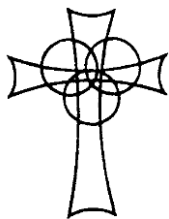


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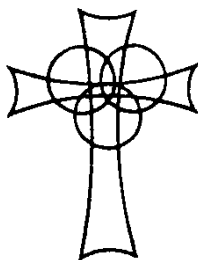
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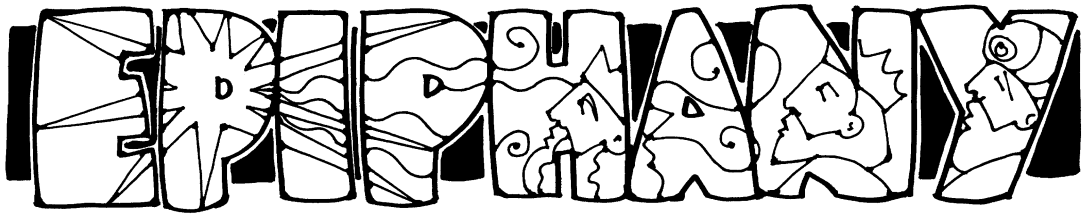


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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

***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***

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of Your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O Divine Master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in Your Name, for you live and reign 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

*Divine Service, Setting Two*

*Lutheran Service Book*

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✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Prelude

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 697*

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And  
2 To us on earth He came to bring From  
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who  
4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And

Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its  
sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's  
died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle  
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go

length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.  
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.  
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.  
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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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 37:1-5; antiphon: verse 7a, b*

**P** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

**C** Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers!

- P** For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.
- C** **Trust in the LORD, and do good;**  
**dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**
- P** Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- C** **Commit your way to the LORD;**  
**trust in him, and he will act.**
- 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** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

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 God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

*Genesis 45:3-15*

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42*

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ...

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

<sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.



<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”  
<sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

**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  
 Luke 6:36*

**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. Be merciful,  
**C** even as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

*Luke 6:27-38*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

**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 # 486*

“If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death”



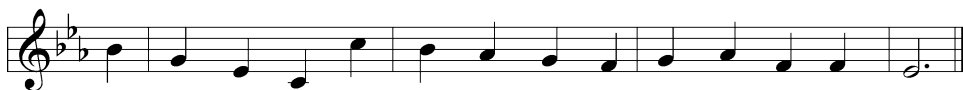
1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,  
2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb Then death would be the end,  
3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised His Church would live a lie;



Our preach - ing but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.  
And we should face our fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.  
His name should nev - er - more be praised, His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He rules in earth and heav'n:  
But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So when a Chris - tian dies  
But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through Him we are re - stored;



His Gos - pel meets a world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!  
His Word en - dures, His Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

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The Sermon

Planted for Resurrection

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

*The Congregation rises.*

The Nicene Creed:

- ☐ 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:

- ☐** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- ☐** We pray, Lord, with Joseph of old, who endured hardship and struggle and yet believed it would come to good. Bring all things to completion according to Your wisdom and purpose in Him who as the new Adam has brought hope to a world in sin and death, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ☐ hear our prayer.**

- P** We pray, Lord, for guidance amid the changes and chances of this mortal life. Deliver us from the pangs of doubt and from the paralysis of fear. Help us to know with joy our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection, that we may not surrender to anxiety or despair. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray, Lord, for Your Church; for an end to the earthly divisions that grieve You; for the true unity of doctrine and faith in Your Word; and for those who lead us in the Synod, the district, the circuit and in our Trinity and Mekane Yesus congregations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray, Lord, for all pastors, missionaries and church workers. Lead them to be faithful in their service and to serve Your people with compassion and love. Bless all the places where we hear Your Word and serve our neighbor in Christ's Name, both here in this place and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray, Lord, for Your love to have its way with us, Your people. Lead us to expect no reward, and teach us from Your own example not to act from self-interest but to love even our enemies and to serve those in need. End all bitterness and strife, and let Your forgiveness cover us in our lives together as You cover us with the blood of Christ before Your heavenly throne. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray, Lord, for the civil authority and for those responsible to You for the welfare of our nation, state and community. Help them to pursue faithfully the cause of justice and to protect and defend life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Guard all first responders, and protect those who defend us both here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray, Lord, for Your comfort upon all who suffer. Especially do we pray for \_\_\_\_\_. Deliver all those who are sick according to Your will, and sustain those troubled in body or soul by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray, Lord, that you be with the dying and grant them peace at the last, and give Your comfort to those who grieve [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Give to all patience and courage, that they may endure these times of sorrow with hope in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray, Lord, for all those who rejoice in Your loving-kindness to them. We give thanks along with \_\_\_\_\_ and with all those who have received Your blessing. Help us always to be grateful for all that You provide, knowing that You alone are the Giver of every perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** We pray, Lord, for all those who have asked for our prayers, especially as we remember \_\_\_\_\_ and all those whom we now name in our hearts before You... Graciously hear these prayers, and in answering, showing Your great mercy and love according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** We pray, Lord, in thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Eucharist and for a right heart as we prepare to commune today upon the Flesh and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. By our reception of this blessed Sacrament, equip us with Your love, that we may love You above all things and love and serve our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** We pray, Lord, that You will bring all things to completion, each according to Your own order and in Your time. And when Christ comes, we pray that You will number us with St. Matthias, Polycarp of Smyrna, and all the saints in glory as the dead are raised and the perishable is clothed with the imperishable — just as our Savior has promised. Give to us and to all the faithful the inheritance prepared for us from before the foundation of the world as we anticipate in this communion the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** We pray You, O Lord, to grant us these and all things good and wholesome and profitable to our salvation, through the merits and mercies of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who in union with You and the Holy Spirit, are the one eternal 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 # 483*

