearing aids and large print bulletins, please refer to the pew card found in the hymnal.*

*The congregation's responses are in **bold**.*



## Gathering

**Welcome** *Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

**Prelude**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*

Max Drischner

**Prayers of Confession**, *turning to face the cross of Christ.*

*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. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Come, let us return to the Lord and say: O Lord our God,

**in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from our sin; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** *Methodist Evening Prayer*

**God's Promise of Forgiveness**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus came to earth to free you of sin and restore your relationship with God. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn 310**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

SALZBURG

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.**

*Please be seated*



## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Kolbe Alexander Moss, child of Shane and Meredith Moss*

*Sponsors—Alex Yost, Tom McDole, Lori McDole, and Kristen Trexler*

**Presentation.** *Kolbe is presented for Baptism*

**The parents' and sponsors' response**

**To the congregation:**

People of God, do you promise to support Kolbe and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

**The parents' Profession of Faith**

**The Congregation's Profession of Faith.** *Please stand.*

People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*Please be seated*

**Thanksgiving at the Font.** *Children of the church are invited to gather at the baptismal font as the congregation sings "Gather Round the Fountain of Life."*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Gather Round the Fountain of Life." It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a repeat sign. The lyrics under the first staff are: "Ga-ther round the fountain of life. Ga-ther round the fountain of life. Ga-ther". The second staff begins with a measure rest marked with a "5", indicating it starts on the fifth measure of the first staff. The melody continues with a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. This is followed by a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics under the second staff are: "round, lis-ten to the Fa-ther's voice. Ga-ther round the foun-tain of life. Ga-ther". The piece ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine" written above the staff.

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

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

**Rite of Baptism.** *The **Rite of Baptism** includes three symbols used in baptismal liturgy since the beginning of the church: water, oil, and light.*

**Baptism with Water.** *Kolbe is baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**Imposition of Oil.** *Oil is used to make the sign of the cross on Kolbe's forehead, a symbol that he is sealed in relationship with Christ.*

**Gift of Light.** *Kolbe is welcomed into the Family of God. A candle (the light of Christ) is presented to him with the words, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).*

### **The Congregation Welcomes Kolbe into the Family of God**

**We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

**Baptismal Response**

*Jesus Loves Me*  
Alex Yost, soloist

arr. The Gaithers



# Word

**First Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*Spiritual gifts*

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

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

**Second Reading:** Psalm 36:5-10. *Please sing the following refrain, as directed.*

How precious is your steadfast love, and in your light we see true life! How precious

is your steadfast love, and in your light we see true life!

<sup>5</sup>Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. **Refrain**

<sup>8</sup>They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup>O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart! **Refrain**

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

## The Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

*The first miracle of Jesus: The wedding at Cana*

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

*Children are invited to leave for Children's Worship, returning after the sermon.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

*Please stand*

**Hymn 487**

*What Feast of Love*

GREENSLEEVES

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

**Sharing the Peace of Christ** *The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you***

*Please be seated*



# Meal

## Collection of our Tithes and Offerings, and Preparation of the Lord's Table.

### Offertory Anthem

*Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace*

arr. John Leavitt

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and live.  
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia! To the Savior who has gained the victory.  
Alleluia, to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia, alleluia! To the Triune majesty.  
Alleluia to the Lamb, praise to the great I AM. Amen.

*Silence for reflection*

*As the gifts are presented the congregation stands and sings the Doxology:*

**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.**

Let us pray. Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... and join their unending hymn:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

**Distribution of Holy Communion, see page 2 of bulletin for instructions.**

### **Communion Hymns**

*Lamb of God, p. 154, front of red ELW*  
**481** *Come to the Table*  
**493** *Taste and See*  
**841** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*“Lift Every Voice and Sing” was written in 1900 by James Weldon Johnson, the principal of a segregated school in Jacksonville, FL. The poem was to commemorate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and to honor the school’s featured guest, Booker T. Washington. Johnson’s brother set the poem to music in 1905. It has since been known as the Black National Anthem, voicing a powerful cry for liberation for all who live in oppression.*

*Please stand*



## **Sending**

### **Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction**

#### **Sending Hymn 880**

*O God beyond All Praising*

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#### **Dismissal**

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

#### **Postlude**

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