FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 2026

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

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

*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

AS WE GATHER

God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified

The Lord tells His people, "I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery" (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our "wisdom" and "righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. "Blessed are you," therefore, "when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely" on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).

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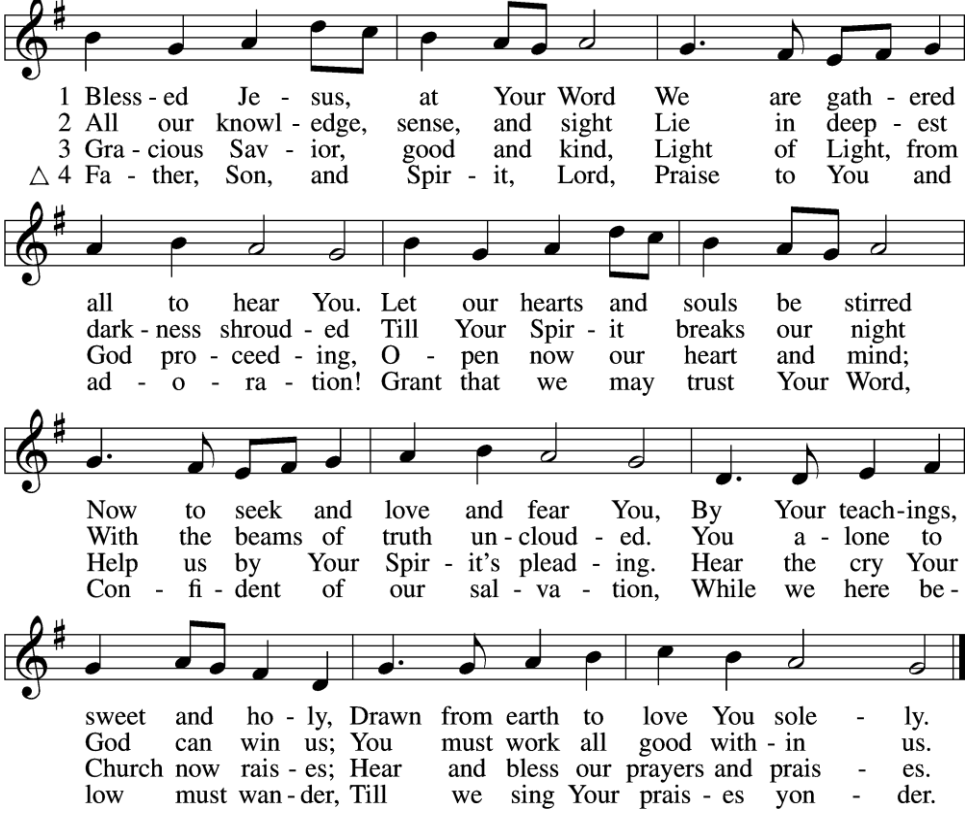
✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* (arr. Charles Callahan)

8:00 am & 5:00 pm – HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 904 – Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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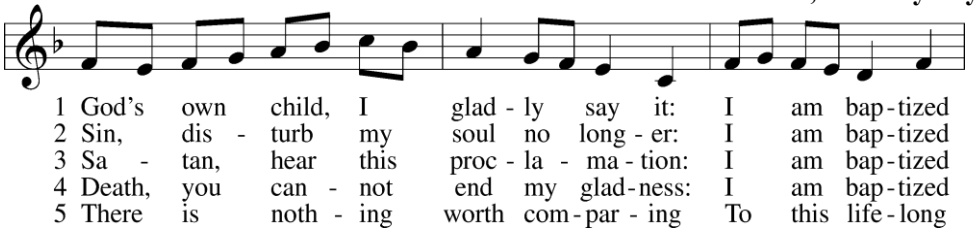
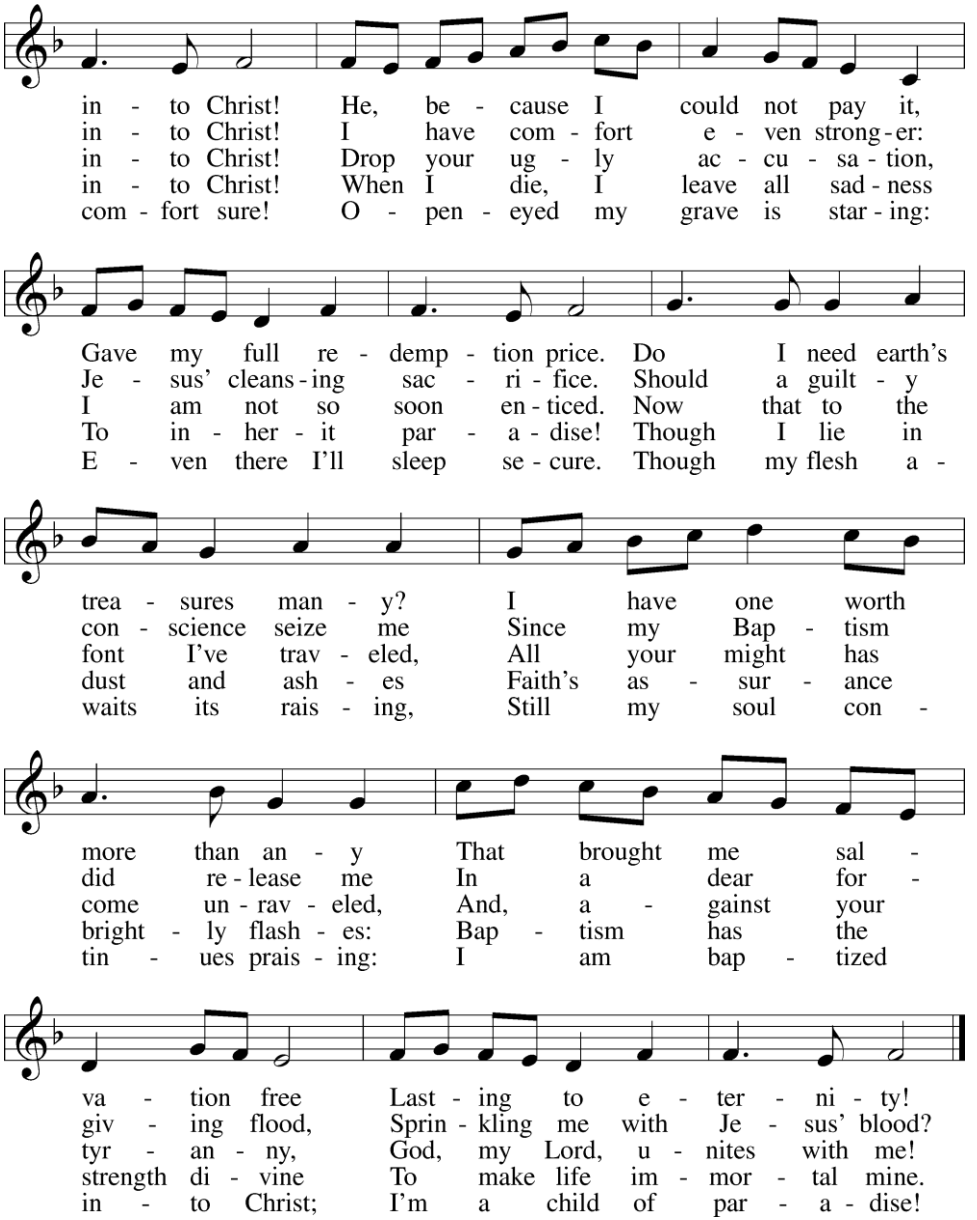
10:30 am – BAPTISMAL HYMN – LSB 594 – God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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10:30 am – SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – LSB 268
Cody James Crowley

