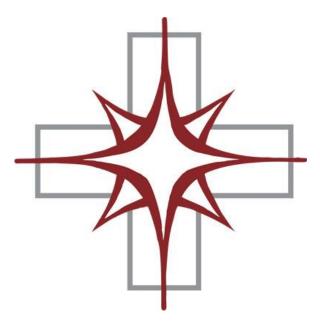
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Missouri Synod



The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025 Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151 8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm *livestreamed on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>

AS WE GATHER

As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, "do not go on sinning" (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as "sons of the Most High," and "be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also "love your enemies, do good" (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but "to preserve life." So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with "you and your children and your children's children" (Gen. 45:5–10).

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+ + + GATHERING + + +

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC - Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (arr. Charles Callahan)



Thank you to Kyle Johnson for joining us on cello at the 10:30 am service today.

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INVOCATION

■ 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.

- 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 37:1-5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

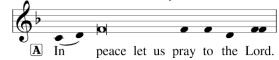
Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently | for him;* [[] fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

C Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;* be not envious of wrong- | doers!

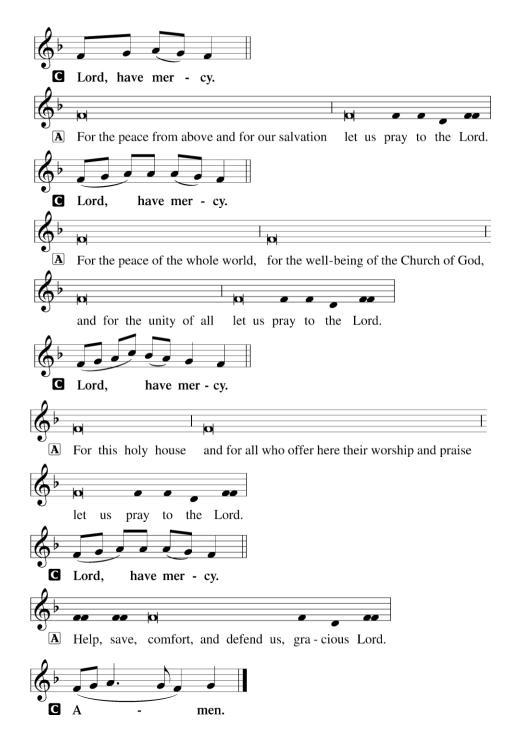
Leader: For they will soon fade | like the grass* and wither like the | green herb.

- C Trust in the Lord, | and do good;* dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.
- *Leader*: Delight yourself | in the Lord,* and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
 - C Commit your way | to the Lord;* trust in him, and | he will act. 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. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently | for him;* fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

KYRIE - Lord, Have Mercy - Mark 10:47







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, 0 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Α men. -

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

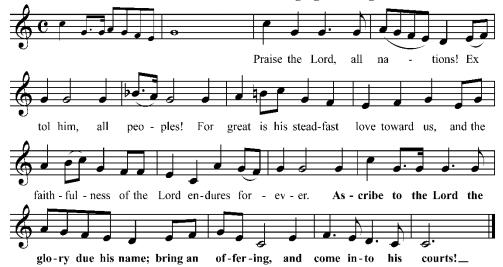
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

FIRST LESSON - Genesis 45:3-15 - God sent Joseph before his brothers to preserve life.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

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.

SECOND LESSON – 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 – "What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable."

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

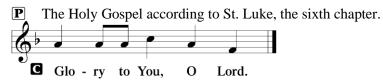
³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 6:27-38 – Love your enemies.

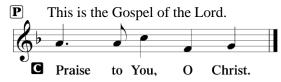


²⁷[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer

the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

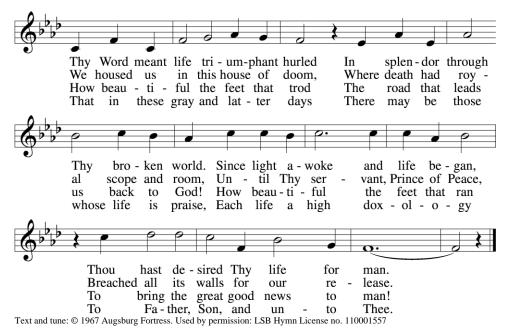
³⁷"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."





1 O God. 0 Lord of heav'n and earth. Thv liv - ing 2 Our tal will reb - el fa e - qual Thee. Our to 3 Thou cam - est Christ, to to our hall of death. 0 $\wedge 4 0$ Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that ger That life should be fin nev - er wrote an aim will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride breathe our To drink for the dark poi-soned air, us it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news 0 death-ward drift fu - tile birth. less mote. Α from ful spite Thy won-drous gift of lib - er - tv. That stran - gled our re de spair luc - tant breath. Breathe on Thy clo ven Church once more, to men,

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 834 – O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth



SERMON – Love Your Enemies – Luke 6:27-38

8:00 am - 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.

