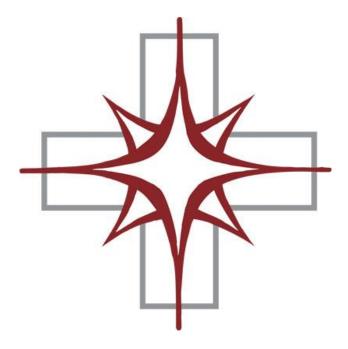
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2025
Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151
8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm
*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

AS WE GATHER

With many signs and wonders, Jesus revealed Himself as the Messiah. Of all those who bore witness to those miraculous events surrounding His Epiphany, perhaps none were more astounding than the demons whom He drove out of the afflicted and oppressed. As He confronted them with the power and authority of True God, their cries of terror gave unintentional testimony to His office and mission. "I know who you are – the Holy One of God," called out the Capernaum demoniac. "You are the Son of God," proclaimed the legions He exorcised. Today, Christ comes again to drive out the forces of sin, death, and the devil. Their sign of dread is for us a sign of hope and consolation; Christ has the authority to forgive our sin and revoke its bitter wages. This authority He exercises in His church to win us back from the hand of the enemy and reconcile us to our Father in Heaven.

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (arr. Timothy Shaw)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 803 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day. Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee. Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine! Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- \mathbf{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)

- \mathbf{P} Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

- 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.

+++ WORD +++

INTROIT – *Psalm 10:16-18*; *antiphon: v. 12*

Leader: Arise, O Lord; O God, lift | up your hand;* forget not the af- | flicted.



The Lord is king forever and | ever;* the nations perish | from his land.

Leader: The Lord is king forever and | ever;* the nations perish | from his land.

O Lord, you hear the desire of the af- | flicted;* you will strength- | en their heart;

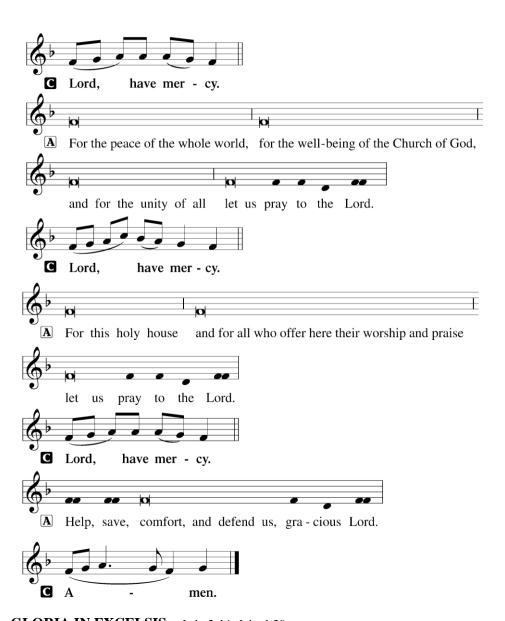
Leader: you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and | the oppressed,* so that man who is of the earth may strike ter- | ror no more.

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. Arise, O Lord; O God, lift | up your hand;* forget not the af- | flicted.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark 10:47*



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



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
- P Let us pray... one God, now and forever. C Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Jeremiah 1:4-10 – "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,

and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸Do not be afraid of them.

for I am with you to deliver you,

declares the Lord."

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,

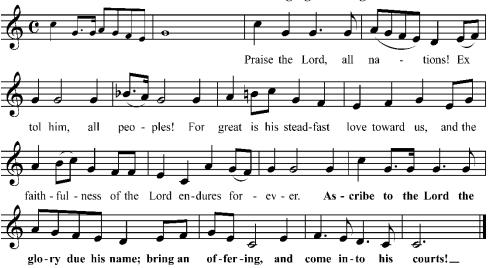
to pluck up and to break down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

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

GRADUAL – Psalm 117:1-2a; Psalm 96:8 - The congregation sings all.



$\textbf{SECOND LESSON} - 1 \ \textbf{Corinthians} \ 12:31b\textbf{-}13:13 - \\ \textbf{If we have not love, we are nothing.}$

I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

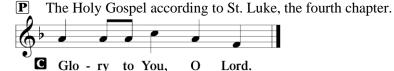
¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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





HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 4:31-44 – Jesus heals the sick and drives out demons.

