FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

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

*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

AS WE GATHER

God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross

"The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel," calls forth "his Holy One" (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, "from the womb" of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also "as a light for the nations," whose salvation reaches "to the end of the earth" (Is. 49:6). John came "baptizing with water" (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended "from heaven like a dove" and "remained on him" (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and "called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we "are not lacking in any gift," but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, "guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7–8).

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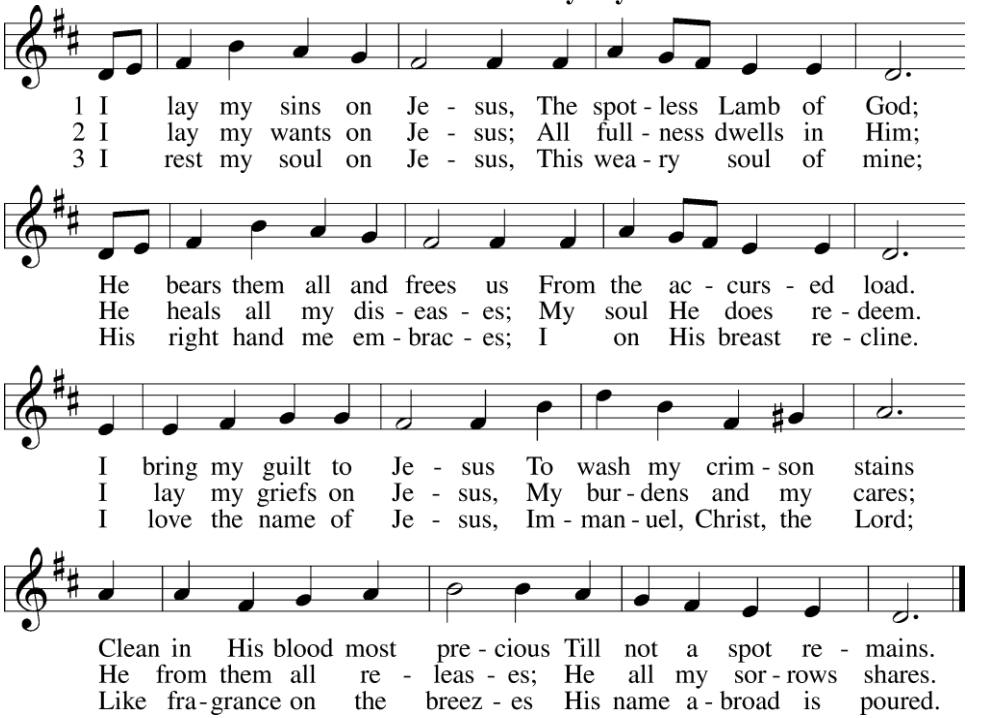
✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Lamb of God* (arr. Marilyn Biery)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 606 – I Lay My Sins on Jesus



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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 ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**.

✢ ✢ ✢ WORD ✢ ✢ ✢

INTROIT – *Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14*

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

C **The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,***
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

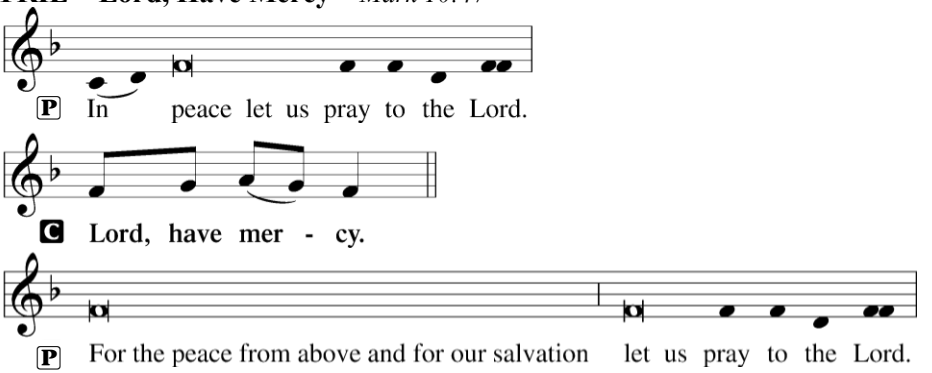
Leader: Day to day | pours out speech,*
and night to night reveals | knowledge.