“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great  
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,  
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord

ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;  
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed

Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us  
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. “And yours shall  
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His

free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's  
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave,” Saith He, who  
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set

ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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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.



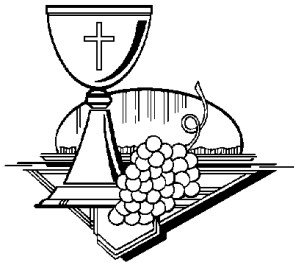
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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."

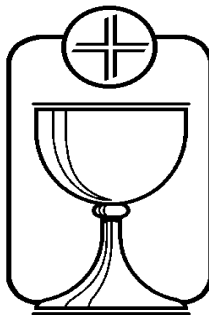
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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 # 490*

## “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
 liv - ing. Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

*Text: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert, 1715–69; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, alt.**Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662**Text and tune: Public domain**The Congregation rises.*

## The Post-Communion Canticle:

*Nunc Dimittis*

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared 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.

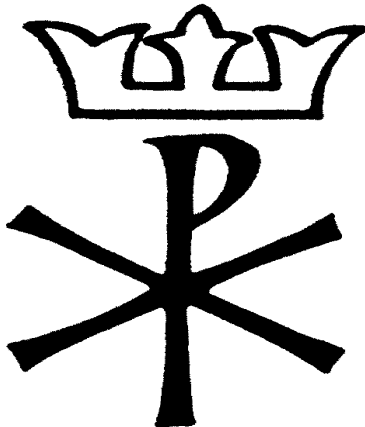


## The Benediction:

**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 # 548*

“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O  
 2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on  
 3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,



Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,  
 Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion,  
 pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,



Thou hast con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -  
 On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -  
 For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter



rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly  
 rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is  
 scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee



sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
 tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
 and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

*Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942**Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667**Text and tune: Public domain*

## The Silent Worship

## The Parish Announcements

## The Postlude

“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”

✠ *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  
  
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.

*AN INVITATION* ... Our prayers and the honor of our presence has been requested for the Service of Installation for The Rev. Paul Christopher Agne as Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church. This special service will be held **next Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 3:00 PM** at Ascension Church, 7415 Buchanan Street, Landover Hills, MD 20784.



***LENT IS COMING*** ... It is hard to believe, but the Season of Lent is nearly upon us. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Holy Week commencing on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and culminating with the Feast of Easter celebrated on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

***Midweek Lenten Services*** ... We will continue our tradition of offering Midweek Lenten Services again this year, beginning on Ash Wednesday and each of the Wednesdays in the Lenten Season (March 5, 12, 19, & 26; and April 2 & 9). The service on Ash Wednesday will be the traditional service for the beginning of Lent with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. The remainder of the Lenten Services will use a spoken order of the Office of Vespers with Sermon. The theme of this year's Lenten preaching is "Jesus—Servant, Savior, Friend", which is also the theme of our Lenten Devotional. A full schedule of this year's Lenten Worship will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

***Lenten Suppers*** ... Also, we plan again on offering a light meal before the Lenten Services for the convenience of those who are coming directly from work and for all those who would like to share in a time of food and fellowship together. Questions about the suppers can be made to Carole Dingess.

