

# + Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany +

*February 12, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS2*

## + 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

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

### Confession of Sins

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 98:7–9; antiphon: v. 2*



**P** The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**C** Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;\*  
the world and those who | dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together be- | fore the LORD,\*  
for he comes to | judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with | righteousness,\***  
**and the peoples with | equity.**

**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.**

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

## Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mk. 10:47*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our  
salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the  
well-being of the Church of God, and for  
the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer  
here their worship and praise let us pray  
to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us,  
gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

*Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his

rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**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 3:1–9*

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

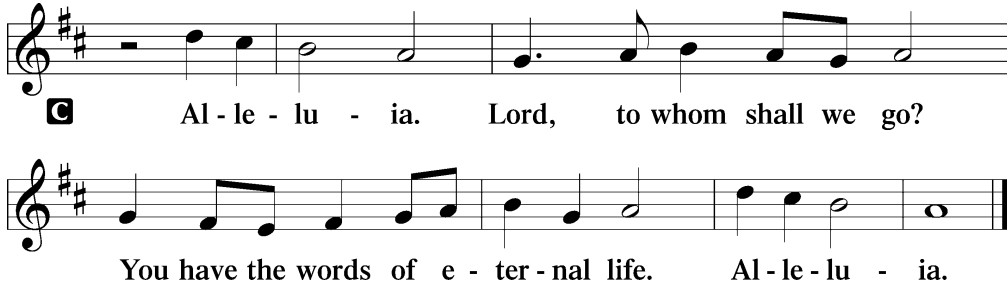
## Verse of the Day

*Ephesians 5:2*

**P** Alleluia. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia.

## Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21–37

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



[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

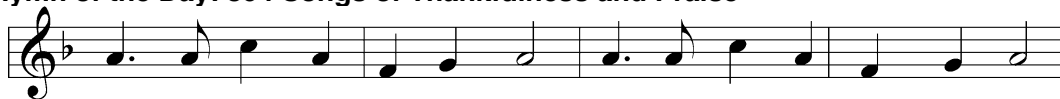
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### 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: 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;  
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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## + Sermon +

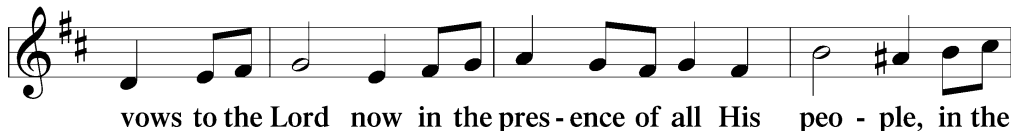
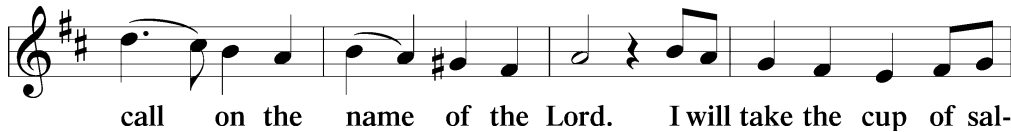
## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to





### **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).

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**). **Eugene & Vicky Gorman** (expecting in September!)



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: **Mary Schopmann** treating a leg wound and infection. **Gary Kubin** severe back pain treatment. **Ed McGillick** vertigo and blood pressure/heart health. **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) with many health issues. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Larry Wacker** upcoming procedure at Vanderbilt. **Cathy Wacker** upcoming hip surgery. **Rachel Ernst's mother**: hopeful doctors can offer cancer treatment plan (multiple locations). For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** recovering from kidney stones and health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** who fell and is recovering. **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer surgery recovery. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. **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. For **June McDonnell** (health). For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). **Jeannie Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. For **Barbara Moyers** (auto accident; broken wrist and bruise healing). **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. **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. **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). **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. 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.

