

*Newark Lutheran Church*  
*January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021*  
*Welcome & Announcements*

*Opening*

*“He Will Hold Me Fast”*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold Through life’s fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He’ll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast

“Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

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*Call to Worship and Prayer*

*Confession of Sin:*

P: Let us confess our sins

**C: Gracious God in Heaven, we bow before You to confess to You that we have sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight. We have walked in pride, we have not been as thankful, or forgiving as You would like us to be. Help us to show forth the fruits of Your Spirit, the love, joy and peace that You have shown to us. And forgive us for all our wrong doing, even those stubborn habits that we struggle with, for we pray this in the Name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.**

*Absolution:*

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*1st Lesson: Isaiah 8:20-22*

To the teaching and to the testimony! Surely for this word which they speak there is no dawn. They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry; and when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will curse

their king and their God, and turn their faces upward; and they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and they will be thrust into thick darkness.

*This is the Word of the Lord ~Thanks Be To God!*

*Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, “Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord.”

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*Gospel Lesson: John 2:1-11*

On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw

some out, and take it to the steward of the feast.” So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now.” This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*This is the Word of the Lord ~Thanks Be To God!*

### ***Apostles Creed:***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### ***Pulpit~ Hymn #59***

*“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord to Thee we raise;  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:

Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word;  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany,  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in flesh made manifest.

***Message: Pastor Jon Benson***  
***“The Beginning of the Revelation”***  
***(Jesus reveals His glory to His disciples)***

*John 2: 1-11*

### ***Offertory***

*“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*

***Lord's Prayer & Benediction***

### ***Closing~ Hymn #510***

*“How Great Thou Art”*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hands hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

#### **Refrain**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I  
wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain  
grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

#### **Refrain**

But when I think that God, His Son not  
sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;

#### **Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of  
acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my  
heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, “My God, how great thou  
art!”

#### **Refrain**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.  
May you be strengthened for His works this week.*