***Home Devotional Materials*** ... 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 **2025** 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 **\$50.00**, 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/KFUOradio), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/KFUOradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/KFUOradio).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** We continue our study of 1 Samuel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9 a.m. ET) and Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12 p.m. ET). Tune in to the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 10 a.m. ET) to hear the latest installment in our new series on Lutherans in Australia! Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app!

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** ... Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project. We need God's help, His strength, His gifts. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, March 2, 2025, for a message from past Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, "It's Best to Be with Jesus", 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 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".

**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...*

February 23    **Polycarp of Symrna**, *Pastor and Martyr*  
 February 24    **St. Matthias**, *Apostle*

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.

*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, March 2, 2025

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

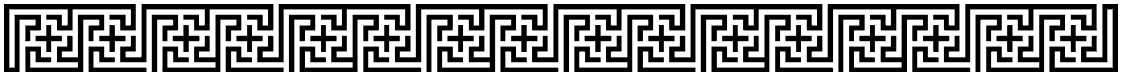
Hebrews 3:1-6

Luke 9:28-36

## PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 2

*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i><b>The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany</b></i>
	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>	<i><b>The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord</b></i>
	<i><b>The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</b></i>
	9:30 AM      Festival 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, February 16, 2025

Worship Attendance: 15; Communed: 15.

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2024:

General Offerings received (4 Sundays): \$8,021 \*

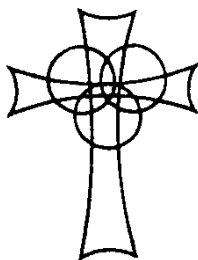
(\* includes \$114 from “Thrivent Choice” dollars)

General Offerings needed to meet the 2025 budget: \$11,951

Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$0

Remaining Balance in Thrivent mutual funds (12/31/24):\$53,298

*We’re still planning for our upcoming sidewalk repairs (~\$13,000). Thank you to those who have already made donations to the project!*



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

**Intercessions for the Week of February 23, 2025**

**Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

John Bowman, Delores Donald, Julie & Kenny Gilroy, Diane Hines, Travis Joynes, Waymond Joynes, August Kruelle, David Peele, Tracy Peele, Ernie Ritter, Paul Ritter, and Angela Tankesley

*For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:*

Luke Wright, grandson of Charlie & Jean Reichelt

Betty Kibler, mother of Helen Joynes

Susan Krahling, relative of Gus & Betty

Kruelle

Britnany Tankesley, niece of Lynda Pfeil

Juliet Dowling, mother of Ras-I Dowling

Linda Kruelle, daughter of Gus & Betty

Kruelle

Dennis & Caron Janko, former Concordia Teachers

Jari Zickuhr, former Concordia Teacher

Catelyn Gibson, step-granddaughter of Ernie Ritter

Nathan Simon, son of Art Simon

Bernie Salemie, friend of Trinity

Robin Peele, daughter of Vincent

& Tracy Peele

Doris Peele, mother of Vincent Peele

Orbelina Flores & Family, mother of former Concordia Students

Phillip & Amanda Ceresa and Family, friends of Michelle Varona

Kay & Bob Kerstetter, relatives of Carole Dingess

Kumar Krishnan, co-worker's spouse of Joyce Varona

Craig Damron, husband of Edith Damron

Virginia Welch, mother of Sam Welch

Steve Groo, father-in-law of Michelle Varona

Denise Watkins, fiancée of Mark Carr

Lori Young, friend of Carole Dingess

Aidan Waters & Family, friends of Joyce Varona

Raymond Elias, brother of Joy Sandiford

Nancy Brown & Family, sister of Vincent Peele

Daniel Thomas, friend of Cullen Elias

Donald Sinclair, friend of Cullen Elias

Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda Emanuel

Mary Gillis, former Concordia Teacher

Laura Godwin, granddaughter of Gus & Betty Kruelle

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Daniel Varona, Amaria Dowling, John L. Bowman, and Steve Orchowski, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

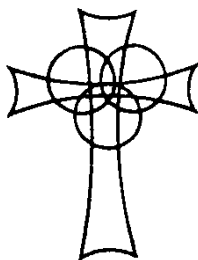
## Those Who Mourn

The family of Ray Atwood, father of Kristie Maddox, who passed away last 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.
- ✘ 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.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For all those affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For peace and reconciliation that brings an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For calm, civility, and peace in our nation's political discourse, especially during this time of our country's leadership transition.
- ✘ For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- ✘ For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





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Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live*  
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*The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor*



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