



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 25, 2015

Welcome to St. James/Santiago Apóstol Lutheran Church

We're glad you're here! Our mission is to help you grow in your relationship with God and with all of God's people. Our worship services are designed to gather us as God's people, to hear God's Word, receive Jesus in bread and wine, and join us with God's people of all times and places. We pray that you will be blessed and encouraged by worshiping here. No matter who you are, God knows you and God loves you. If you are a visitor or guest, we warmly invite you to join our faith community. If you want to know more, please speak to our pastors or a member of our Steering Committee. Below is some information you may find helpful during and after worship.

Children and their families are vital to our life and ministry at St. James/Santiago Apóstol. Children are always welcome in worship. In the cry of a baby, or the fussiness of a toddler, we hear a new voice that speaks to God, reminding us that children are a blessing and a joy. If children ever need a break from worship, we have a nursery in the front hallway by the front doors.

Holy Communion. All God's children are welcome at the table of the Lord. God loves you, and welcomes you to the Lord's Supper, whether you are a new Christian, a returning one, or someone who is exploring who and what God might mean in your life. Please don't hesitate to come forward and share in the meal with us: there is room for everyone, especially for YOU.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We serve it two ways, either by intinction or by individual cups. For Communion by intinction, you will receive a piece of bread or wafer, and dip the bread or wafer in a common cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Instead of dipping the bread, you also have the option to eat, and then drink from a common cup.

For individual cup Communion, you will receive a piece of bread to eat, and then choose a cup to drink containing wine (red) or grape juice (white). We offer the common cup as well. We also have gluten-free wafers for those with dietary restrictions. Children who do not yet commune and anyone who does not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire a blessing, please ask the pastor for one, or simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing instead of bread and wine. Please feel free to use the altar rail for prayer after receiving the blessing or Holy Communion.

Offerings. We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes ministry possible. The offering at this service will support St. James/Santiago Apóstol Lutheran Church and its outreach ministries in this neighborhood of Oak Forest/Garden Oaks/North Houston. A portion also goes to our national church body for mission and ministry around the world.

Restrooms are located in the front hallway by the front doors.

Learning Hour/Fellowship Time. During the time between our worship services, you are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, juice, hospitality and fellowship. We also offer Learning Groups for adults and children, so please ask anyone how to join a class or small group at any time.

If you ever need a Pastor, both Pastor Arthur (713.725.6760) and Vicar Aura (608.469.0692) prefer that you call them directly on their cell phones. If you know of someone who is scheduled for surgery or is in the hospital, please let us know. If there is an emergency, if you would like a pastoral visit at home, or if you simply have questions about life, faith, or getting more involved, calling us directly on our cell phones is always the best way to reach us.

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10:00 A.M.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting Nine
P = Presiding Minister, A = Assisting Minister, C = Congregation

GATHERING

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

The assembly stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy and merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.

P: Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of + Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins and the revealing of God's reign.

C: Amen.



ENTRANCE HYMN:

C:

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

VERSE

♩ = 75



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me -
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -



— see. — Beau - ty that made this — heart a - dore — You, hope of a life spent with —
— bove. — Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came.

CHORUS



— You. — So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
— poor. —



say that You're my God. — And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. —

BRIDGE



— And I'll nev - er know — how much — it cost — to see —

22 B/D# E/G# 1. A

my sin up - on that cross. And I'll nev -

24 2. A B^{7sus} D.S. al Coda

that cross. So, here I am to

26 Coda A A^{2(no3)} E

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE:

C:

ELWp.196

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of
 all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1–5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12

C:



God a - lone is my rock and my sal - va - tion.

For God alone I¹ wait in silence;
truly, my hope¹ is in God.

**God alone is my rock and¹ my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev-¹er be shaken.**

In God is my deliverance¹ and my honor;
God is my strong rock¹ and my refuge.

**Put your trust in God al-¹ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who¹ is our refuge. R**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate can-¹not be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less¹ than a breath.

**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no¹ empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your¹ heart upon it.**

God has spoken once, twice¹ have I heard it,
that power be-¹longs to God.

**Steadfast love belongs to¹ you, O Lord,
for you repay all according¹ to their deeds. R**

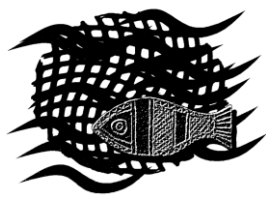


SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29–31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

A: Word of God, Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.



Please stand.

The congregation sings the Gospel Acclamation during the Gospel Procession.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **ELW p.198**
C:

Musical notation for the first line of the Gospel Acclamation. The melody is written on a single staff in treble clef. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Musical notation for the second line of the Gospel Acclamation. The melody is written on a single staff in treble clef. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Musical notation for the third line of the Gospel Acclamation. The melody is written on a single staff in treble clef. The lyrics are: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14–20

P: The holy gospel according to John.

