# Sunday, February 16, 2025 The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany 10:00 AM

When messengers of John the Baptist come to see if Jesus is who he says he is, Jesus responds with a litany of miracles indicating the kind of redemption the Messiah brings. Acquiring wisdom to recognize the salvation of God in the flesh to see Jesus for who he, the Christ, really is means letting go of our expectations of who we think Jesus ought to be. It means opening our hearts to experience the fullness of the life he brings to the world.

What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Luke 7:25-27

Welcome to Worship!

As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices. We invite you to a time of silence and focus.



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP:** It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, inperson and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

**WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED** in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

# For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <u>https://SALC.church</u>

# VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records it's worship services to YouTube. Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

# GATHERING

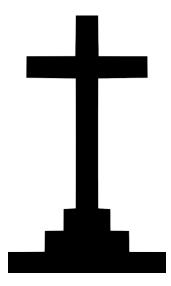
PRELUDE

"Prelude in E Minor" Will Simpson, Organ Gerald Bales

### WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

Worship leaders will say text in light print. Congregation will say/respond with bold text.



HYMN



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# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.** 

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness.

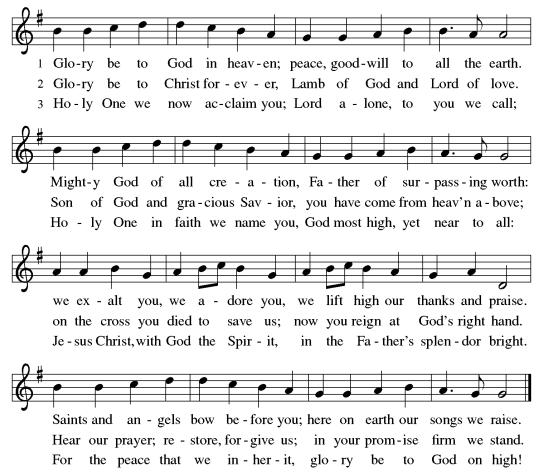
Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

In + Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

# GREETING

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.** 

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together. God of mystery,

in Christ you make all things new. Strengthen our faith, that we may be transformed by your grace and walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Doug Johnson

# WORD

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

### Luke 7:18-35

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

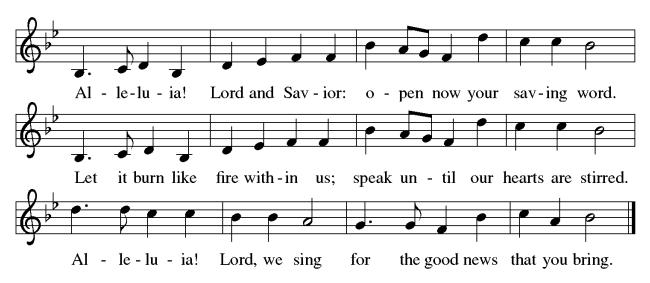
I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." (And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.'

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Humanity has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ** 



### **GOSPEL RESPONSE**

#### SERMON

Pastor Sue Wanwig

Please stand as you are able



# Drawn to the Light

# **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

# **Apostles' Creed**

Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm 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 power of 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.
\* here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

# THE PRAYERS

After each petition, the leader will say, "God of grace". Your response is, **hear our prayer.** 

# THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

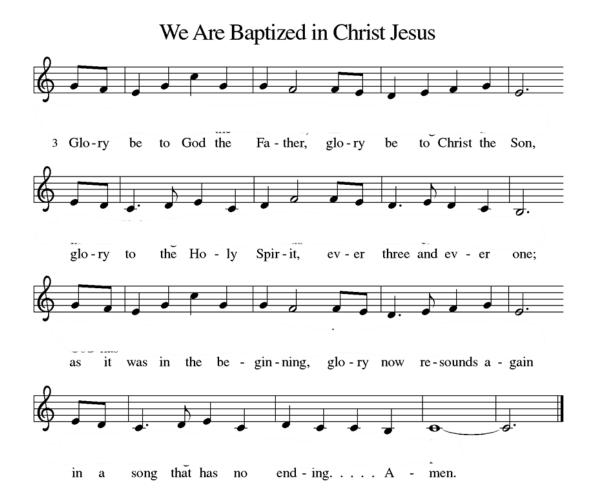
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refrain

**OFFERING** Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC	"I Am the Bread of L The Chancel Choir	ife"	S. Toolan
<ol> <li>"I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."</li> <li>Refrain</li> </ol>		4	"I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." Refrain
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# **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

We pray together. God of grace,

your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

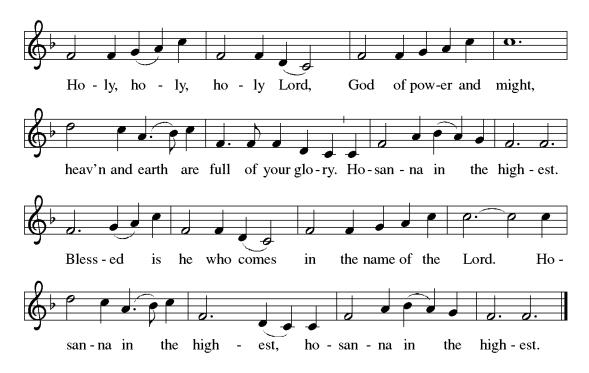
# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### SANCTUS

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshiping online are communed.

