

+ Second Sunday after Epiphany +

January 15, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS3

+ Confession and Absolution +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.



Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14



P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

C The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Day to day | pours out speech,*
and night to night reveals | knowledge.

There is no speech, nor | are there words,*
whose voice | is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun.

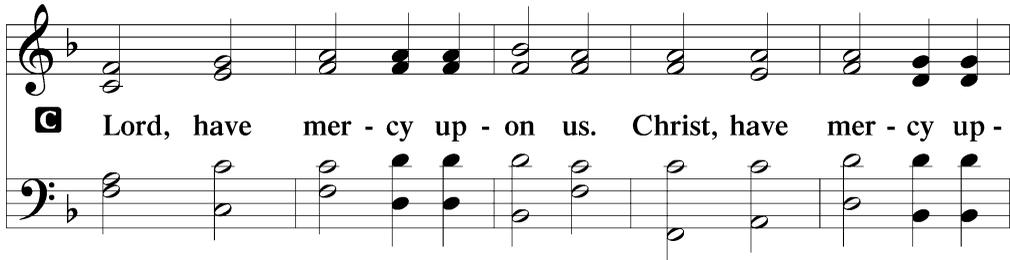
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

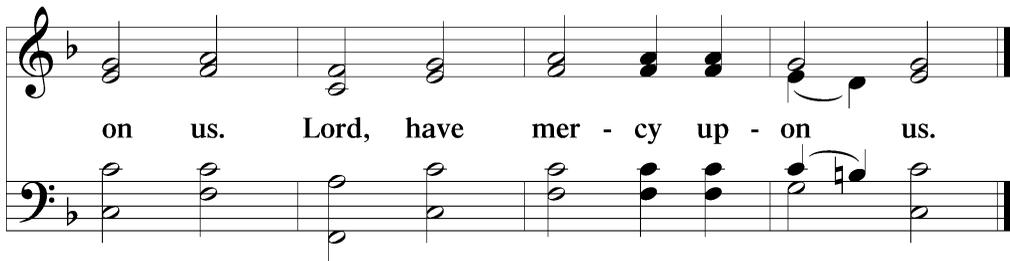
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Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

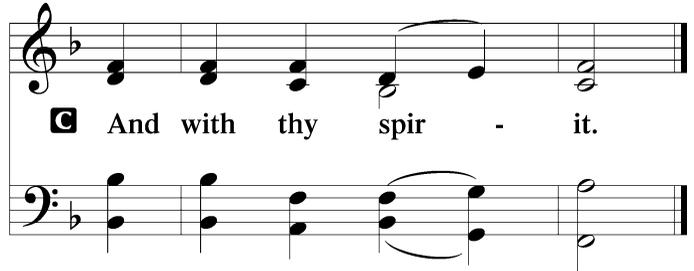
Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



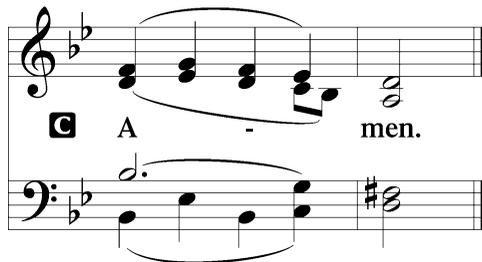
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

C **Praise the LORD, all nations!**
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

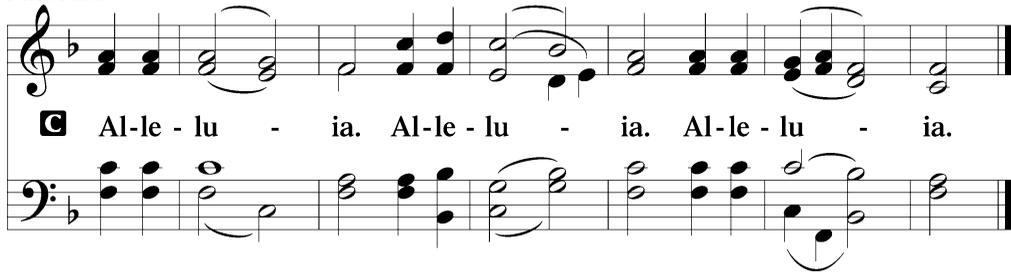
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Verse of the Day

John 1:29b

P Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.

