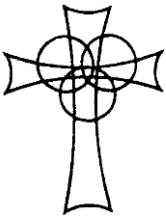




And Samuel said,

**“Speak, for your
servant is listening.”**

1 Samuel 3:10, NRSV



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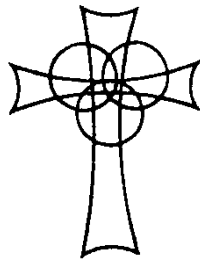
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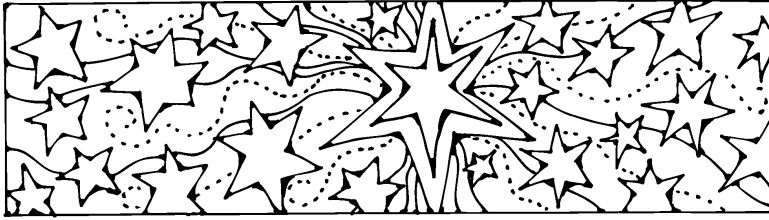
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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

JANUARY 14, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! We are pleased that you have come to worship our loving Lord with us today. In this Epiphany season, our Lord continues to reveal Himself to us as the Son of God who has come to redeem the world. And here in this place, through His holy Word and Sacraments, Jesus continues to show us the Father's love for us sinners.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Thanks be to You, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful Redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits You give. May we know You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly, day by day praising You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

✘ **The Preparation** ✘

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 904

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All - our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Confession of Sins 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.

✕ The Service of the Word ✕

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 40:1-5; antiphon: verse 10a, b

- P** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
- C** **I waited patiently for the LORD;**
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- P** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- C** **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
- P** Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
- C** **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts**
toward us; none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.

The Hymn of Praise:

Gloria in Excelsis

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple 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.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

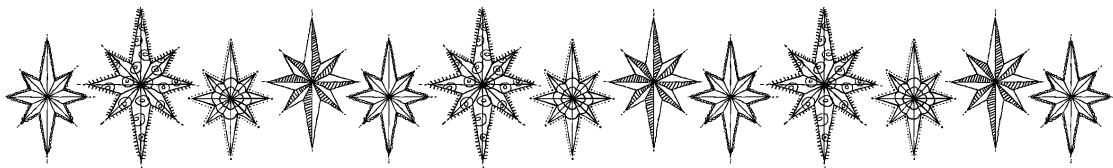
⁶And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



The Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse:

*Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8
Isaiah 49:3*

P Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!

C **For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
C **bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

P Alleluia. You are my servant, Israel,
C **in whom I will be glorified Alleluia.**

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 589

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom-ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in-ward
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard-ened sin-ners,
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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The Sermon

“And the Word of the Lord Was Rare”

Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The Congregation rises.



The 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.

The Prayer of the Church:

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Lord of glory, You have raised up Your Church to be a refuge of peace to an exhausted world. Remember in mercy all the outreach efforts of Your people, and grant them success, that many might find the joy of laying the burden of their sins down at the foot of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of the Church, Your Son prayed that all His followers might be one, just as You and He are one. Grant that Your Church, despite its wounds and divisions might indeed be one and unified in joyfully and rightly confessing Your Name before the world and inviting the world to find life with You through the salvation You have brought to the world through Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Father of all, we thank You that You have also adopted us to be Your children by grace through faith and appointed us to be Your servants. Bless the work of our Trinity and Mekane Yesus Congregations, and every Christian Congregation, that we may invite the world to come to You and ever shine forth in word and deed the saving light of the message of the Gospel of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You hold in Your hand all human might. Remember those who are entrusted with civil authority. Grant all earthly leaders to exercise this public trust in such a way that the weak and helpless, especially the unborn, are protected, and that our common life conforms to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P King of Creation, You still rule in might over a world broken and torn by sin. Bring peace to our world, especially where war, violence, and bloodshed abound as we remember the people of Ukraine, Israel, and the Palestinian Territories. Give safety to those who work to bring about and preserve freedom, especially the members of our armed forces, the civilians who assist them, as well as the citizens of the nations where our men and women in uniform are serving. Visit our communities and bring healing where there is division. Give wisdom and love to all those who serve the common good in schools, hospitals, and other agencies, and sustain all those who work to keep our communities safe, strong, and united. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all compassion, send forth Your protecting hand upon all children who are still in their mother's womb. Protect them from all sickness and harm, and most especially from willful death by abortion. Give to all women with child true compassion that they may value the life they bear, and give us the courage to speak up in defense of the defenseless and to provide loving homes for children who have no families. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all compassion, we ask You to remember today all those who are passing through difficult situations: the lonely, the sick, the hospitalized, especially remembering all whom we have been asked to remember before this altar Bring them the comfort that You alone can give, and grant them relief according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You call Your children to dwell forever with You. Comfort those who mourn (especially _____), reminding them of the open path to heaven given to all who believe and are baptized in Christ. Teach us all to number our days and to rejoice in the eternal life already given to us in the heavenly washing of Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Provider of all good gifts, You abundantly bless Your people with all that is necessary for life on earth, as well as giving us that which gladdens our hearts. With those who rejoice we also rejoice, especially with _____. May we ever give You all thanks and praise for every blessing that You continue to shower on us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lover of souls, You look with compassion and love upon all of Your children. To Your fatherly care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you _____ and all the people and concerns we name in the silence of our hearts... Hear these prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Master of all, Your Son willed that we celebrate His Supper in joy until the day of His appearing, thus proclaiming His death and the shedding of His blood. Help us to receive this most holy gift in repentance and in faith, that we may be refreshed in body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of love, Your Son is the Victor over the grave. Receive today our thanks and praise for St. Peter, the matriarch Sarah, and all who have fallen asleep trusting in the triumph of His cross. Bring us with them to see You face to face in the Kingdom that has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things, kind Father, and whatever else You see that we need, grant us for the sake of Him who ever lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P Christ came and proclaimed the Gospel: peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you.

The Congregation is seated.

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 400

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
 the lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'ring di - vine,
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



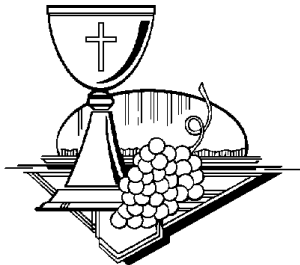
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



The *Sanctus*:


C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.



The Agnus Dei:

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, grant us peace.

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

The Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 618

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

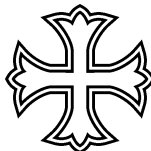
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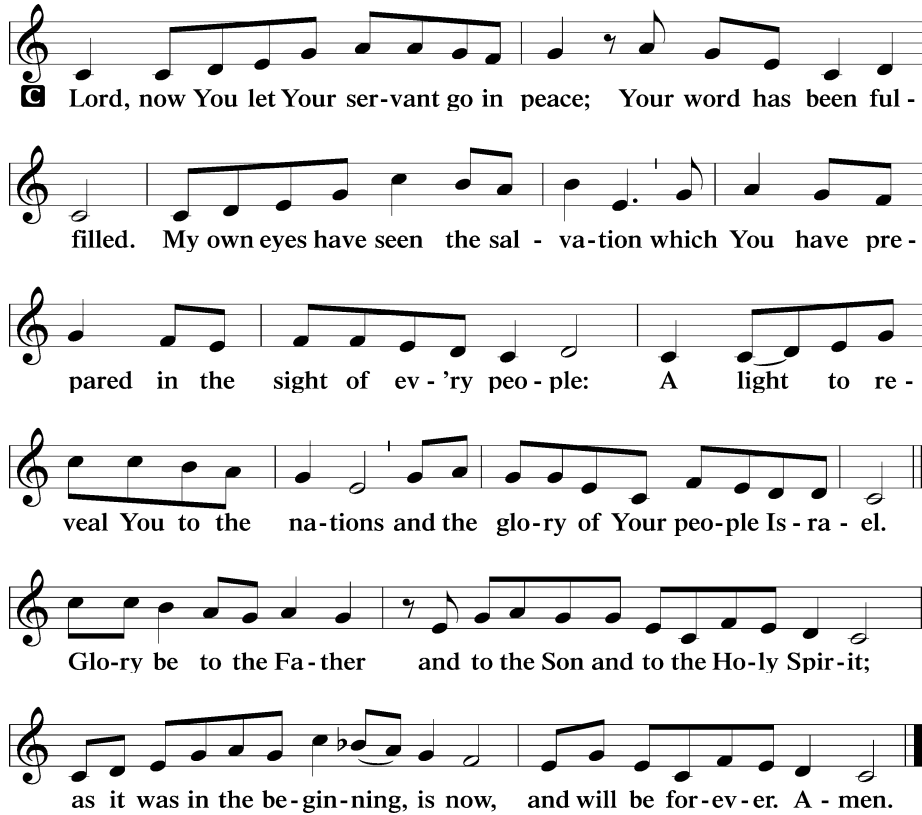
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The Congregation rises.