10:30 am and 5:00 pm - NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

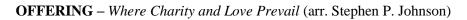
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

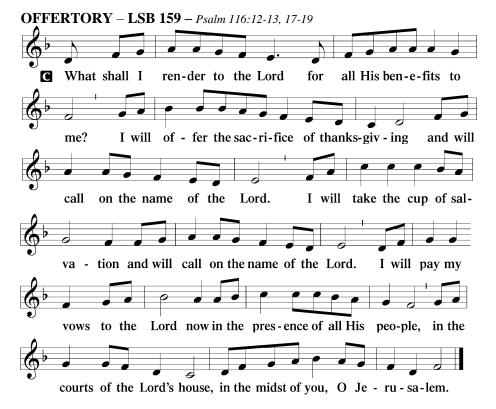
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **A** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- **A** ...one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.



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8:00 am – Continues with the Lord's Prayer (*page 12*) **and concludes with the Benediction and Hymn to Depart** (*pages 17-18*).



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.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

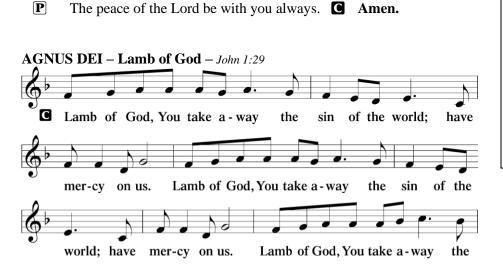
 \mathbf{P} ...one God, now and forever. \mathbf{C} Amen.

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

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



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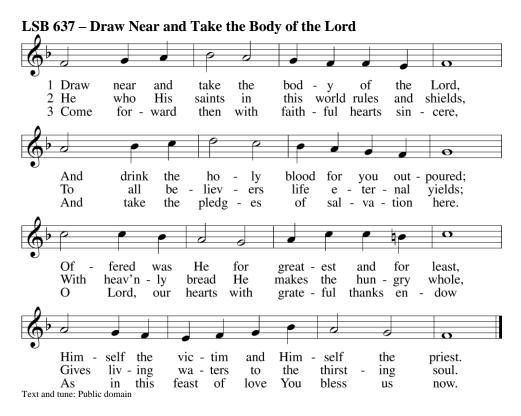
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Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.



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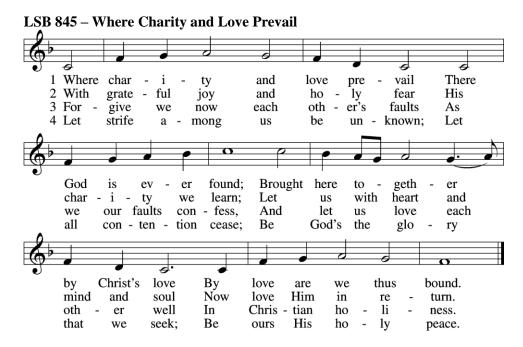
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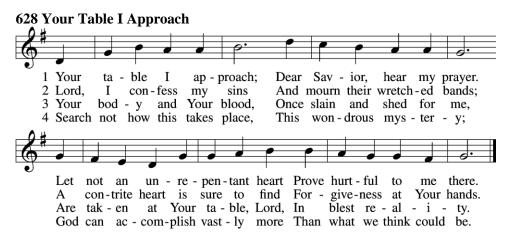


- 5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;

His family embraces all

Whose Father is the same.

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5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,

That earth and hell combined

May not about this sacrament

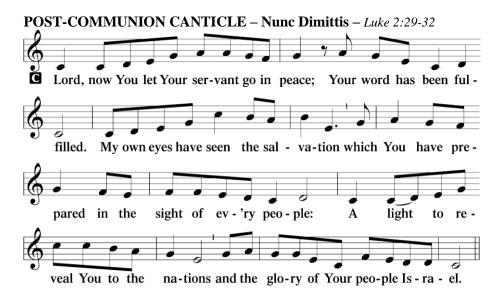
Raise doubt within my mind.

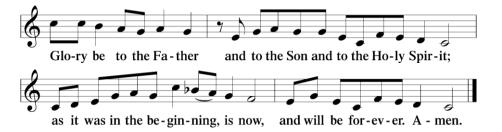
6 Oh, may I never fail

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 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.





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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC - With High Delight Let Us Unite (arr. Michael D. Costello)

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MONDAY, February 24

11am-9pm Dine & Donate – Bucceto's (both locations) see back page

TUESDAY, February 25

9:30am Chinese Bible Study (Grand Hall)
2:00pm Quilting (kitchen)
5:15pm First Steps in Music (Classroom C; ages 0-5)
5:30pm Health & Human Care Ministry Team (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, February 26

10:00am Men's & Women's Bible studies
11:15am Lunch & Learn: Smart Choices for Healthy Living: Medicare and Immunization Tips
7:00pm Senior Choir
8:00pm Bible Study (Zoom): A Longer Look at the Lessons for Epiphany

THURSDAY, February 27 6:00pm **Sojourn House Gala** (*Switchyard Pavilion*)

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 / 812-361-3541

SUNDAY, March 2 The Transfiguration of our Lord

- 8 & 10:30am Farewell to Alleluias
- 9:15am Lenten Fair
- 11:30am What Do We Believe? class begins (contact Pastor Beck for details)

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5 - services at Noon and 7pm

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