After the baptism, the service continues with the Salutation and Collect of the Day on page 7.

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)

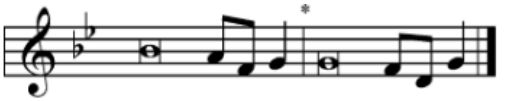
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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 1:1-5; antiphon: v. 6*

Leader: For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

C **Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,***
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;

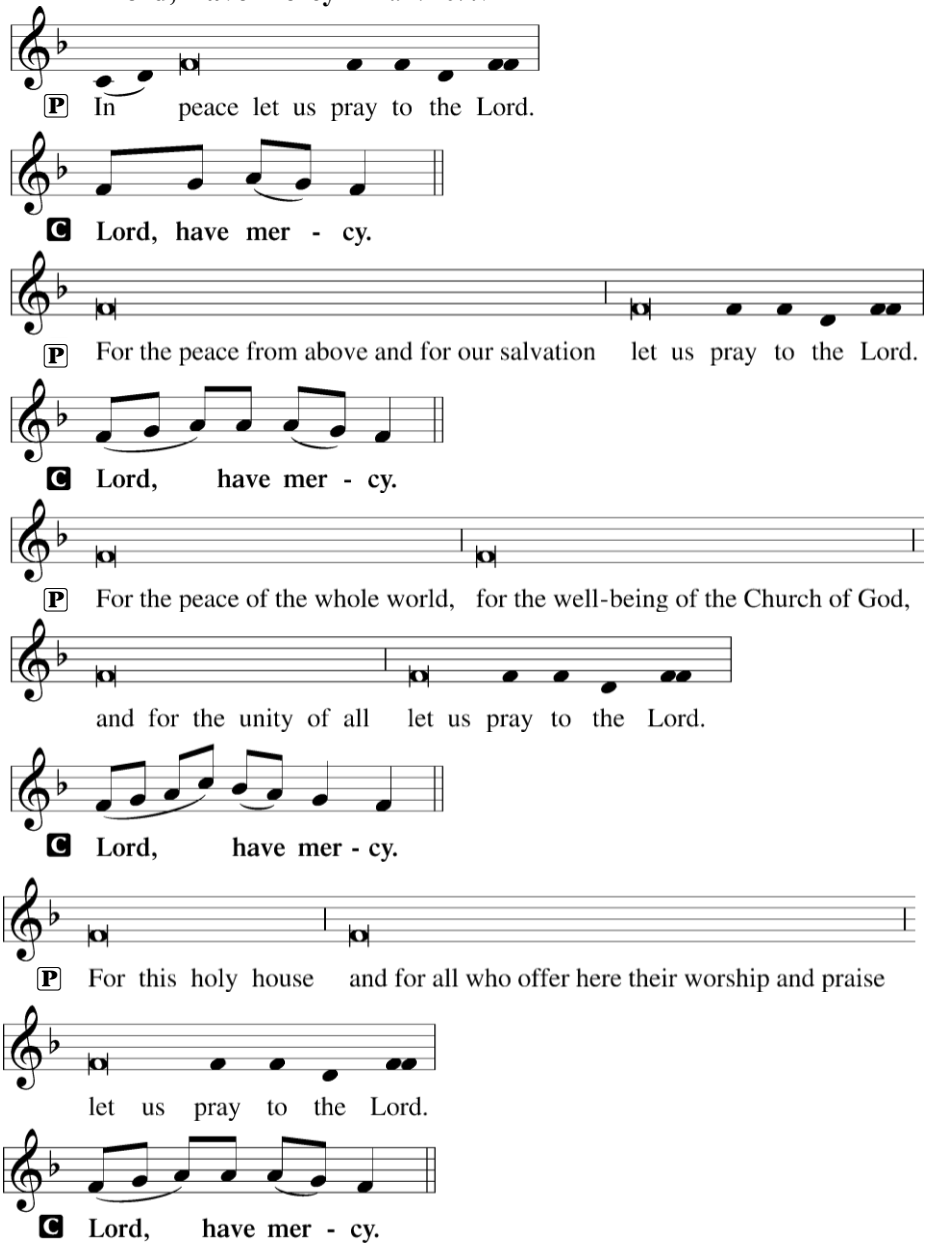
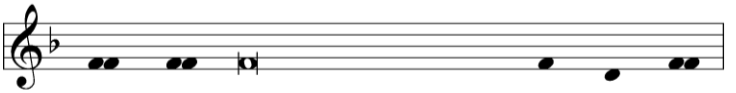
Leader: but his delight is in the law | of the Lord,*
and on his law he meditates | day and night.

