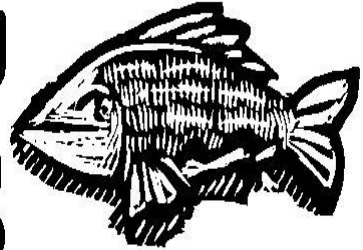
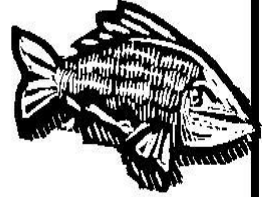
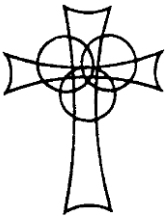




Come, <sup>follow me,</sup>  
& I will  
make you  
fishers  
of men."



Mark 1:17



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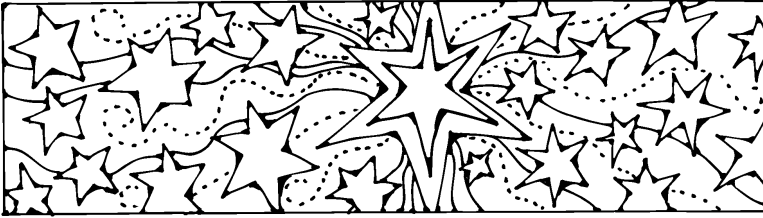
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# Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**JANUARY 21, 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***

Almighty God, by grace alone You call us and accept us in Your service. Strengthen us by Your Spirit, and make us worthy of Your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

*Divine Service, Setting Two*  
*Lutheran Service Book*  
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✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“O God of God, O Light of Light”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 810*

“O God of God, O Light of Light”



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'  
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in  
4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of  
wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions  
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our  
mer - cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,  
saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night  
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!  
earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry  
Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first - born  
So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your  
For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.  
sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.  
King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.  
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

*Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, alt.*

*Tune: Johann Störls . . . Schlag- Gesang- Und Noten-Buch, 1744, Stuttgart*

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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 113:1-2, 4 7-8; antiphon: verse 3*

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

**C** Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!

**P** Blessèd be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!

**C** The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!

**P** He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**C** to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.

**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** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

The Hymn of Praise:

*Gloria in Excelsis*

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

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, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

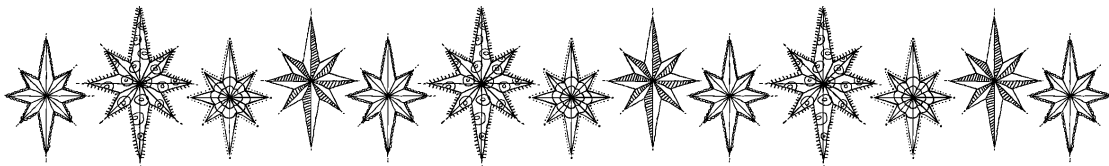
*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ...

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.





The Epistle

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

**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*

*Mark 1:15*

**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. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;

**C** **repent and believe in the Gospel. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:14-20*

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

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

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

**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 # 833*

“Listen, God Is Calling”

*Refrain*  
Leader

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,

Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader

1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news

2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.

3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

All

That He came to save us — And set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.  
Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, — Led by Your Word.