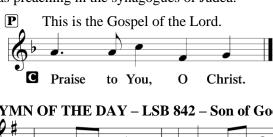


³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴"Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.





8:00 am - NICENE CREED

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.

10:30 am and 5:00 pm - 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

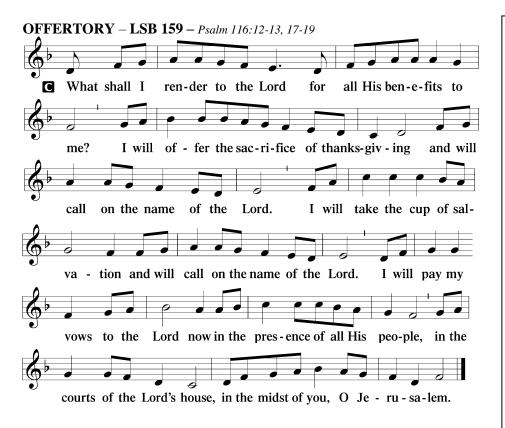
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

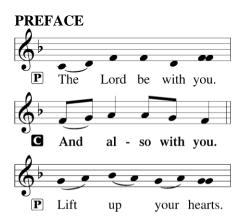
- **A** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- **A** ...through Your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

OFFERING – *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (arr. Wayne Barlow)



10:30 am & 5:00 pm – Continues with the Lord's Prayer (page 11) and concludes with the Benediction and Hymn to Depart (page 15).

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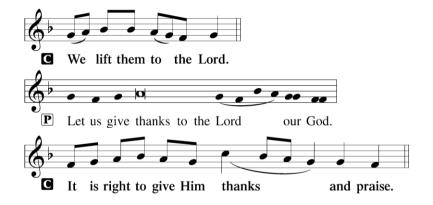


For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

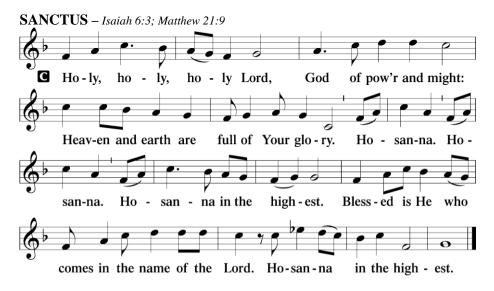
As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.



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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P ...one God, now and forever. C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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;

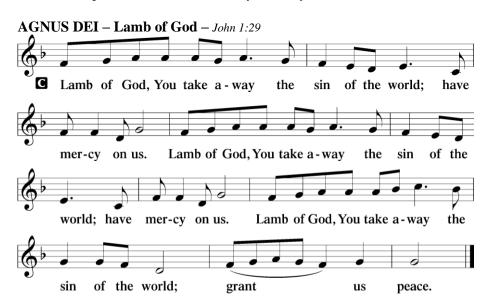
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.



Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.

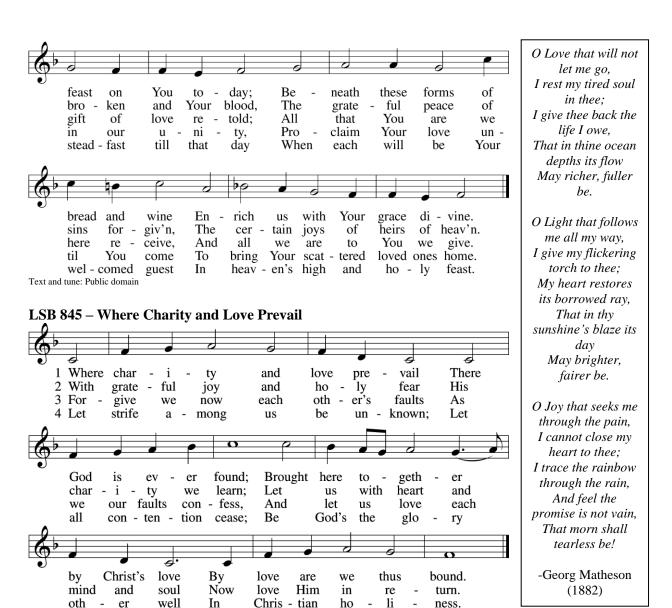


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Anthem – *O Love that Will Not Let Me Go* (arr. Carson Cooman) Text on next page.