C **He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,**
and its leaf does not | wither.*
In all that he does, he | prospers.

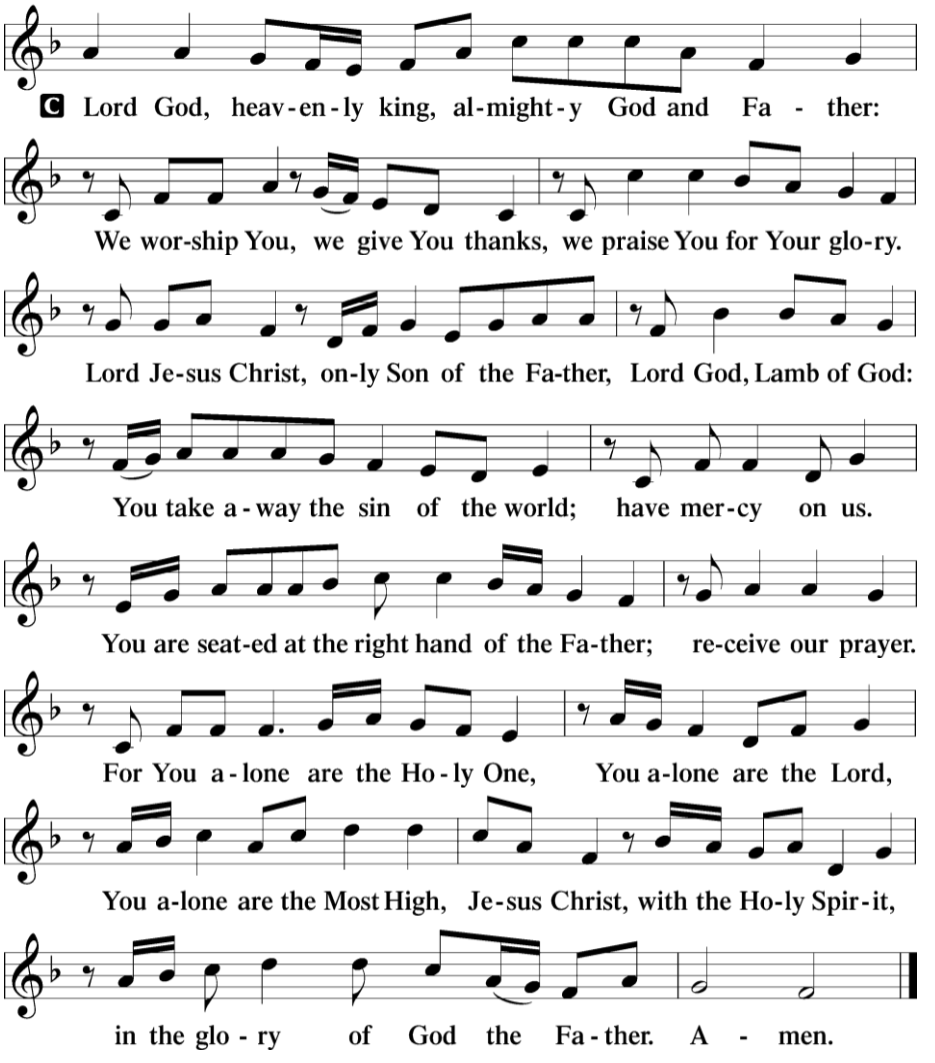
Leader: The wicked | are not so,*
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

C **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,***
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.
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.
For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

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.**

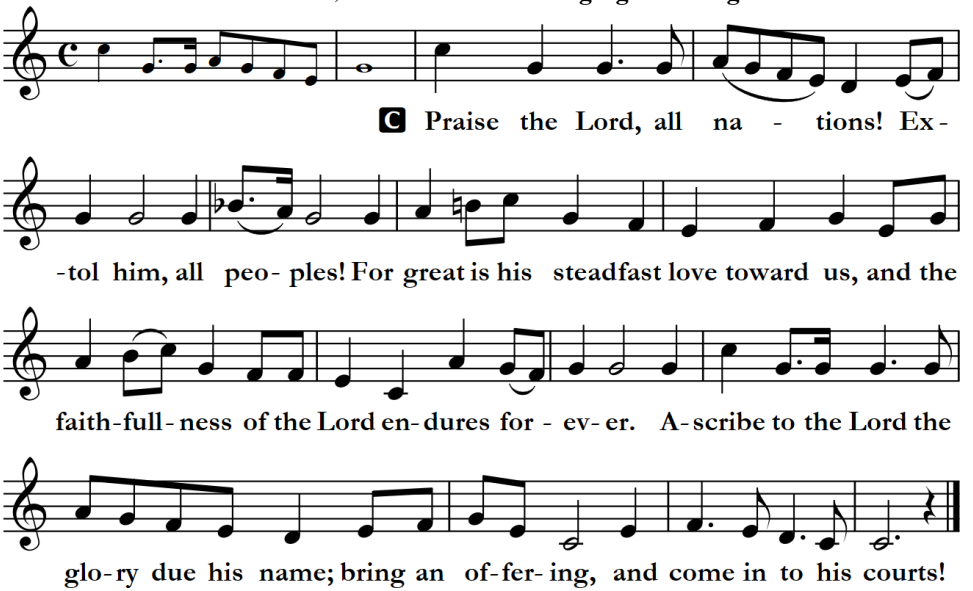
FIRST LESSON – Micah 6:1-8

[1]Hear what the Lord says:
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
[2]Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
[3]"O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!
[4]For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
[5]O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."
[6]"With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
[7]Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
[8]He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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.**



