

# + Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany +

January 29, 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 +

*Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6*

### Introit



**P** For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

**G** **Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,\*  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;**

but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates | day and night.

**He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its  
leaf does not | wither.\***

**In all that he does, he | prospers.**

The wicked | are not so,\*  
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,\*  
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.**

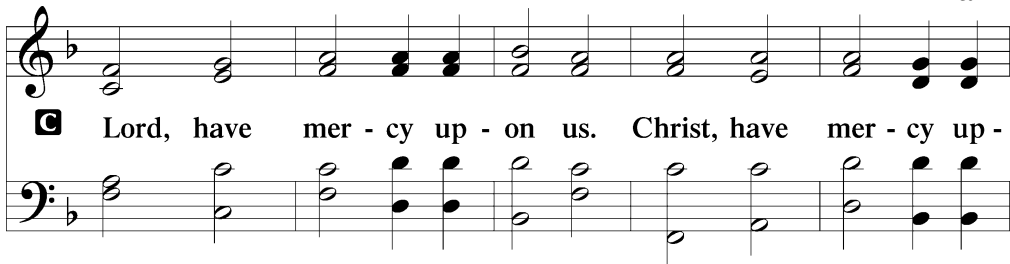
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

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

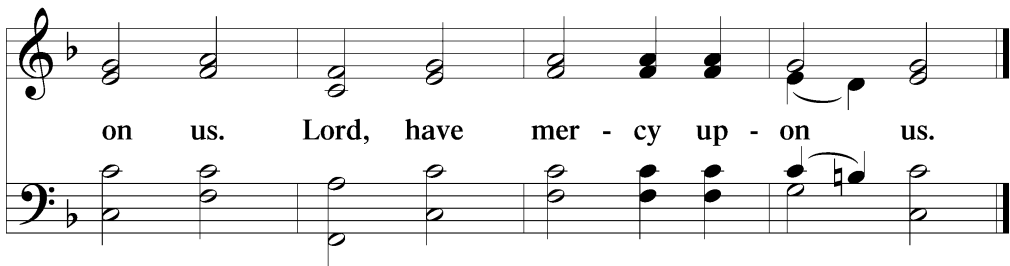
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### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**G** 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.

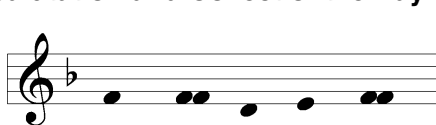
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

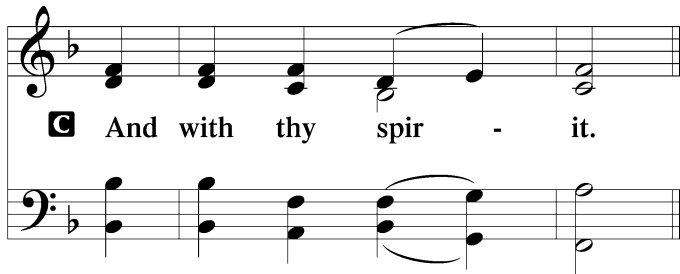
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

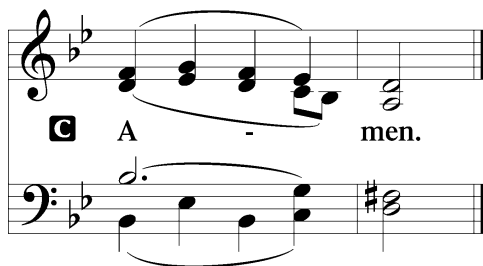


Musical notation for the Collect: And with thy spirit. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass line is: G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter).

**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Musical notation for the Collect: Amen. 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 melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass line is: G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter).