LSB 623 – Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray





5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.

we

seek:

Be

ours

His

that

6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all

Whose Father is the same.

peace.

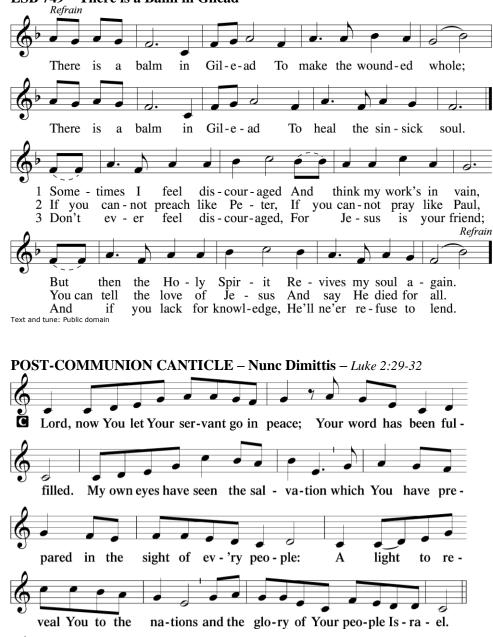
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LSB 749 - There is a Balm in Gilead

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther



and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

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as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ey-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

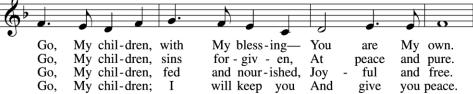
We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever. \mathbf{C} $[\mathbf{P}]$ Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 922 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing





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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – Son of God, Eternal Savior (arr. Duane Funderburk)



Pastor Edwards is currently in **Belize** with Dr. Gordon Green.

We pray for their safe travel and look forward to hearing about their trip after they return.

TODAY

11:30am Spirit Camp call-out meeting

6:00pm Deadline for **Super Sunday Sub pre-orders** (pick up NEXT Sunday morning)

6:00pm **FLY** (Service Night)

TUESDAY, February 4

9:00am Playgroup

9:30am Chinese Bible Study (Grand Hall)

1:00pm Fellowship Ministry Team

5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (Classroom C; ages 0-5)

WEDNESDAY, February 5

10:00am Men's & Women's Bible studies

11:15am Lunch & Learn

7:00pm **Senior Choir**

8:00pm Bible Study (Zoom): A Longer Look at the Lessons for Epiphany

SATURDAY, February 15

6:00pm Chili Cookoff and Dessert Auction

FRIDAY, February 21

6:30pm Ladies' Night Out (home of Janet Hitzeman)

SATURDAY, February 22

9:00-11:00am **CPR training** (non-certified) (Classrooms A-C)

11:00am Secret Sisters Luncheon (Red Lobster)

4:30pm **Trivia Night** (Gym)



Camp Lakeview Pre-Registration is at <u>lakeview.camp</u> on February 3-4.

After you are registered, apply for a Faith Campership at FaithBtown.org. Contact Erin Miller with questions.



The Endowment Fund Committee announces the distribution for 2025. The 2024 yearend **balance was \$693,171**, with new gifts totaling \$55,400. The investment income was \$52, 671. Per policy, the committee recommends a **distribution of \$34,650**.

Now **through March 1** the PPC will accept applications to support **new ministry opportunities**, **projects**, **missions**, **missionaries**, **and other appropriate service organizations and activities** that fulfill Faith's mission and are **outside of Faith's regular operating budget.** The PPC will make final determinations by the end of March. **Apply online** or pick up a paper application in the narthex. Contact Congregational Chairman *Paul Brunner* with questions: pjbrunner1@gmail.com / 812-361-3541

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