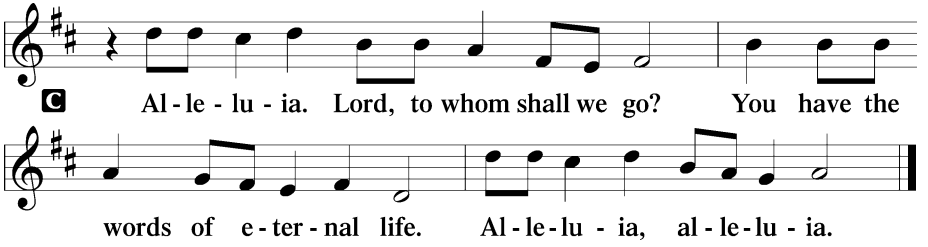
SECOND LESSON – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18 The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is
the power of God. 19 For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God
made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God
through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For
Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to
Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is
stronger than men.
26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly
standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in
the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose
what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so
that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,
whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. 31 Therefore, as
it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

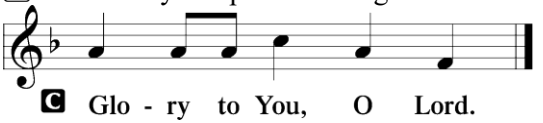
C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *John 6:68*



HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 5:1-12

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



[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

[2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

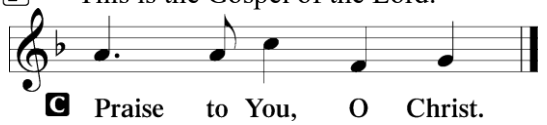
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

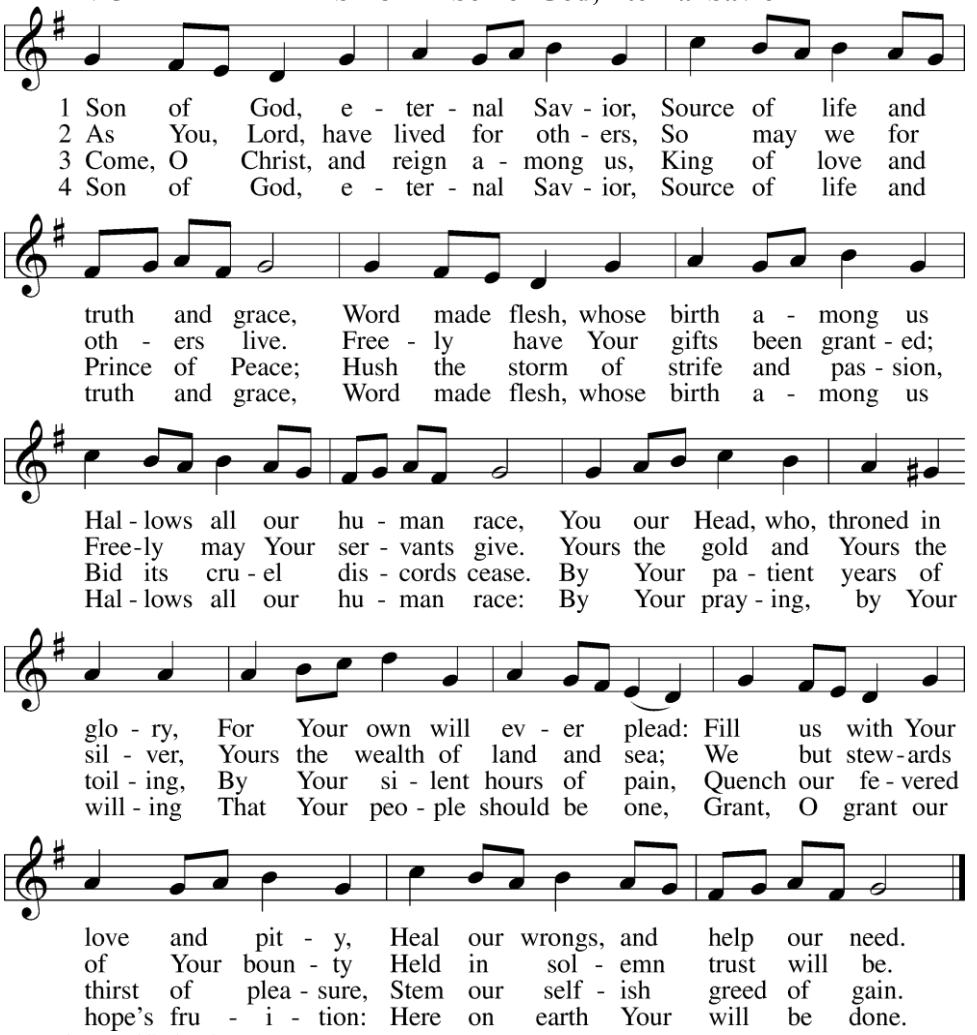
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11]"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 842 – Son of God, Eternal Savior

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SERMON – *The Cross is Enough* – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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.

