

# 7 Signs OF JOHN

**SIGN 2:  
HEALING  
THE  
OFFICIAL'S  
SON**





# First Lutheran

CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025 | 9:30 A.M.

## FIRST TIME?

Welcome to First Lutheran Church and Preschool! Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. Feel free to follow along and participate as you feel comfortable.

Restrooms are in located in our education room. Follow the signs as you exit the sanctuary or ask one of our ushers or greeters (they will be wearing name tags).

## ABOUT EPIPHANY

Epiphany is a season of gathering light. The Gospel readings focus on the early days of Jesus' ministry. Week by week through the Epiphany season, we will learn more and more about who Jesus is.

Epiphany reaches its summit at the Transfiguration, where we hear that Jesus is God's Beloved Son.

## KIDS

The church is for all ages. Your kids are most welcome to stay in the worship service, even when they are making noise. If you feel they need a break, there is an unstaffed nursery available in our education room.

Sunday school (age 3 through high school) meets after worship until about 11:20. Parents are welcome to join Bible study during this time.

Bringing people together, in the midst of a hectic world, for fellowship and rest.

## AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship today, we hear of Jesus' second miraculous sign in which He heals a boy who is miles away. Jesus' power to save and heal knows no bounds. God's blessings as you worship with us today.



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

*(silence for reflection)*

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 and rise 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. We behold the sign and wonder of our forgiveness.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 147:1-6*

P: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

C: **The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

P: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

C: **He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

C: **The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

## KYRIE

C: **Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Lord Jesus, in Your miraculous signs and wonders You revealed Yourself to be a God of joy and restoration. Strengthen us to bask in Your joy and work toward the restoration and healing of all creation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*2 Kings 4:17-37*

But the woman conceived, and she bore a son about that time the following spring, as Elisha had said to her.

When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. And he said to his father, "Oh, my head, my head!" The father said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." And when he had lifted him and brought him to his mother, the child sat on her lap till noon, and then he died. And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God and shut the door behind him and went out. Then she called to her husband and said, "Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again." And he said, "Why will you go to him today? It is neither new moon nor Sabbath." She said, "All is well." Then she saddled the donkey, and she said to her servant, "Urge the animal on; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you." So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, "Look, there is the Shunammite. Run at once to meet her and say to her, 'Is all well with you? Is all well with your husband? Is all well with the child?'" And she answered, "All is well." And when she came to the mountain to the man of God, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came to push her away. But the man of God said, "Leave her alone, for she is in bitter distress, and the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me." Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me?'" He said to Gehazi, "Tie up your garment and take my staff in your hand and go. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not reply. And lay my staff on the face of the child." Then the mother of the child said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. Therefore he returned to meet him and told him, "The child has not awakened."

When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. So he went in and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to the LORD. Then he went up and lay on the child, putting his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. Then he got up again and walked once back and forth in the house, and went up and stretched himself upon him. The child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. Then he summoned Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, "Pick up your son." She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C: Alleluia. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:46-54

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

Notice, Jesus is in Cana for this miracle. The same place He was for His first miracle that we talked about last week.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

SPECIAL MUSIC: Rejoice (*Handel's Messiah*)      Natasha Kung and Jonathan Khuner

SERMON

**"Sign 2: Healing the Official's Son"**  
(*Sermon Text: John 4:46-54*)

Pastor Andy

Connect: What is the most difficult health issue you have faced?

SERMON HYMN

LSB #535 How Wide the Love of Christ



- 1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But
- 2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -
- 3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And
- 4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He
- 5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose



holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.  
til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.  
yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea - sured mer - cy pours.  
bears with - in His wound - ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.  
length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

*Stand*



## NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Rest: Where is  
your favorite  
place to  
vacation?

## THE PRAYERS

After each petition:

P: ...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Pray with us this week. For today's prayers and more, please see the First Notes newsletter.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and 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.**

## LITURGY OF GENEROSITY

P: We have a generous God! We give thanks to the Lord for all He has given us.

**C: We give back to the Lord with joy and thanksgiving.**

P: We wisely steward all of His good gifts.

**C: The gifts of our time and energy.**

P: The gifts of our talents and skills.

**C: The gifts of our relationships and finances.**

P: Lord, may each of these gifts you have entrusted to us be used for the good of Your people and to Your glory.