The Post-Communion Canticle:

Nunc Dimittis


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.

The Post-Communion Collect:

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P A - men.

The Benediction:

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 923

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
 △ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
 seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text (sts. 1–2): Church Poetry, 1823, Philadelphia, alt.; (st. 3): Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
Text and tune: Public domain

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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Divine Service, Setting Two from *Lutheran Service Book*

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Lector

The Communion Assistant

The Worship Assistant

The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

Waymond Joynes

Helen Joynes

Paul Ritter

Skip Hall

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NOTES AND NEWS

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly “O Christ, Hear Us” page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2024** is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is now **\$45.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @**KFUOradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Continue studying 2 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), finish studying Ephesians and begin Philippians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), and worship with us in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center in St. Louis (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... God's forgiveness covers our sins—but it's not a coverup! Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, January 21, 2024, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "The Battleground of Forgiveness", locally on WFAZ 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAZ worldwide at WFAZ.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".



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REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEAST AND COMMEMORATION...

January 18 **The Confession of Saint Peter**
January 20 **Sarah, Old Testament Matriarch & Saint**

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

TREASURER'S NOTE ON 2023 ...

Pulling together the December 2023 financial statistics for this month's Bulletins prompted me to look back at 2023 and make a few observations that I thought I'd share (hopefully these are helpful!):

- 1) Overall, our 2023 offerings were somewhat higher than we budgeted, but not high enough to avoid making withdrawals from our Thrivent mutual funds (our "savings"). Thankfully, we only had to withdraw \$16,000 from Thrivent in 2023, not the \$25,500 that we budgeted.
- 2) We have about \$37,000 remaining in the Thrivent funds, and our 2024 budget requires us to use almost \$20,000 of that in 2024. If we could increase our offerings by about 15%, we could avoid any withdrawals in 2024.
- 3) In 2023, offerings were especially low in March, May, and July; and somewhat low in September and November. Mekane Yesus' giving is always regular, which is a blessing! (Mekane Yesus' offerings are always included in the monthly offering statistics.)

Thank you as always for your generosity and prayers!
Michael McCoyer



COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this ongoing time of need in our community, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

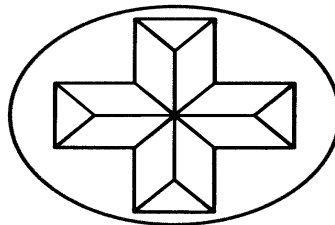
Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany: January 21, 2024

Scripture Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14 – 21
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Thursday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)

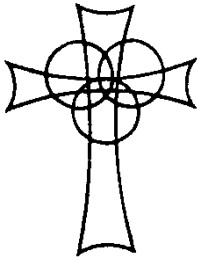


CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Worship Attendance: 23; Communed: 20.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2023:

General Offerings received (5 Sundays): \$12,661
General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$13,537
Withdrawal from Thrivent mutual funds in December: \$3,000
Remaining balance in Thrivent mutual funds (12/18/23): \$37,656
(funds gained almost \$3,000 since October!)



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of January 14, 2024

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Waymond, Paul, Alan, Kate, August, David, Ernie, Paul, Shirley, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;
Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
Denise, friend of Dave & Joyce; Ralph, uncle of Vincent & Tracy;
Cynthia, friend of Kim; Craig, friend of the Praticos; Oliver, son of David & Lisbeth;
Doris, mother of Vincent; Tyler, son of coworker of Paul;
Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students; Evelyn, aunt of Judy;
Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;
Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Joan & Family, co-worker of Tracy;
The Joneses, friend of Tracy; Victor, co-worker of Paul; Edward, friend of Rona & Paul;
Craig, husband of Edith; Pat, mother of Kim

Thanksgivings and Blessings

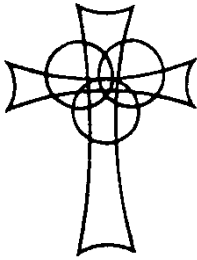
Diane Hines, Eric Royal, and Tim Thate, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.

- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✘ For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





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Sunday Mornings:
Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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