10:30am & 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,

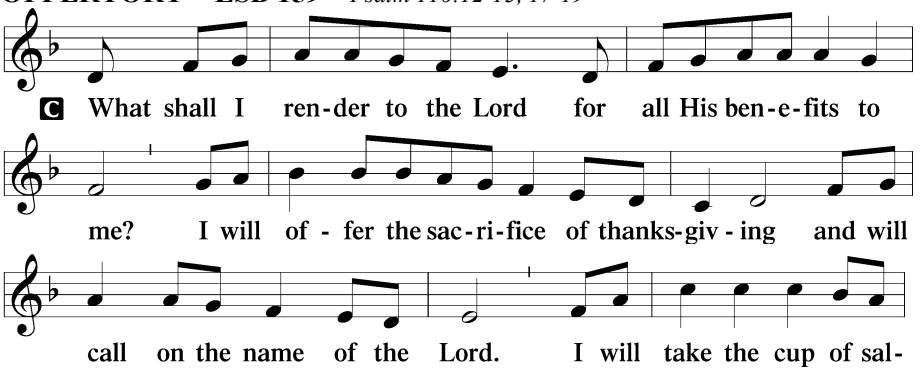
C **hear our prayer.**

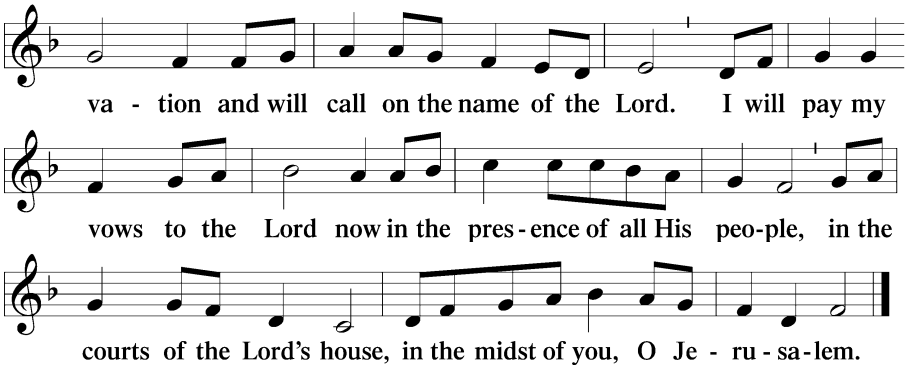
A …one God forever.

C **Amen.**

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

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





10:30 am & 5:00 pm – Continue with the Lord's Prayer *(page 13)*
and conclude with the Benediction and Hymn to Depart *(page 16).*

✢ ✢ ✢ SACRAMENT ✢ ✢ ✢
8:00 am – LSB page 160

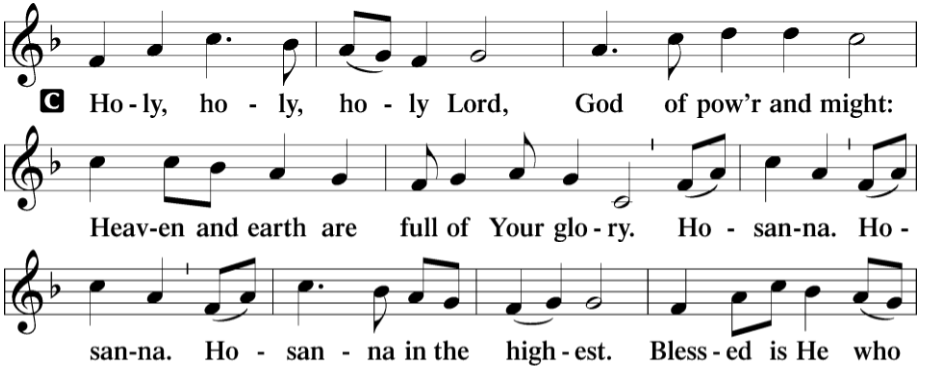
PREFACE

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:

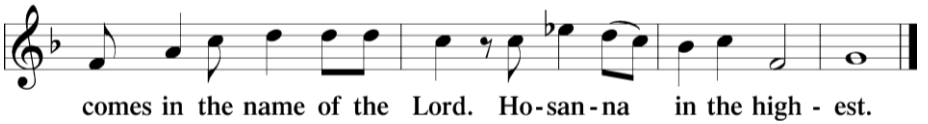
SANCTUS – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



<u>For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament</u>

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

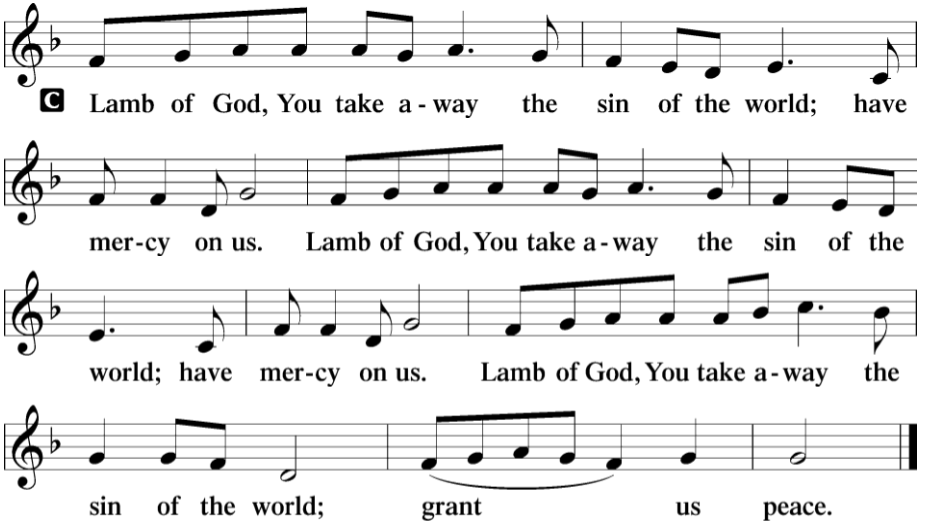
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is 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