**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Micah 6:1–8*

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

- 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 1:18–31*

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: 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 and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

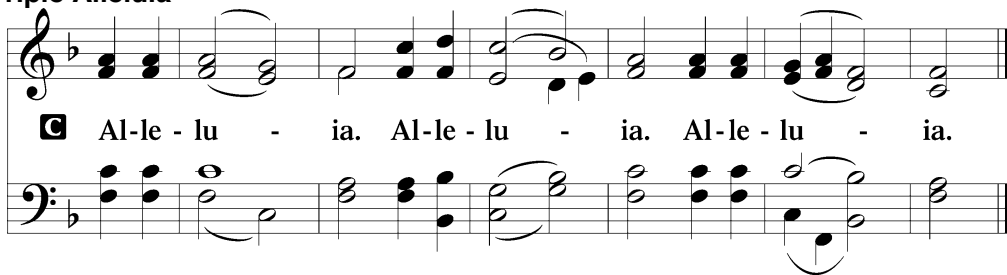
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Verse of the Day

*Matthew 5:3*

**P** Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

### Triple Alleluia



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

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.



Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Praise be to Thee, O Christ." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "Praise be to Thee, O Christ." are written below the treble staff, with a square musical symbol (C) at the beginning of the first line.

### 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: 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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+ Sermon +

The Pure

Offertory

*Psalm 51:10–12*

**☐** (sung) 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 **Clayton Narveson** who passed away 1/20. Family of **Janet Moore’s mother, Mary Lou**, who passed away. Family of **Valier Vesper’s uncle** who passed away. Family of **Stan Stubelt** of Friendsville (Sharon Felker’s brother) who passed away. Family of **Priscilla Sullenberger** (Debbie’s Johnston’s sister). Family of **Diane Tschappat** (Pastor & Gretchen’s brother in law’s mother). Family of **Dick Mohr** who passed away 9/17. Family of **Julia Ernst** who passed away 6/25. Family of **Tamra DeHaven** who passed away 1/23/22.

Health: **Gary Kubin:** hospitalized this week for severe back pain (now home). **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. **Ed McGillick** recovering from a fall, fractured ribs (now home). **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara’s daughter) with many health issues. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett’s son) cancer surgery recovery, **Judy Kalkitis** recovering after a fall on Christmas Eve. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper’s mother) heart attack recovery; For **Kris Smith** recovering from eye surgery. **David Chorney** needing hip replacement. **Arnold Solis** (Nunnink’s and Lee’s father and [great] grandfather) health. **Herman Goddard** (Mary Brown’s brother) health, recently hospitalized. **Aurora Stevens** broken back treatment;



**Justin Barnett** (Amy Mohr's son, knee surgery recovery). For **June McDonnell** (health). For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). **Jeannie Lindenfelser** 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** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. **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). 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:** Kathleen Del C 1/29, Judith K 1/29, Luke J 1/30, Lisa S 2/05, John B 2/6, Myrna F 2/09

**Anniversaries:** Chuck & Candace P 2/04, Doug & Ehdel H 2/08, +Clayton+ & Betty N 2/09, Tim & Lori S 2/12, Willie D & Laura B 2/14, Bob & Rhonda H 2/18, Luke & Blair J 2/22

## 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.

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**+ Service of the Sacrament +**

**A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise**

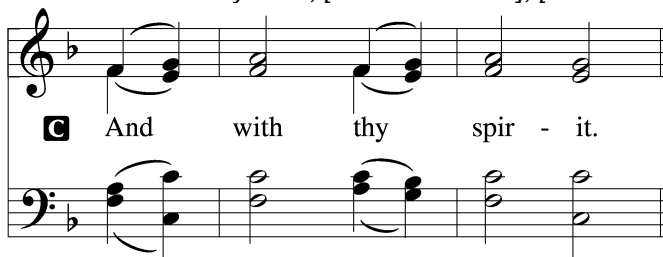
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our 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.