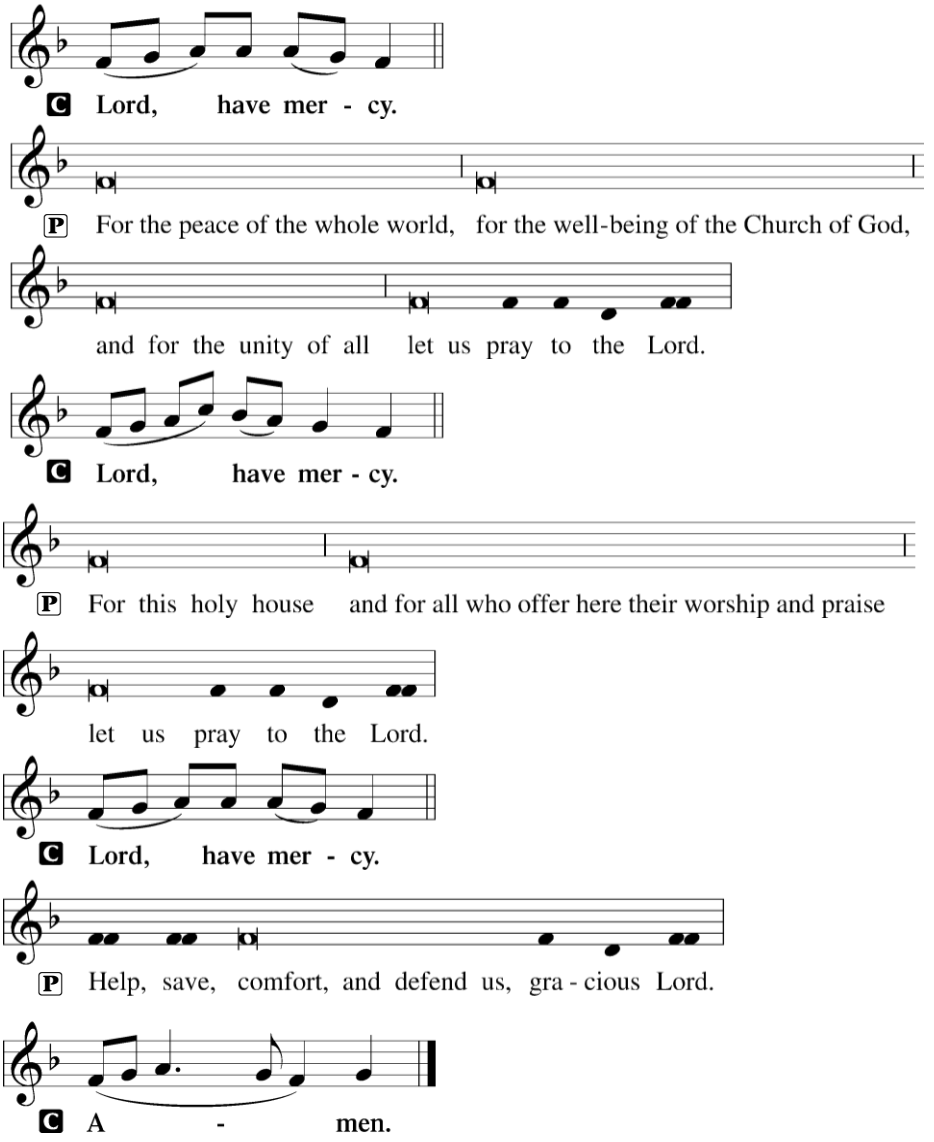
C **There is no speech, nor | are there words,***
whose voice | is not heard.

Leader: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun.

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.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

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.