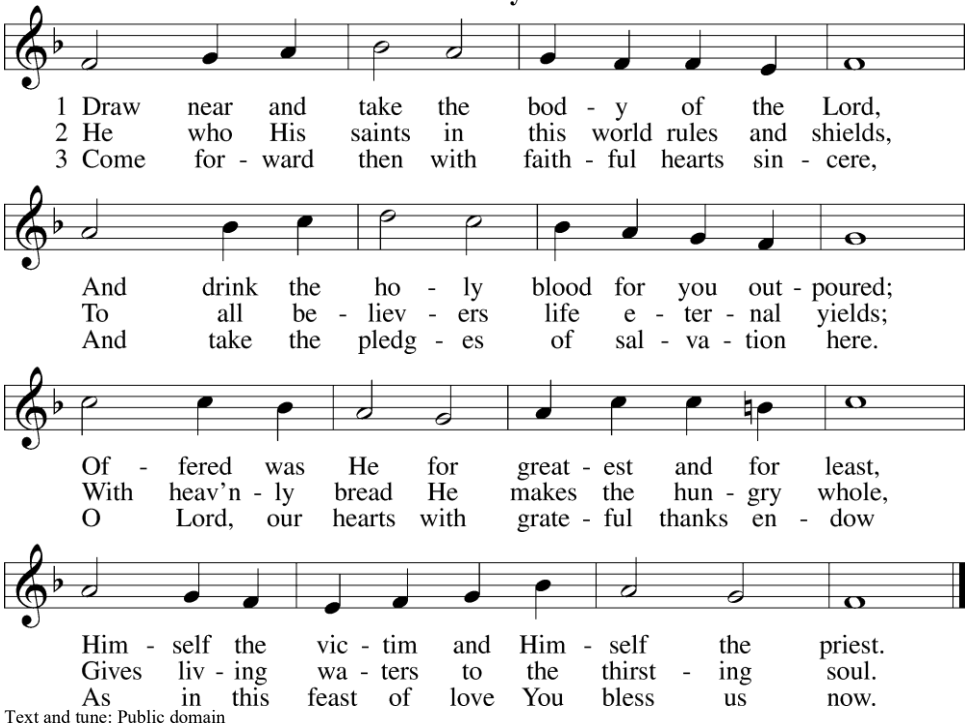
Anthem – *O Bread of Life from Heaven* (arr. David Ashley White)

O Bread of Life
from heaven,
To saints and
angels given;
O Manna from
above!

The souls that
hunger, feed thou,
The hearts that seek
thee, lead thou,
With thy sweet,
tender love.

(Latin hymn,
17th cent.)

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



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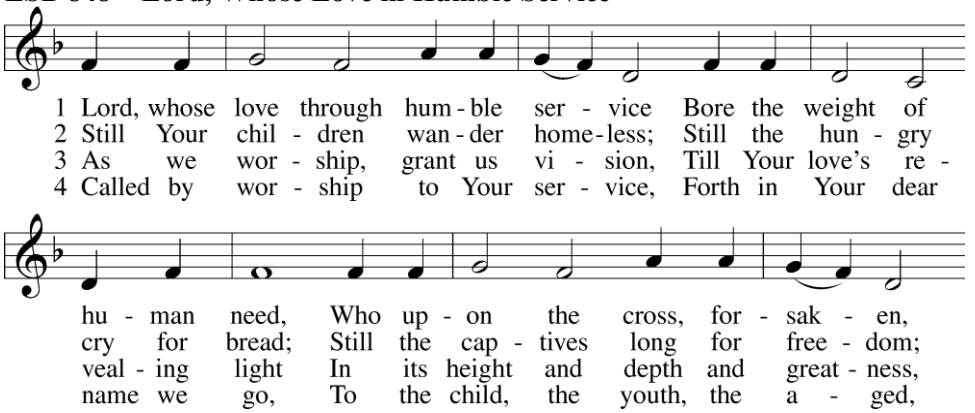
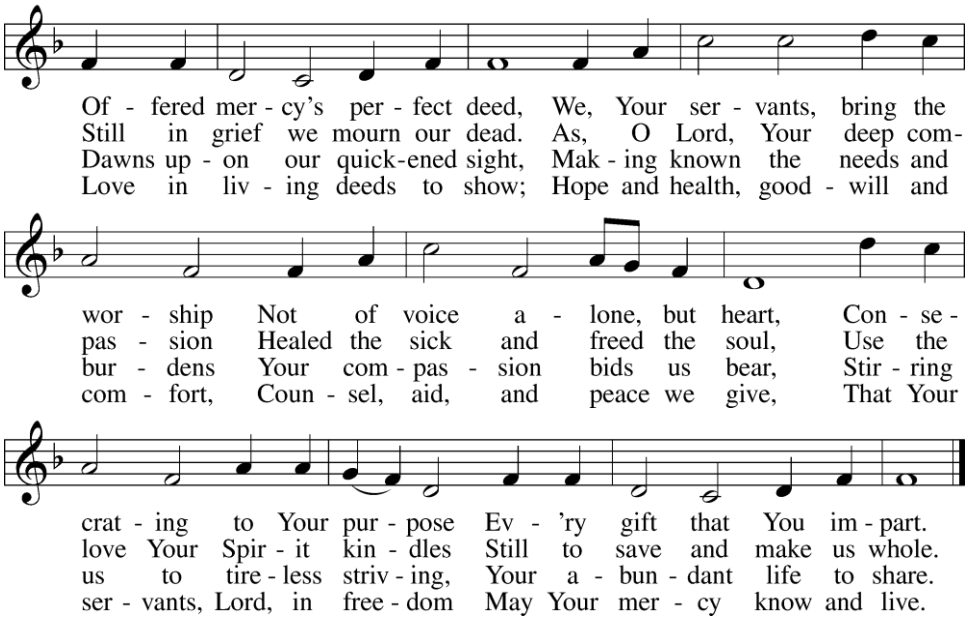
LSB 848 – Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



