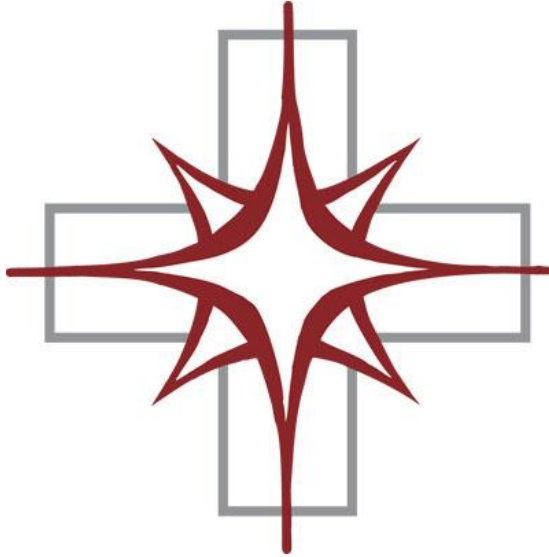


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Missouri Synod*



## **The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

February 16, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

**8:00 & 10:30\*am, 5:00 pm**

\*livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

## **AS WE GATHER**

**Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection**

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man,” for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he “shall mourn and weep” in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But “the man who trusts in the LORD” is blessed with all that he needs, “like a tree planted by water.” When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8).

For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians “rejoice” and “leap for joy” (Luke 6:21–23). “If Christ has not been raised,” our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as “Christ died for our sins,” so has He also “been raised from the dead” (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

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# ✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** – 8:00 am – *Allemande* from *Cello Suite No. 1* (J. S. Bach)  
10:30 am – *O Christ, Who Called the Twelve* (arr. Rachel Chapin)

## HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 684 – Come unto Me, Ye Weary



1 “Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest.”  
2 “Come un - to Me, ye wan - d’rers, And I will give you light.”  
3 “Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life.”  
4 “And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out.”



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!  
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
O cheer-ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,  
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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*Thank you to  
Kyle Johnson  
for joining us  
on cello at the  
8:00 am service  
today.*

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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)*

**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.**

**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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

$\dagger$   $\dagger$   $\dagger$  **WORD**  $\dagger$   $\dagger$   $\dagger$

**INTROIT** – *Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5 ; antiphon: v. 5*

*Leader:* I will praise you with an | upright heart,\*  
when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.



**C** **Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,\*  
who walk in the law | of the Lord!**

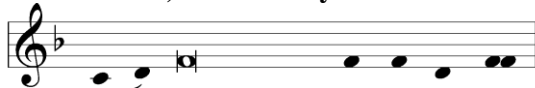
*Leader:* Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,\*  
who seek him with their | whole heart.

**C** **You have commanded your | precepts\*  
to be kept dil- | igently.**

*Leader:* Oh that my ways may be | steadfast\*  
in keeping your | statutes!

**C** **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.  
I will praise you with an | upright heart,\*  
when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.**

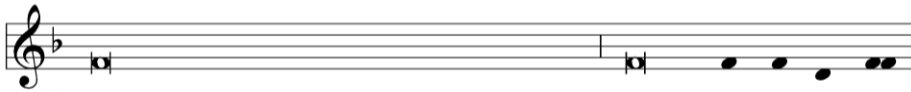
**KYRIE** – **Lord, Have Mercy** – *Mark 10:47*



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



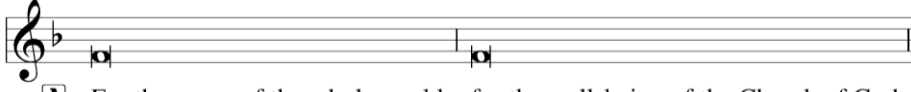
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



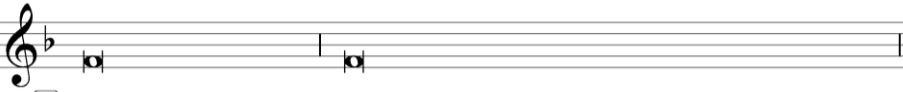
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



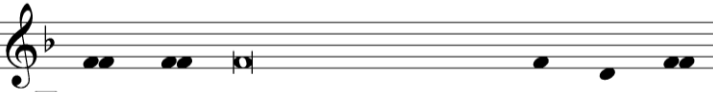
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**G** A - men.

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

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

**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:  
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.  
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.  
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,  
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

**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 17: 5-8** – The one who trusts in the Lord is firmly planted.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
 and makes flesh his strength,  
 whose heart turns away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.  
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

**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.**

Praise the Lord, all na - tions! Ex  
tol him, all peo - ples! For great is his stead-fast love toward us, and the  
faith - ful - ness of the Lord en-dures for - ev - er. As - cribe to the Lord the  
glo-ry due his name; bring an of-fer-ing, and come in-to his courts!—

**SECOND LESSON** – **1 Corinthians 15:12-20** – Jesus is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

**ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE** – *John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** – **Luke 6:17-26** – Jesus preaches both blessings and curses.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**10:30 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 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 – *Blessings and Curses* – Luke 6:17-26

### 8:00 am – 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.

### 10:30 am and 5:00 pm – APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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** ...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### OFFERING – *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus* (arr. Brian Henkelmann)

