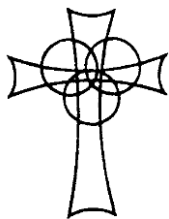


*So I run straight
to the goal*

*with purpose
in every step*

1 CORINTHIANS 9:26



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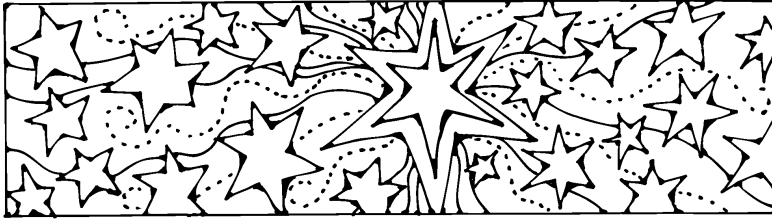
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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

FEBRUARY 4, 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

Everlasting God, You give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of Your healing and wholeness, that Your Good News may be made known to the ends of Your creation, 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

“Rise, Shine, You People”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 825

“Rise, Shine, You People”



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed,	With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en,	Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry	Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion	His new cre - a - tion.

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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 13:3-5; antiphon: verse 6

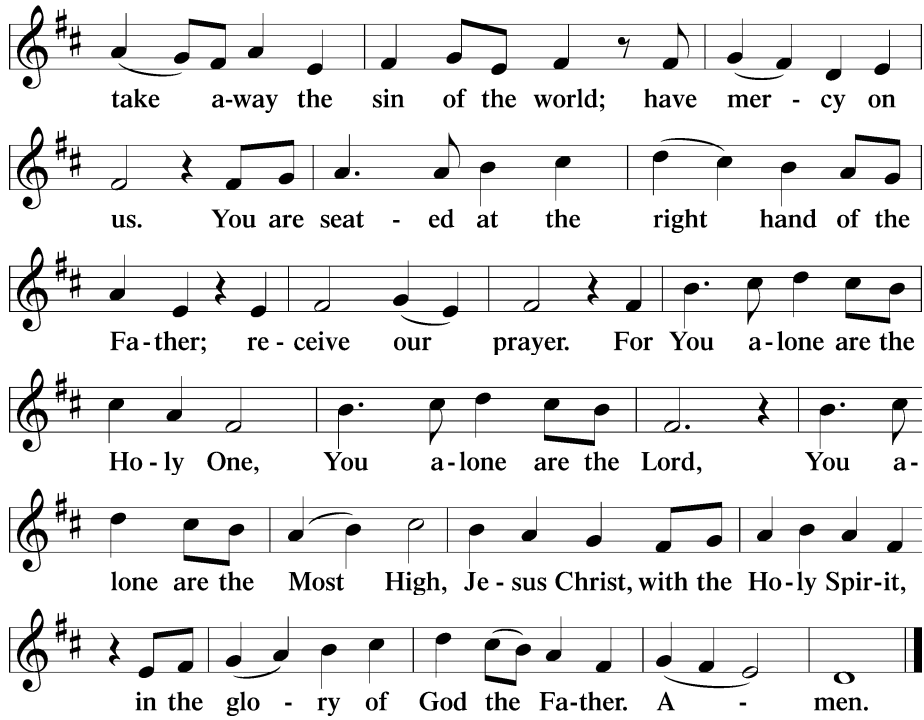
- P** I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.
- C** Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- P** lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- C** But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- 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 will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

Isaiah 40:21-31

- ²¹Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
- ²³who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
- ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- ²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.
- ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
- ²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
- ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
 they shall run and not be weary;
 they shall walk and not faint.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

¹⁶If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

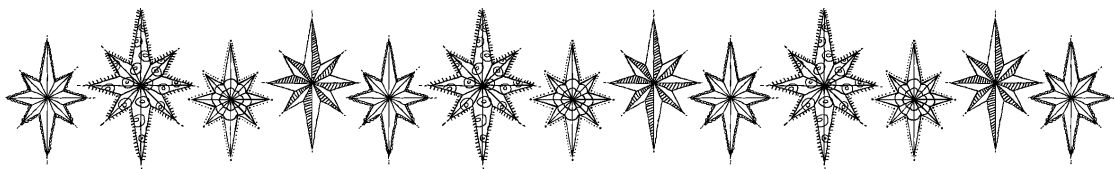
¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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 1:39

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. [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee,

C **preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

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

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

²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 # 664

“Fight the Good Fight”



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 faith shall prove Christ is your life, and Christ your love.
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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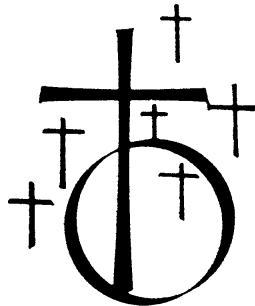
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The Sermon

Why We Run the Race

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

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** In hopeful expectation that the Lord of Epiphany will brighten our dark world with the light of the Gospel, let us pray to the God of all mercy for the whole Church of God and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Father of glory, You are great in mercy, abundant in power and Your understanding is beyond measure. Remember Your whole Church, both here in this place and throughout the world. Renew and strengthen Your children as they wait patiently for Your glorious salvation to be revealed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You send forth messengers to preach the Gospel. Help all servants of the Word to proclaim Your truth with joy and zeal. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the evil one and their own flesh. Give them grace to live self-controlled and disciplined lives, that Your name may be hallowed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