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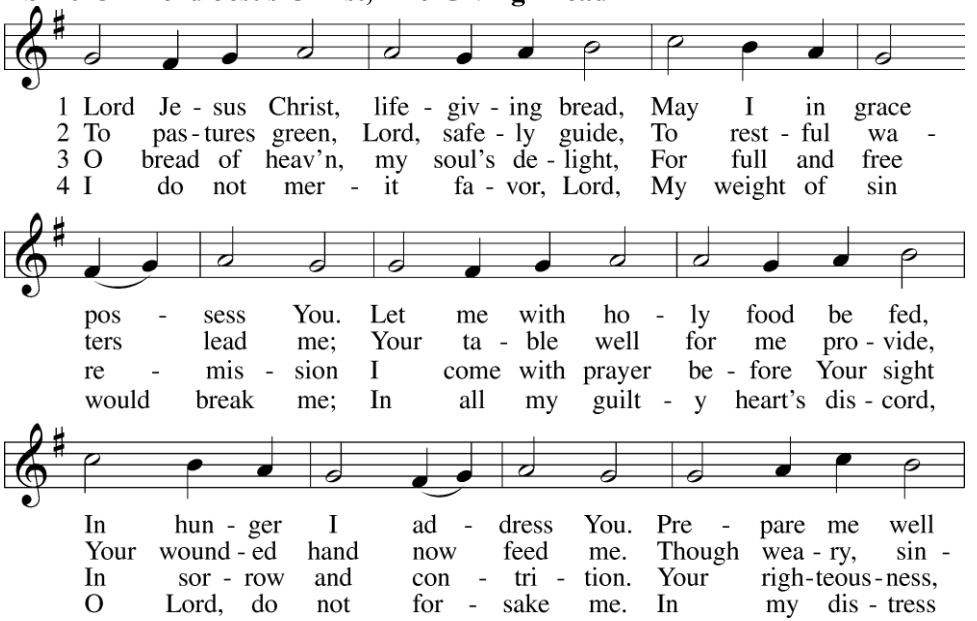
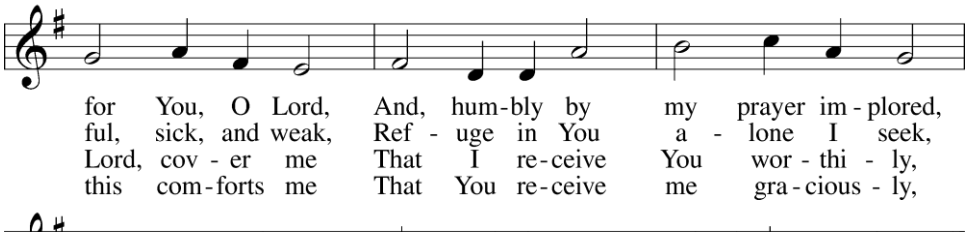
LSB 625 – Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



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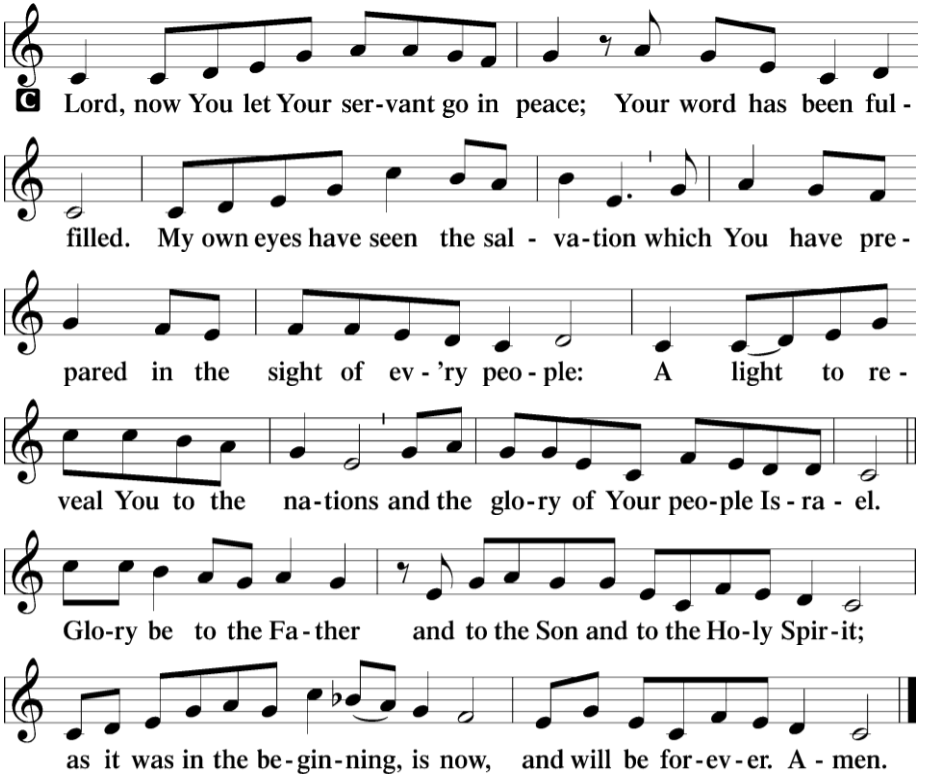
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – Nunc Dimittis – *Luke 2:29-32*



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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