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.**

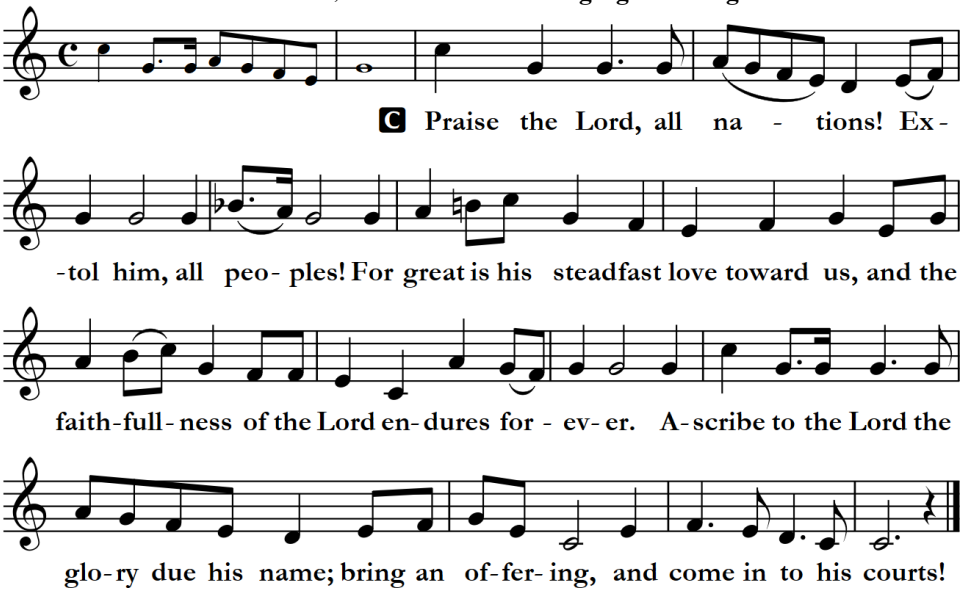
FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 49:1-7

[1]Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The Lord called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
[2]He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
[3]And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
[4]But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the Lord,
and my recompense with my God."
[5]And now the Lord says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
[6]he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
[7]Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
"Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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.**

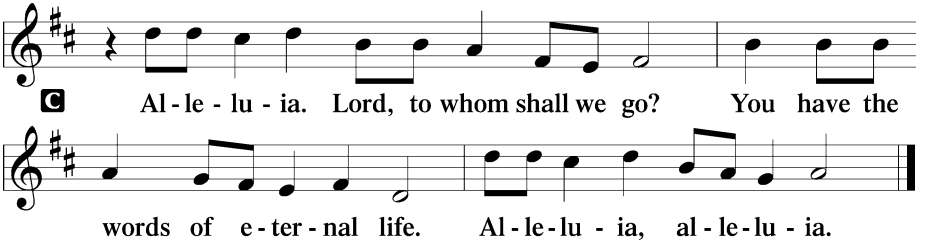


SECOND LESSON – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

[1]Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
[2]To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—[6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *John 6:68*



HOLY GOSPEL – John 1:29-42a

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

[29]The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! [30]This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' [31]I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." [32]And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. [33]I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' [34]And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

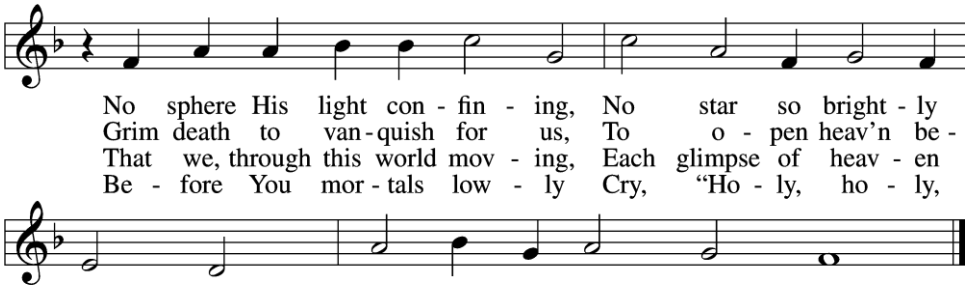
[35]The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, [36]and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" [37]The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. [38]Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" [39]He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. [40]One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. [41]He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). [42]He brought him to Jesus.