Triple Alleluia



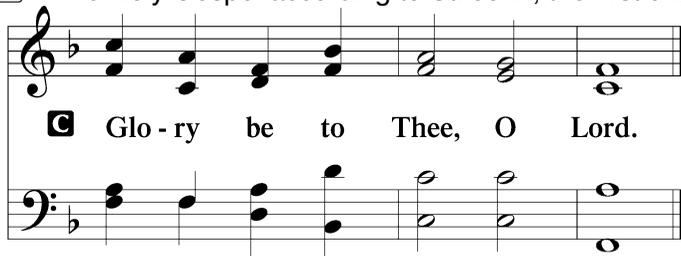
C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a series of chords and melodic lines. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the top staff, aligned with the notes.

Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

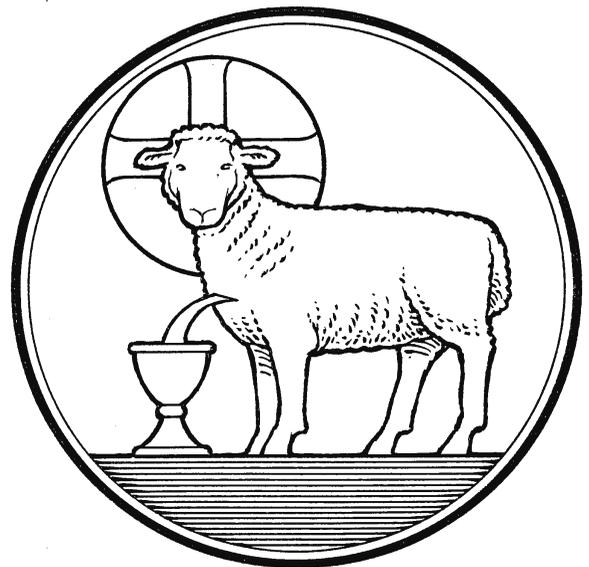
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”



The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 men 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 of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 402 The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us And bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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+ Sermon +

Finding Messiah

Offertory

Psalms 51:10–12

☒ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prayers to God on Behalf of...

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Hurricane/storm recovery in **Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas.**

Church: For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. Mission work of **Rehema Open Door** (Rehema is Swahili for mercy) palliative care center/hospice in Kenya. Local mission of **Pregnancy Resource Center** of Maryville and Sevierville.



Vocation: **Tyler Smith** (Airforce) in Mississippi and **Megan** beginning law school at UT. **Jacob** (Tami DeHaven's grandson) stationed in S. Korea. **Carter Felt** (Navy: stationed in Charleston). **Casey Lawson** (Airforce). For **Emily and Julian Martinez** (expecting). **Alex & Shelby Hicks** (expecting). **Paul & Angela Gift** rejoicing in the birth of **Nyla**. For Bill & Diane Miller's new grandson **Isaiah**. **Tatum Smolter** (and Tanner, rejoicing in birth of **Tylen**).

Mourning: Family of Family of **Priscilla Sullenberger** (Debbie's Johnston's sister). Family of **Diane Tschappat** (Pastor & Gretchen's brother in law's mother). **A son who died** (whose mother is a friend of Mary Schopmann). Family of **Sharon Mueller** (wife of John). Family of **Dick Mohr** who passed away 9/17. Family of **Julia Ernst** who passed away 6/25. Family of **Tamra DeHaven** who passed 1/23.

Health: Sharon Felker's brother **Stan Stubelt** in final hours. **Janet Moore's mother** health. **Clayton Narveson** recovering from pneumonia (and for Betty's health). **Herman Goddard** (Mary Brown's brother) health, recently hospitalized. **Gary Kubin** debilitating back pain and for discernment of options. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. **Judy Kalkitis** recovering after a fall on Christmas Eve. **Ed McGillick** recovering from a fall, fractured ribs (now home). **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) with many health issues. For **Kris Smith** recovering from eye surgery. **David Chorney** needing hip replacement. **Arnold Solis** (Nunnink's and Lee's father and [great] grandfather) health. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) heart attack recovery; **Aurora Stevens** broken back treatment; **Justin Barnett** (Amy Mohr's son, knee surgery recovery). For **June McDonnell** (health). For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). **Jeannie Lindenfesler** for lung cancer treatments. For **Amy Mohr** (hip replacement recovery). **Lori Smith** (partial shoulder surgery recovery). For **Randy Groen** partial shoulder replacement recovery. For **Barbara Moyers** (auto accident; broken wrist and bruise healing). **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Scott Jonas** (friend of Shelli & Travis Haynes, a pastor in St. Louis, thanksgiving for his return home after stroke). For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** who fell and is recovering.