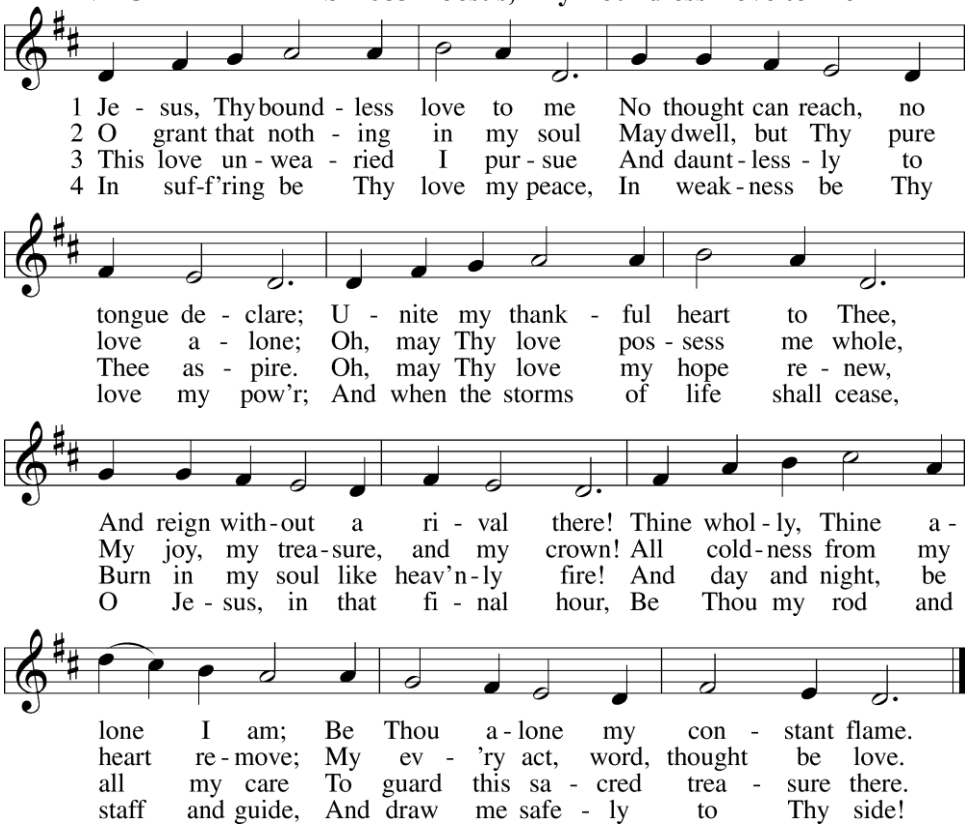
P We give thanks to You, almighty God … one God, now and forever.

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 683 – Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* (arr. Charles W. Ore)

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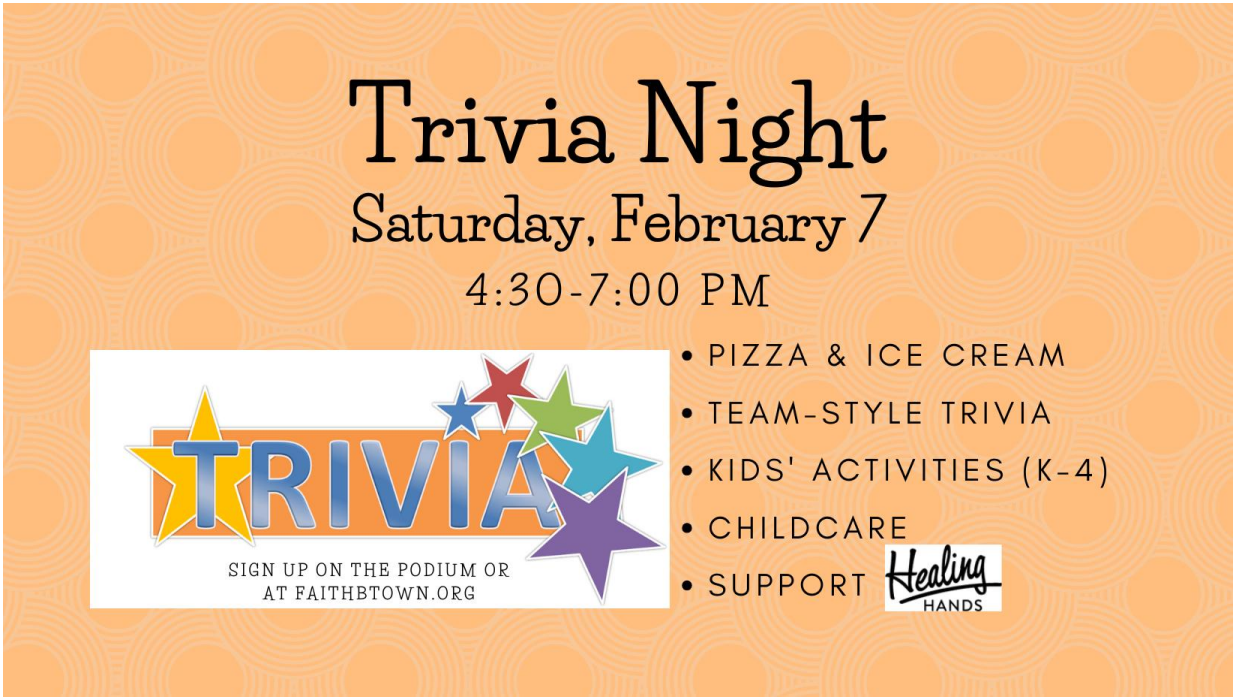
TODAY
6:00pm **FLY** (Night @ the Brunners')

MONDAY, February 2
5:30pm **School Board**
6:30pm **Stewardship Ministry Team**

TUESDAY, February 3
9:00am **Playgroup** (gym)
9:30am **Chinese Bible Study** (Grand Hall)
5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (Classroom C; ages 0-5)

WEDNESDAY, February 4
7:00pm **Senior Choir**



FRIDAY, February 13
6:30pm **Ladies' Night Out** (Adele Gabriel)

WEDNESDAY, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

THURSDAY, February 19
11:30am **JOY Group** (Cheddar's)

SATURDAY, February 21
11:00am **Secret Sister Luncheon** (Red Lobster)

SATURDAY, February 28
6:00pm **Chili Cook-off**

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