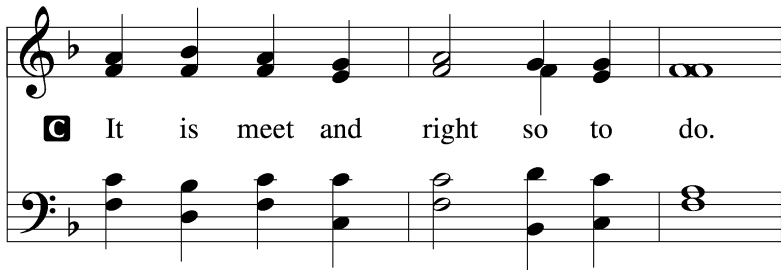
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**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** 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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

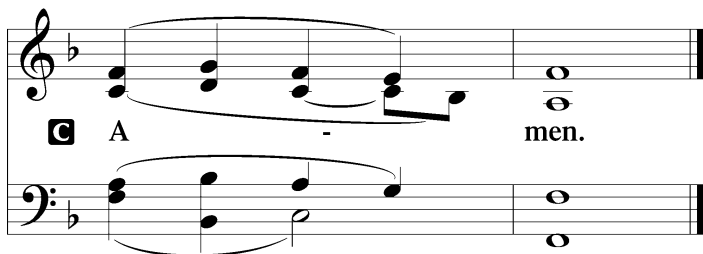
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



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



### 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: 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service**

**Distribution Hymn: 810 O God of God, O Light of Light**

**Distribution Hymn: 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**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.

**Salutation**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'And with thy spirit'.

**Benedicamus**

*Psalm 103:1*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Musical notation for the 'Benedicamus' section, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps. The first system has the melody in the treble clef with the lyrics 'Bless we the Lord.' The second system has the melody in the treble clef with the lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' The accompaniment is in the bass clef.

**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.

Musical notation for the 'Benediction' section, featuring a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the lyrics are 'The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.' The lyrics are split across three lines of music.

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



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## Praise Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Sunday Divine Services weekly at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Address: 1850 Big Springs Rd. Maryville, TN 37801

Phone: (865) 977-5810, Website: [praiselutheran.com](http://praiselutheran.com)

Online giving: [praiselutheran.com](http://praiselutheran.com) (click the blue “Give” button)

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Staffed Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 to Noon, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (EST)

Office Administration: Vicky Gorman, [vicky@praiselutheran.com](mailto:vicky@praiselutheran.com)

Pastor: Rev. Derek Roberts, [pastor@praiselutheran.com](mailto:pastor@praiselutheran.com), cell: (865) 229-6024 (Pastor’s day off: Fridays)

Congregational President: Dr. Tom Wittkopp, Capital Campaign Info: Ed Hannah; Joel Morsch

Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays

Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

Sign up for our **email newsletter** at [praiselutheran.com](http://praiselutheran.com) *or email the church office*

### *Ready to Build?*

**See the latest** slides and/or video presentation about our updated drawings and timeline for the upcoming build on our website: **[praiselutheran.com/build](http://praiselutheran.com/build)**

### *Reminders*

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

**DVD and Online Videos** of Praise’s weekly Divine Service are available for shut-ins/homebound members. Please let the church office (Pastor Roberts or Vicky Gorman know) if you’d like a DVD or visit our website to watch online.

## Announcements

**Service for Clayton Narveson** will be TOMORROW, Mon, Jan 30 at 6:00 p.m. at RIO Revolution (towards Walland and Townsend on Lamar Alexander Pkwy); service hosted by Praise Lutheran Church and Pastor Roberts will be officiating the service. Military Honors with 21-Gun Salute will be presented after the service. Potluck for Betty and family will be Feb 19 after church at Praise.

**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.

**Catechesis** after church TODAY

### *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

**Ladies Who Lunch** at Blackhorse Grill in Alcoa on Feb 2 at 11:30 A.M

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

### *Next Sunday and beyond*

**Scripture Readings** Is 58:3-9a, 1 Cor 2, Matt 5:13-20

**Young Adults** dinner and study led by Levi Nunnink at Levi and Suzanne's home meets on first and third Sundays of the month. Next meets on Sunday evening, February 5 at 5:00 p.m. (ends at 8:00 p.m.)

**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.