# LAMB OF GOD



# **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION and HEALING PRAYERS**

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

Today we have two Healing Prayer Ministers to pray with you during Communion. They are ready to pray for healing and also offer thanksgiving for healing. You may also bring other concerns for prayer to them.





I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Please stand as you are able.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

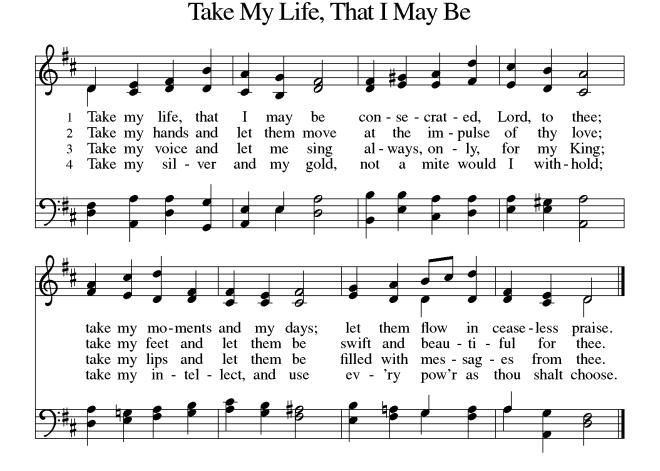
# SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

#### BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ⊣ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion and send you in love. **Amen.** 

#### **SENDING HYMN**



- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

# SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

"Prelude in C" Will Simpson, Organ J.S.Bach

## Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Rev. Sue Wanwig, Preaching and Presiding Dr. Will Simpson, Director of Music Doug Johnson, Assisting Minister Stella Nieman and Mikel Oswalt, Healing Prayer Ministers Elaine Koga, Accompanist Sharon Gurtel, Lector Sonja Wetmore, Acolyte Art Gurtel and Mark Davis, Ushers Jay Baxter and Ann Berglind, Altar Guild Johannes Grad, Livestream video Chase Dooley, Audio Gunther & Katrin Bonnofsky, Greeters Johannes Grad, Coffee Host

The flowers this Sunday are given by the Altar Guild with thanks and praise to God for all of our blessings.

Worship Texts for February 23 Luke 7:36-50

#### You Can't Take it with You!



If you are trying to dump stuff from your cupboards, closets or garage, we can help.

An AARP speaker will share tips on decluttering and downsizing at the February 18<sup>th</sup> OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints) gathering. Join us for a potluck lunch and You Can't Take It With You program on Tuesday, February 18. Socializing begins at 11:45 a.m. and we dine at noon. If able, please pitch in with a dish to share. Questions? Find Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-

746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

"I called you by name..." Name tags for neighbors: Whether you're new to St. Andrew's or have worshipped here all your life, wearing a name tag is a good way to welcome visitors and help us get to know each other better. Grab a name tag on your way into Sunday worship and get to know your neighbors! -Discipleship Ministries Committee

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY**: The Northwest Washington Synod Assembly is **May 16-17** at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center in Everett. This is a Bishop Election year and other business will be discussed and voted on. Find details and more information on the Synod website. Saint Andrew's has assigned gender/age quotas lay voter representation. We have already identified a male and youth attendee, we are looking for two female/non-binary and one young adult (18-30 years old) to attend. Is that you? Talk to Pastor Lara.



Our Women's Retreat will be held at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend **March 7-9**. Jean Wahlstrom and Pastor Jane Prestbye will be lead the retreat, *"Wandering and Wondering About God"*. Brochures are available in the Narthex. Questions? Email Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at <u>sherry@salc.church</u>.

#### Calendar for the Week

#### Sunday, February 16

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum Sunday School (Pre-K~5<sup>th</sup> gr) Youth Education (6-12<sup>th</sup> gr) 10:00 AM Worship

<u>Monday, February 17</u> Office is closed – President's Day

Tuesday, February 18

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men 11:45 AM OWLS lunch

Wednesday, February 19 10:00 AM W.E.B.S. Book study

Thursday, February 207:00 PMChoir Rehearsal

### Friday, February 21

Office is closed.

#### Sunday, February 23

 9:00 AM Discipleship Forum Sunday School (Pre-K~5<sup>th</sup> gr) Youth Education (6-12<sup>th</sup> gr)
 10:00 AM Worship Acolyte Recognition Sunday

The Reverend Lara Forbes, Lead Pastor pastor@SALC.church The Reverend Timothy T. Weber, Shared-Time Pastor timwebertt@yahoo.com Dr. Will Simpson, Director of Music Ministries will@SALC.church Doug Johnson, Director of Youth and Family Ministries doug@SALC.church Sherry Grindeland, Fellowship Coordinator sherry@SALC.church Kurt Lutterman, Facilities Manager kurt@SALC.church Kathy Fisher, Communications Director kathy@SALC.chuirch Vanessa Wilkie, Handbell Choir Director Elaine Koga, Choir Accompanist Soren Lester, Facilities Set-up Ann Thorpe, Sunday Church School Coordinator Joan Tweten, Kitchen Team

We welcome your support of our mission and ministry. Use the QR Code to give to SALC.

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.





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