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 402 – The Only Son from Heaven



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SERMON – *Behold, the Lamb* – John 1:29-42a

8:00 & 10:30 am – COMMISSIONING OF PPC, CHURCH OFFICERS, & MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A …Lord, in Your mercy,

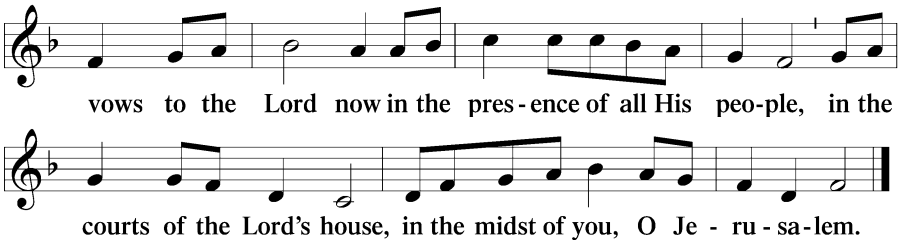
C **hear our prayer.**

A …one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING – *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless* (arr. Richard Hillert)

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



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

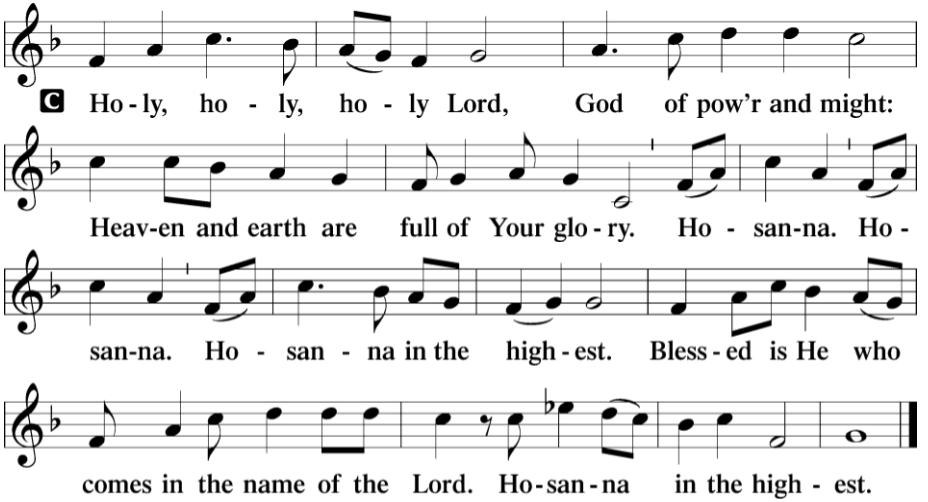
PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also 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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary …evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



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

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.

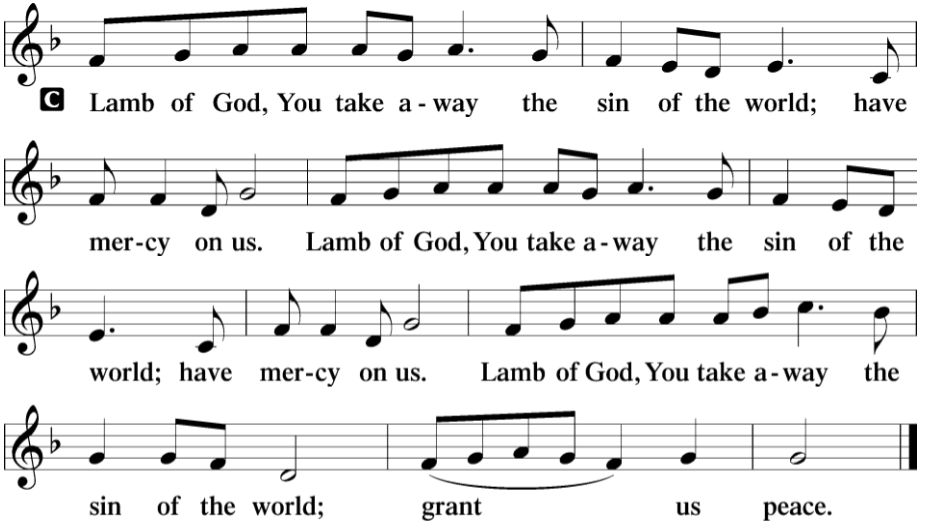
WORDS OF OUR LORD

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*



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.

DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* (arr. Arlen Clarke)

Jesus the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see
And in Thy presence rest.

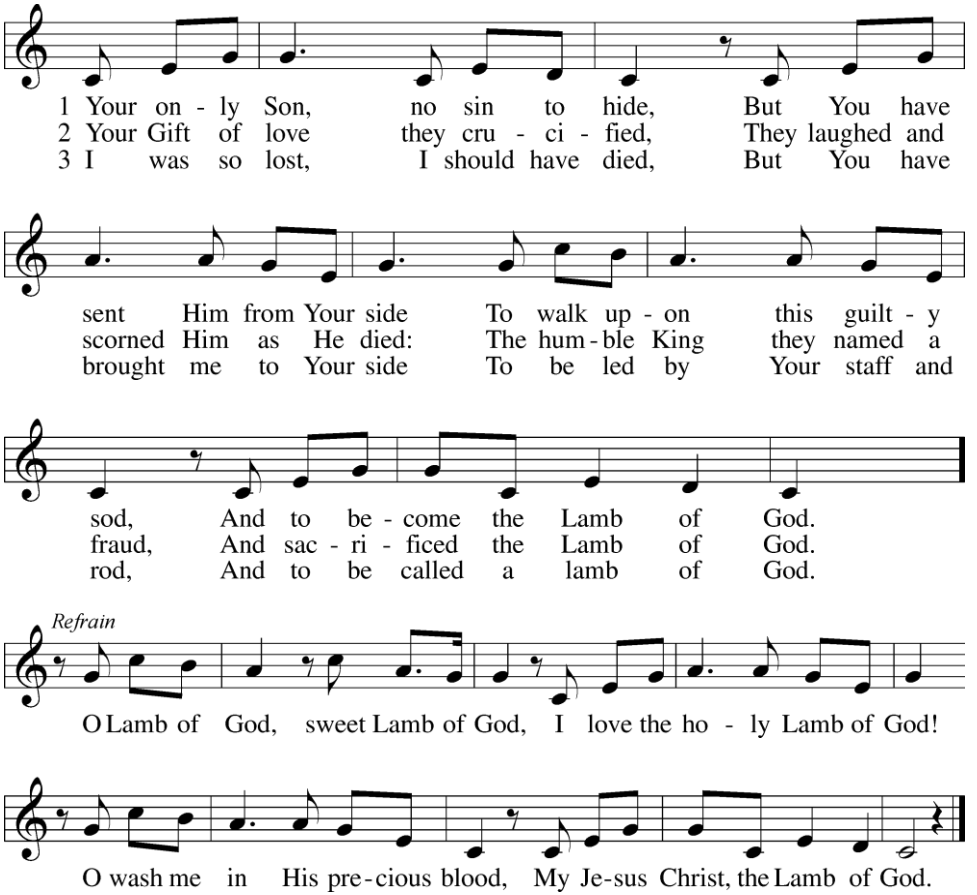
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the mem'ry find
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Savior of mankind.

O hope of ev'ry contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall how kind thou art,
How good to those who seek.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize will be:
Jesus be thou our glory now
And through eternity. Amen.

Bernard of Clairvaux
(1090-1153)

LSB 550 – Lamb of God



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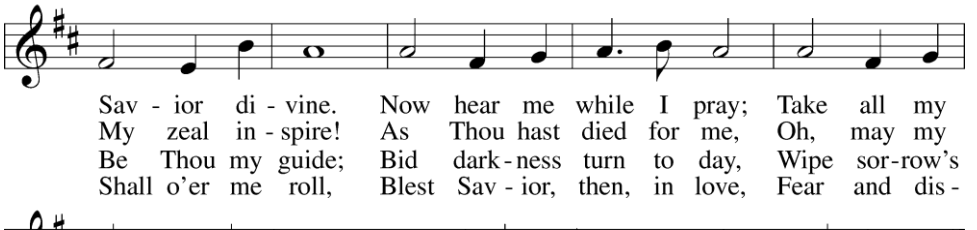
LSB 702 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee



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LSB 600 – Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

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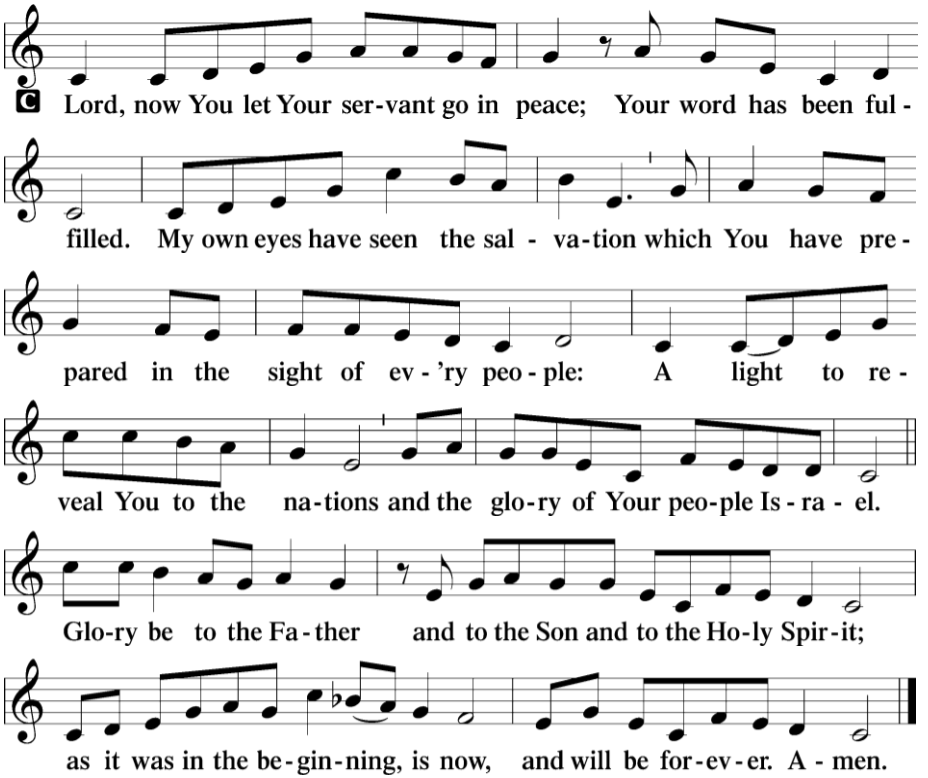
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – Nunc Dimittis – *Luke 2:29-32*



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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.**

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 688 – "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *The Only Son from Heaven* (arr. Allan Mahnke)

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2025 Year-End Offering Statements are in the church mailboxes. If you have questions, contact Financial Secretary *Doug Hackman* **by Monday, January 26** (ddhackman@outlook.com)**.** If your **2026 offering envelopes** are missing or mislabeled, please contact the church office.

The 2026 **Flower Signup chart** is posted on the narthex wall near the church office. **Choose an available date** to order and donate flowers in *memory* of someone, in celebration and thanksgiving for an anniversary, birthday, or other occasion, or in thanksgiving for God's blessings.

For guidance or more information, please contact Altar Guild coordinator *Deanie Bently* (812-330-0328), or the church office.

TODAY
11:30am **Brief VOTERS' Meeting** (sanctuary)
11:45am **Spirit Camp call-out meeting** (Grand Hall)

MONDAY, January 19
Preschool closed

TUESDAY, January 20
9:30am **Chinese Bible Study** (Grand Hall)
5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (Classroom C; ages 0-5)
6:30pm **PPC**

WEDNESDAY, January 21
6:30pm **Elders**
7:00pm **Senior Choir**

NEXT Sunday, January 25
6:00pm **FLY** (Valentines for Sojourn House)
8:00pm **Piano Recital** including **Evan Huang** (Auer Hall)

Saturday, February 7
4:30pm **Trivia Night**

Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 22
6:00pm **Chili Cook-off**

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