**Birthdays:** Ed B 2/18, Joshua K 2/21, Sarah K 02/23

**Anniversaries:** Tim & Lori S 02/12, Willie D & Laura B 2/14, Bob & Rhonda H 02/18, Luke. & Blair J 02/22

### **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.

## **+ Service of the Sacrament +**

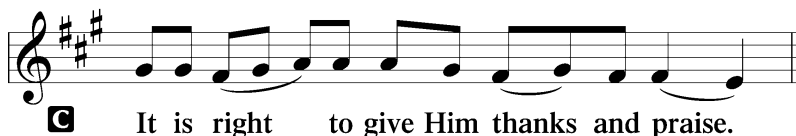
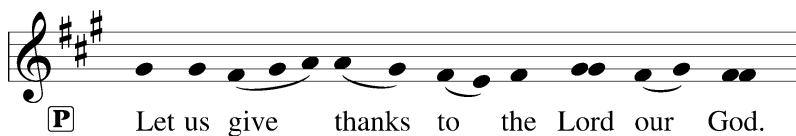
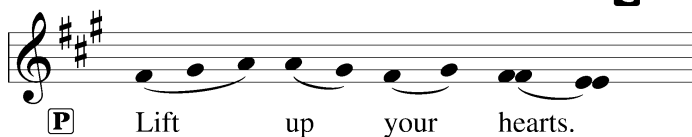
### **A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise**

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]*

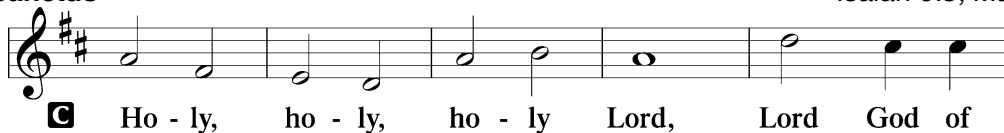


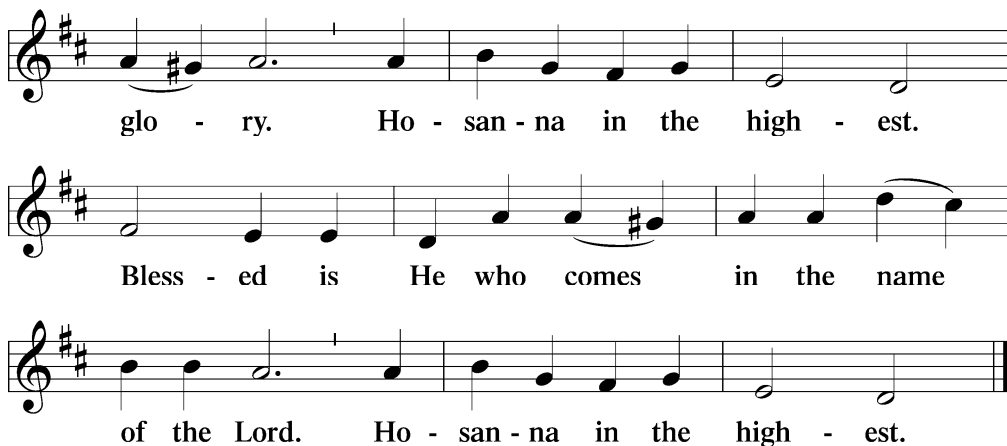
## Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*





### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*p. 161 or 178*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

**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."

### Proclamation of Christ

*1 Cor. 11:26*

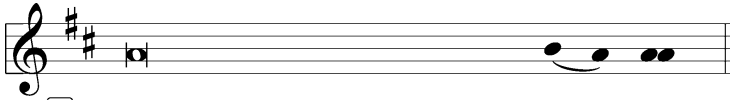
**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and grant us Your peace.

## Pax Domini

John 20:19



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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**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.



### 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: 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide**

**Distribution Hymn: 501 Come Down, O Love Divine**

**Distribution Hymn: 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain**

## Distribution Hymn: 921 On What Has Now Been Sown

### Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-  
joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-  
giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

### Post Communion Collect

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- L** Let us pray... now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** A - men.

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## Announcements

### Catechesis after church TODAY

**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 **Feb 19** at 5:00 p.m. (ends at 8:00 p.m.)

### *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** Exodus 24:8-18, 2 Pet 1:16-21, Matt 17:1-9

**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!

**Transfiguration** of Our Lord (color is white) next Sunday, Feb 19. Ash Wed is Feb 22.

**Potluck NEXT SUN, FEB 19** after church to show love to Clayton Narverson’s family in the wake of his passing.