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

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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C:



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

SERMON: *Pastor Arthur Murphy*

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ELW#798

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

APOSTLES CREED:

P: Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we have been baptized:

C: **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

A: Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Lord God, call your whole church beyond small hopes and halfhearted witness. Stir your people to risk everything for the sake of your plan of salvation among us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Call our hearts to greater love for your creation, that we see its goodness and bounty as a common trust to preserve for ages to come. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Call parliaments, councils, legislatures, and all governing bodies to put aside divisive rhetoric and partisan rancor. Diminish our thirst for personal victory and move us to seek the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Call to the brokenhearted and all who hunger for healing. Enfold them in the fullness of your embrace. Restore wholeness of body and soul to all in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Call this assembly to expand our vision to see your kingdom present and working among us. Free us from all that hinders us from following you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Call us to greater service through the example of your saints. We thank you for the faith of those who have led us to know and follow you (*especially the apostle Paul*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The ministers and the congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying
“Peace be with you.” After the peace is shared, the congregation sits.*

MEAL

OFFERTORY:

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
Tú has venido a la orilla

ELW#817

C:

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the

ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my
love for the rest of the weary— a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing

quie - res que yo te si - ga.
ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,

has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my

bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills we gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

P: 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:

THE SANCTUS

ELW p. 200

C:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

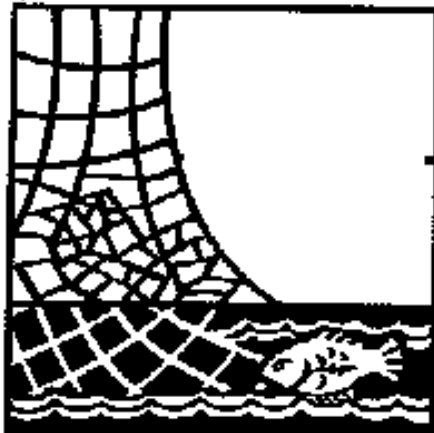
THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.



COMMUNION SONG:

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C:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers for communion. All God's children are welcome at the table of the Lord. We serve communion two ways, either by intinction or by individual cups. For Communion by intinction, you will receive a piece of bread or wafer, and dip the bread or wafer in a common cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Instead of dipping the bread, you also have the option to eat, and then drink from a common cup. For individual cup Communion, you will receive a piece of bread to eat, and then choose a cup to drink containing wine (red) or grape juice (white). We offer the common cup as well. We also have gluten-free wafers for those with dietary restrictions. Children who do not yet commune and anyone who does not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.



Please stand.

C:

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING**BLESSING**

P: God the Father, light-creator;
God the Son, Light from Light;
and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer;
bless you and + give you peace.

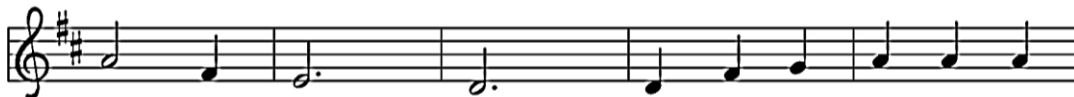
C: Amen.

C:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



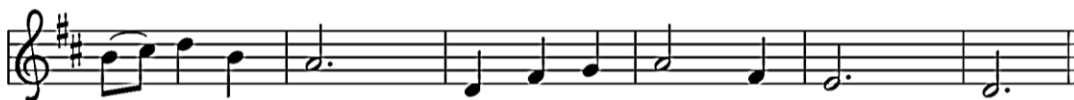
light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
WELCOME, EVERYONE!

We welcome all our guests today. Please speak to the pastor if you have special concerns or wish to discuss becoming a member of this community by baptism, affirmation of baptism, or transfer of membership from another Christian congregation.

KEEP OUR FRIENDS & RELATIVES IN PRAYER

Sally Burgess	Linda Bernice Martinez
Charles Cernik	Patricia Nash
Orie Clark III	Louise Richter
Grady Green	Kelly Simmons
Pr. Fred de Oliveira	Kimberly Tessier
Charla Largent	Mic Tessier
John Largent	Ginger Wilber
Margaret "Candy" Largent	Phyllis Zendejas

STEWARDSHIP CORNER	
ATTENDANCE AVERAGE	
FIRST SERVICE	
AVERAGE TO DATE	27
Jan. 18, 2015	31
TOTAL To DATE	29
SECOND SERVICE	
AVERAGE TO DATE	29
Jan. 18, 2015	18
TOTAL To DATE	23
WORSHIP TOTAL:	52
PRAYER CIRCLE	
Jan. 21, 2015	7
AVERAGE TO DATE:	7
CONTRIBUTIONS	
TOTAL TO DATE	\$4,995.95
SYNOD SUPPORT	\$3,333.33
Jan. 18, 2015	\$1,362.00
Total to Date	\$9,688.28

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Arthur Murphy	Cantor	Meghan Garvin
Outreach Minister	Vicar Aura M. Suárez,	Organist	Sergei Savitski
Assisting Minister	Orie Clark III	Usher	Rose Rivera
Altar Care	Vicki Faulkner	Teller	Elizabeth Baber
Acolyte	Olivia Cardenas	Crucifer	Elyse King

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN., FEB. 1

10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. – Consecration Sunday. On this Sunday we pledge our time, talents and treasures towards the ministries of St. James and the 2015 budget.

SUN., FEB. 8

11:00 A.M. – One all-church bilingual worship service. The Annual Congregational Meeting will immediately follow the worship service.

WED., FEB. 18

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 P.M. – LENTEN SOUP SUPPER.

7:30 P.M. – LENTEN EVENING PRAYER.

Please check out our new church website: www.stjames.ch



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Community Page about Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA

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