Leader

All

*Refrain*

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The Sermon

God's "Catch and Release" Program

Text: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 & Mark 1:14-20

*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** Rejoicing in the Light of Christ who has come to save us, let us pray for ourselves, for the Church in all places, and for the confession of the Gospel throughout the world that through its light many may be led to Jesus' eternal kingdom.
- P** Gracious Father, we praise You that You sent Your Son into our flesh to preach the Gospel of His saving work for all mankind. Continually pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us in Your Word and blessed Sacraments that we, with all Your Church, may faithfully confess Your saving Name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, Your Son proclaimed liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. Bless all faithful pastors, teachers, missionaries, and church workers that they may carry on Christ's proclamation. Be present with them in every time of trial or need. Make them bold to be Your Son's voice to all sinners, and uphold and strengthen their families. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of might, You appoint the governing authorities. Direct our governmental officials to come to the aid of the defenseless and to protect them. Watch over our military personnel, both here and in distant lands, and strengthen them and their families during times of loneliness and separation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of Life, we thank You for creating us, giving us life, and providing us opportunity to serve our neighbors. You command us to defend those who cannot defend themselves. Look with mercy on our unborn brothers and sisters and spare them from abortion. Direct us to speak and act in their defense within our vocations. Turn the hearts of people from selfishness and fear to love and joyful service. Bring those responsible for the deaths of others to repentance and eternal freedom in Christ's full forgiveness. Lord, Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of mercy, You sent Your Son to heal the brokenhearted. Comfort us with forgiveness for our sins and knowledge of Your peace with us in Christ. Encourage and strengthen those who are ill and frail, including \_\_\_\_\_. According to Your will, give them healing or peace to trust Your wise providence. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Eternal Father, we thank You for bringing to eternal life all who trust in Your Son and for delivering to paradise those saints who have died. Send Your peace to (\_\_\_\_\_ and) all who mourn, that they may be strengthened by Your gracious promises in Christ and have courage to face their daily challenges. 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 their prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all that they need according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, we thank You that by Your Son's words You give His true Body and Blood as food and drink for us dying sinners. Let all who commune this day receive Your Son in repentance and faith, recognizing His hidden coming under bread and wine for forgiveness and peace. 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. Paul, Sts. Timothy and Titus, John Chrysostom, 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** Lord God, Heavenly Father, graciously hear our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, who 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 # 839

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
 3 O gent - ly call those a - stray That they may  
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

*Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.*

*Tune: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg*

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*The Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** 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*:



**C** 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 # 619*

### “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is  
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not  
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and  
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



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

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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.



## 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 # 824*

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -  
 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry  
 △ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -

vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face  
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,

To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing  
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the  
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing, May God the Fa - ther,

health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,  
 earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;  
 God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!

And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out  
 Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -

mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.  
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.  
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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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  
George Kurtzweil  
Waymond Joynes  
Paul Ritter  
Skip Hall

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### NOTES AND NEWS

The flowers on the Altar today have been given to the Glory of God by Pastor Schiebel in honor of Kim Schiebel’s birthday and cancer remission anniversary.

*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](mailto: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](http://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:** Hear Mental Health Monday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> episode in the LCMS History Series on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. ET), study 2 Corinthians 6-9 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), and study all of Colossians and the beginning of Lamentations on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR* ... Forgiveness is a gift Christ won for us on a cross, thousands of miles away and two thousand years ago. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, January 28, 2024, for a message from Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, "Forgiveness Is a Gift from Far Away", locally on WFAX 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 WFAX worldwide at [WFAX.com](http://WFAX.com). The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on [KFUE.org](http://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](http://lhm.org), under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".



**epiphany**

*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 FEASTS AND COMMEMORATION...*

January 24      **St. Timothy**, *Pastor and Confessor*  
January 25      **The Conversion of Saint Paul**  
January 26      **St. Titus**, *Pastor and Confessor*  
January 27      **John Chrysostom**, *Preacher*

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.

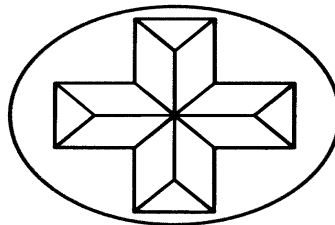
Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM  
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

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

*PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...*

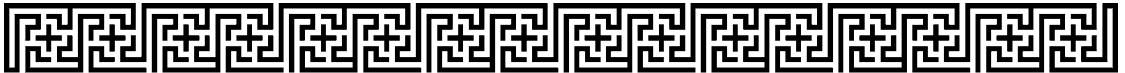
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: January 28, 2024

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28



**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21 – 28**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<b><i>The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i></b>
	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)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b><i>The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</i></b>
	8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, January 14, 2024  
Worship Attendance: 24; Communed: 24.

***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 21, 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; 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; Michelle, friend of Tracy

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Shekira Ramdass, Verona Juhasz, Machang Sanga, Amanda Hudson, and Kim Schiebel,  
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  
Jesus 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

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live  
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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