### OFFERTORY – LSB 159 – *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



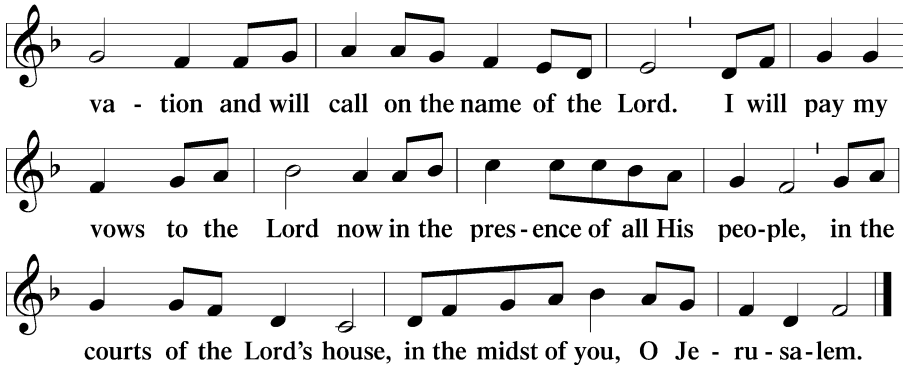
**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**10:30 am & 5:00 pm – Continues with the Lord's Prayer (page 11)  
and concludes with the Benediction and Hymn to Depart (pages 14-15).**

✠ ✠ ✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠ ✠ ✠  
8:00 am – LSB page 160

**PREFACE**



**P** The Lord be with you.



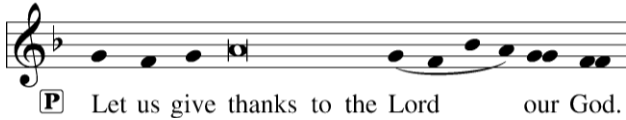
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament**

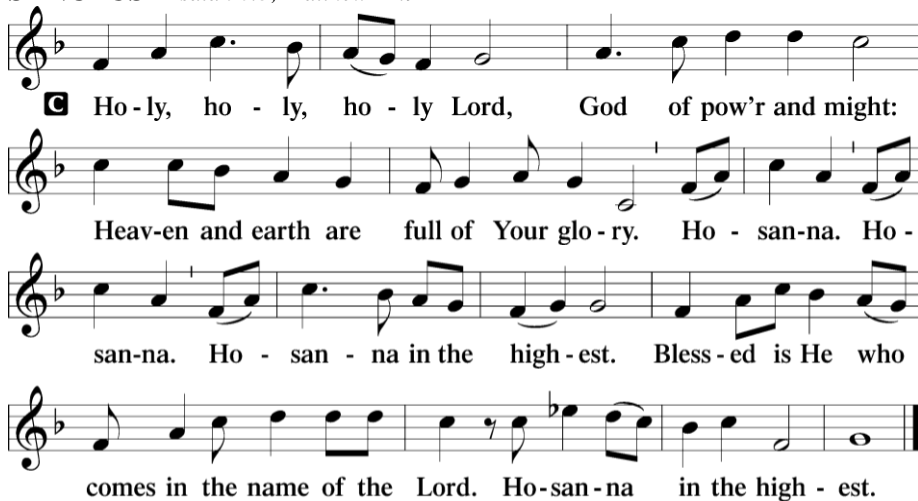
As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

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:

### SANCTUS – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** ...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

### 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.

**AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God – John 1:29**

**☐** 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.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**Anthem – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** (arr Roland E. Martin)  
Text at LSB 686.

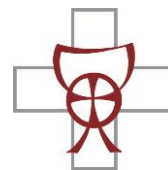
**LSB 637 – Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,  
And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

**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.





Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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### LSB 729 – I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
 2 I am trust-ing Thee for par - don; At Thy feet I bow,  
 3 I am trust-ing Thee for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood;  
 4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
 For Thy grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
 Trust - ing Thee to make me ho - ly By Thy blood.  
 Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
 Thine can never fail.  
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
 Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
 Never let me fall.  
 I am trusting Thee forever  
 And for all.

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### LSB 628 – Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – Nunc Dimittis – Luke 2:29-32**

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser- vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which You have pre-  
pared in the sight of ev- 'ry peo- ple: A light to re-  
veal You to the na- tions and the glo- ry of Your peo- ple Is- ra- el.  
Glo- ry be to the Fa- ther and to the Son and to the Ho- ly Spir- it;  
as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A - men.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26**

**P** 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.  
**C** Amen.

## HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 477 – Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



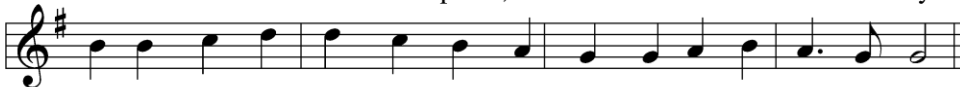
1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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## SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – 8:00 am – *Courante* from *Cello Suite No. 1* (J. S. Bach)

10:30 am – *O Day of Rest and Gladness* (arr. Robert Lind)



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by **the Frey Family** in loving memory of  
**Lou Ann Lybrook.**

## **TUESDAY, February 18**

9:30am **Chinese Bible Study** (Grand Hall)

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

## **WEDNESDAY, February 19**

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

11:15am **Lunch & Learn:**

5:45pm **Children's Ministry Team**

7:00pm **Senior Choir**

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

## **THURSDAY, February 20**

11:30am **JOY Group** to *Phat Daddy's BBQ*

**FRIDAY, February 21 | 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out** (*home of Janet Hitzeman*)

## **SATURDAY, February 22**

*NOTE: CPR training will be rescheduled to a later date*

11:00am **Secret Sisters Luncheon** (*Red Lobster*)

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

## **MONDAY, February 24**

11:00am-9:00pm **Dine & Donate** – Bucceto's (both locations)

## **SATURDAY, March 1 Endowment Fund applications DUE**

[Apply online](#) or pick up a paper application in the narthex. Contact Congregational Chairman *Paul Brunner* with questions: [pjbrunner1@gmail.com](mailto:pjbrunner1@gmail.com) / 812-361-3541

## **ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5 – services at Noon and 7pm**



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