**C: We have a generous God. Amen.**

*Scan the QR code on the right with your phone's camera to access First Lutheran's Giving page:*



## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

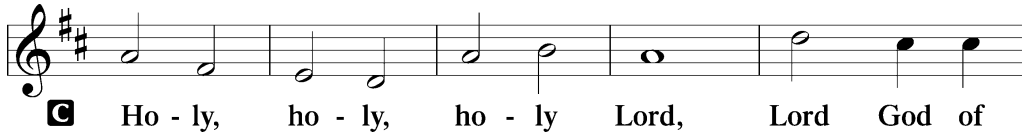
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

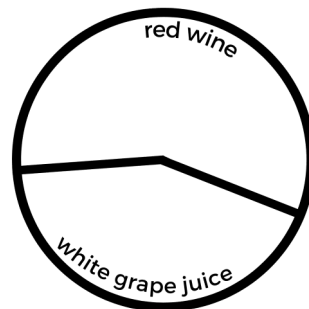
P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Sit*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol, we offer both white grape juice and red wine. The graphic shows how the wine and grape juice are divided in our communion trays. The ushers will invite you forward for the Lord's Supper. The pastor and communion assistant will offer you the bread, then the wine/grape juice. Once you have received both, place your used individual cup in one of the containers on the communion rail and return to your seat. If you have not taken communion with us before, please read our communion statement in the back of the bulletin before joining us in this sacrament. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor.*



**Reflect:** What does it mean that Jesus has the ability to heal someone from miles away?

COMMUNION HYMN

LSB #619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for  
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and  
3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who  
4 Though death may threat-en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me  
5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -  
Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -  
jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -  
of my cheer; For He who is of death the  
Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es

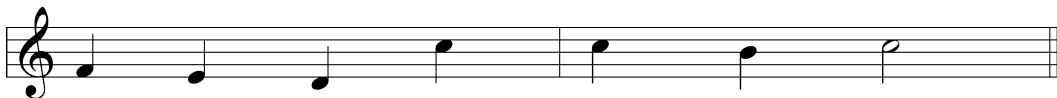


ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be



for my soul the high - est good!

*Stand*

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Benediction means blessing. This particularly blessing can be found in Numbers 6 (pg. 114 in your English pew Bibles).

## CLOSING HYMN

### LSB #918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

## POSTLUDE

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

1/19 — Book Release Party (2:00-4:00pm)

2/1 — Crab Feed (Doors open 6:00pm)

**SERVING TODAY**

**Greeters:** Owens, Judy Bennett

**Ushers:** Terry Owens and Aaron Wong

**Acolyte:** Addy Rehana

**Children's Chat:** Pastor Andy

**Reader:** Emma Sinaga

**Communion Assistant:** Kevin Meyer

**Sound:** Mark Meyer

**Livestream:** Stephanie Jones

**Counters:** Ida Thomason and Paula Frost

**Altar Guild:** Trail Goodrich, Bev Meyer, Terri Owens

**Donuts:** Mahloch

**Accompanist:** Natasha Kung

**Sunday School:** Deb McKenzie and Heather Theiss

**OUR PRESCHOOL TEACHERS AND CHURCH STAFF**

Natasha Beltran, Heily Castro, Alex Drukov, Tammy Dube, Nicole Ford, Silvia Guillen, Kayla Hackett, Moonyeen Jester, Pastor Andy Jones, Natasha Kung, Cindy Magos, Nicole Marchion, Mark Meyer, Valarie Ortega, Kala Rehm, Ruth Salguera, Jeni Smith, Heather Theiss, Anna Villalpando, Monica Zarate

### ABOUT COMMUNION

First Lutheran Church and Preschool celebrates the Lord's Supper every Sunday in the joyful confidence that Christ our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The Lord's Supper is intended for Christians who have been baptized, instructed in the faith, and who believe in these words of Christ: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Anyone who is not baptized or does not believe these words should refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper as our participation is a confession of our common faith.

Anyone who has not been instructed in the faith or holds a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desires to receive the Lord's Supper, is asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (pages 958-959 in the English pew Bibles). Those not receiving the Lord's Supper (both adults and children) are invited to come forward for a blessing.