P O Lord of hosts, You are most holy, and the earth is full of Your glory. Watch over the nations of the earth. Give to people everywhere good rulers. Establish and sustain the peace. Let Your will be done in every place. We ask that You especially defend and bless our nation, its leaders in every state, city, and town, government employees, and the armed services who serve the citizens of this land. Give them all a desire to serve faithfully in their callings for the welfare of one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Kind One, as the people of Capernaum gathered about Your Son, bringing to Him all who were in need, we bring before You in prayer this day all who are sad and lonely, the sick and injured, the hospitalized and homebound, the anguished and despairing and all whom we have been asked to remember, especially Your servants _____. Heal the broken-hearted, bind up their wounds and give Your people grace to trust Your unfailing love. 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 O Lord, You lift up the humble. Grant to all who come to the altar this day the humility to trust Christ's promise as He comes to give us His true Body and Blood for our forgiveness and to give us a share in His own divine life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, Your Son has promised to raise all the dead and give to all who trust in Him eternal life. Receive our thanksgiving for the Patriarch Jacob, Silas, and all of Your faithful ones who have fallen asleep in Christ and who await the moment of their final and full healing at the resurrection of the dead. Bring us with them to share in the joy of His glorious appearing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Now to Him who is able and ready to supply all human needs, whose light shines forth in His Epiphany, be all glory and honor, forever and ever.

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 # 693

“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior
 2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;
 3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.
 Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.
 Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered
 O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new
 Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.
 life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
 Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

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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*:



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 # 620

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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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.

C 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.

C A - men.



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 718

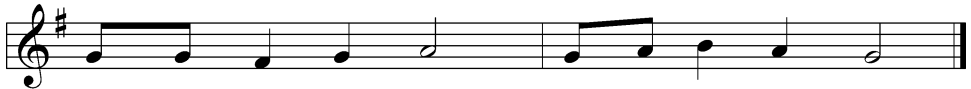
“Jesus, Lead Thou On”



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
 fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
 For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

✠ *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
Waymond Joynes
Helen Joynes
Paul Ritter
Skip Hall



NOTES AND NEWS

The flowers on the Altar today have been given to the Glory of God by Gus Kruelle in memory of his wife, Betty.

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.



LENT IS COMING ... It is hard to believe, but the Season of Lent is nearly upon us owing to an early celebration of Easter this year. Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, with Holy Week commencing on Palm Sunday, March 24th, and the Feast of Easter celebrated on March 31st.

To help us all in keeping this sacred and solemn time together, we are once again providing devotional materials for use in the homes of our members, both for adults and for families with children. Please pick up your packets which are available on the literature table in the rear of the sanctuary and help us to save on postage. Any packets not picked up TODAY will be mailed this week out in hopes that everyone will have them to use beginning on Ash Wednesday.

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 KFUF.org: Begin the book of Galatians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), finish Lamentations and begin the book of Deuteronomy on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), and hear about good works in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (February 10 at 11:00 a.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuf.org and the KFUF Radio app.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, February 11, 2024, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "What Is Evangelism?", 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. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUF.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".

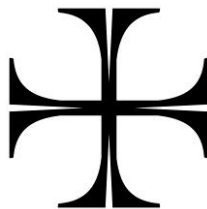
REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations 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 COMMEMORATIONS...

February 5 **Jacob (Israel)**, *Old Testament Patriarch*

February 10 **Silas**, *Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul*

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.

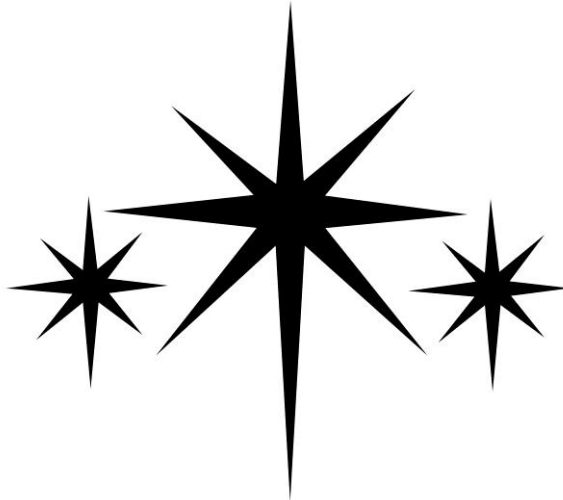


TREASURER'S NOTE ON 2023 ...

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:

- 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.

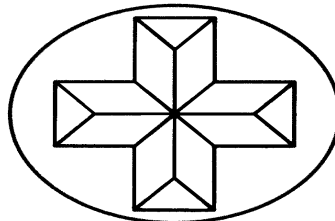
Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

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

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

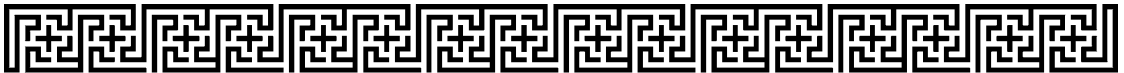
The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 11, 2024

Scripture Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6; Mark 9:2-9



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4 – 11
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Fifth 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 Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>
	<i>The Last 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)
	10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



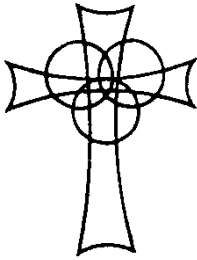
CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Worship Attendance: 20; Communed: 20.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2024:

General Offerings received (4 Sundays): \$8,343
General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$11,027
Withdrawal from Thrivent mutual funds in January: \$0
Remaining balance in Thrivent mutual funds (12/31/23): \$37,964*

* we probably will make a withdrawal in February.



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of February 4, 2024

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, 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;
Craig, friend of the Praticos; Oliver, son of David & Lisbeth; Doris, mother of Vincent;
Tyler, coworker's son 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;
Michelle, friend of Tracy; Virginia, mother of Sam

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Erin Burt, Richard Hudson, Elouise Mathews, and Xavier Elias, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Jerry Mayes and Sierra Simpkins, who will be joined in Holy Matrimony today.

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

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
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