Bob McDermott (thanksgiving for new heart valve and better health!). **Mark** (Judy Kalkitis's son-in-law) knee treatment. For **all suffering from mental health issues**. For **Michael** (health). For **Lindsey** (cancer). **Barry** (Wendy Slifka's brother in St. Louis, eye cancer) **Al Reuer** physical therapy for hip. **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Mike Sullivan** recovering from surgery and for **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). **Julie** (Tom Wittkopp's sister in Phoenix) recovering from heart surgery. **Mary Ellen Brown** (hip surgery recovery). **Paula** (Corlis William's mother) recovering from a stroke. Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer treatments. Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Tim Smith** (heart health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Mike Gould's friend **Jolene Cline** (thanksgiving, in remission!). **Larry Wacker** (lung condition and upcoming procedure at Vanderbilt). **Cathy Wacker** upcoming hip surgery. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck** (health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Robert's sister) health. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) health.

Birthdays: Jules F 1/17, Hannah K 1/21, Robbie M 1/25, Jonathan H 1/26, Clayton N 1/27, Rick G 1/28, Kathleen D 1/29, Judy K 1/29, Luke D 1/30

Anniversaries: Alan & Jeanne H 1/19, Gustave & Lee S 1/19, Jim & Valerie V 1/20

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

Benediction for those worshipping on the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

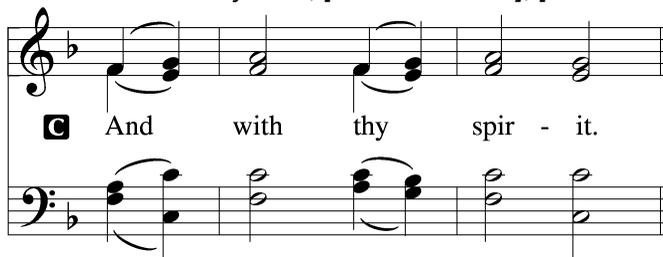
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



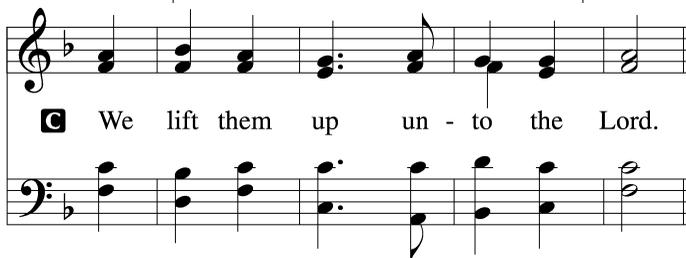
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



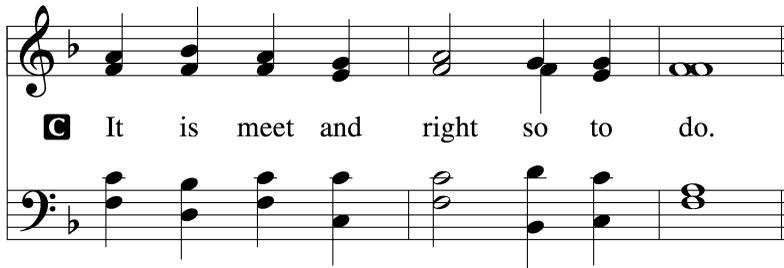
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

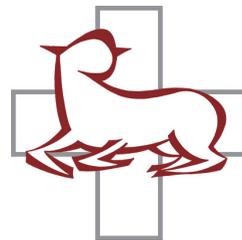
Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.



The Words of Our Lord *Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.*

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 ✝ 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 testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

Musical notation for the beginning of Pax Domini. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The treble staff has a melody starting with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff has a bass line starting with a quarter note G3, followed by a half note A3, and a quarter note Bb3. The text "A - men." is written below the treble staff, with "A" under the first measure and "men." under the second measure.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the
sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the
sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.



Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 947 All Glory Be to God on High (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 544 O Love, How Deep

Distribution Hymn: 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

Distribution Hymn: 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

C *(sung)* Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

2 Timothy 4:22

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

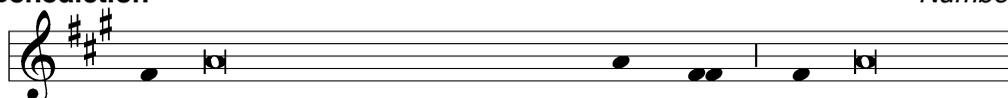
Psalms 103:1

A Bless we the Lord.

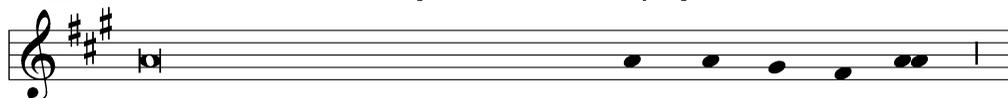
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

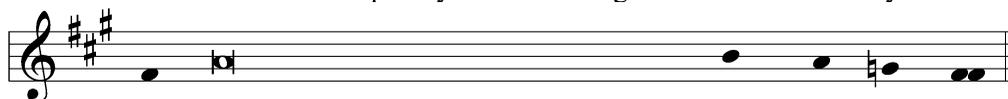
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

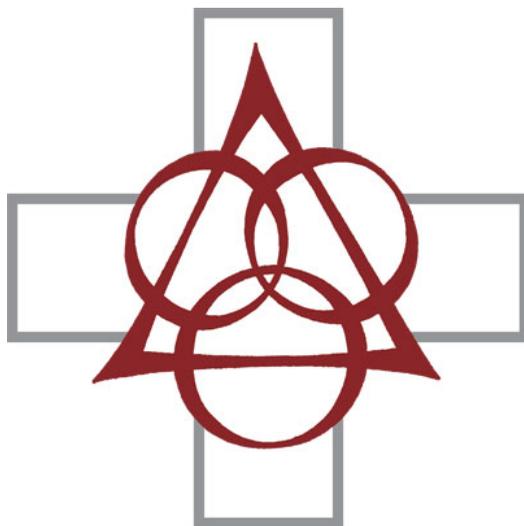


His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.



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Reminders

Food for Veterans box in the Narthex: bring non-perishable food items, gloves, socks...

Open House for First Lutheran School: Serving Knoxville since 1869, First Lutheran School and ECE educates and nurtures students from age 1 year to 8th grade. Everyone is welcome to our annual Open House on January 26th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. At the open house you can tour the classrooms, browse the book fair, meet the teachers, enjoy a Soup and salad dinner, and learn about enrolling for next year. More information can be found on Facebook or by calling 865-524-0301

Announcements

God Grants Life *Thank you* to all who came to support the fundraiser for the Pregnancy Resource Center yesterday at Grace Lutheran Church in Knoxville. Together, we helped raised funds that are matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000 for LCMS Life Ministries!

Chad Bird (Christian Lutheran author, presenter, and poet) from Texas will be speaking at Grace Lutheran Church in Knoxville on **Sat, Feb 4** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please **RSVP** with Pastor Roberts so that Grace can provide refreshments and lunch.

Planning Council meets TODAY after church

No Catechesis today or next Sunday but will next meet on Sun, Jan 29. Please help your children memorize the *Sacrament of the Altar* (questions and answers from the Small Catechism).

Please welcome Pastor Michael Thurau next Sunday to preside the services and Bible study while Pastor travels with Gretchen to California for work and some sight-seeing. Pastor Thurau is no stranger to Praise and we thank him for travelling from Kingsport to serve once again!

Elders meets this Thurs, Jan 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

This Week

Choir Practice this Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch

Men's Lunch (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. Location this week: *to be announced*

Next Sunday and beyond

Scripture Readings for Is. 9:1-4, 1 Cor. 1:10-18, Mat. 4:12-25

Voters Meeting to approve budget and decide on proposals is coming up. Please prayerfully consider Planning Council's recommendation to call Shelli Haynes to be our DCE to help serve the congregation. Meeting will be held between services on **Sun, Feb 5**.

Upcoming Build: pricing with our contractor is near completion followed by document completion and permitting, final loan approval, and soon, we pray, breaking ground for excavation work. Keep the process in your prayers and we'll soon have many details to share!

Knoxville Circuit Pastors Meeting at Praise to be held on **Thurs, Feb 9** in the Social Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.