

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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## Welcome Visitors!

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at this holy gathering in celebration and confession that the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14) is present here with His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive at the altar (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

Because this Sacrament is called Communion, all who come to the rail are to confess the same confession of faith. Because there are differences between denominations, we ask that you please speak to Pastor if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation.

This practice is not a judgment upon anyone's faith. It is the Church's ancient practice to make sure that no one takes Jesus' body and blood to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). During the distribution, we ask that you sing the distribution hymns, meditate upon Jesus' death and resurrection as the reason for our gathering, and pray for the day that the devilish divisions between us will be abolished by the Son of God when He returns.

## Divine Service Setting Three

### Prayer Before Worship

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

### Opening Hymn

### “Praise the Almighty”

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
△ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
 grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,\*  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates | day and night.

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not | wither.\*  
In all that he does, he | prospers.


<sup>4</sup>The wicked | are not so,\*  
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,\*  
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;  
<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirt;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

# Kyrie

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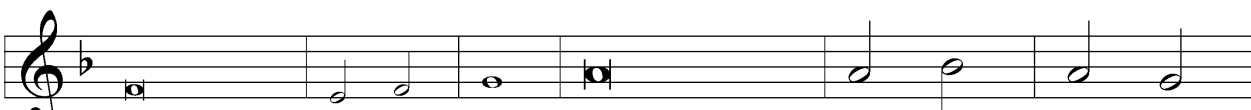
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria In Excelsis

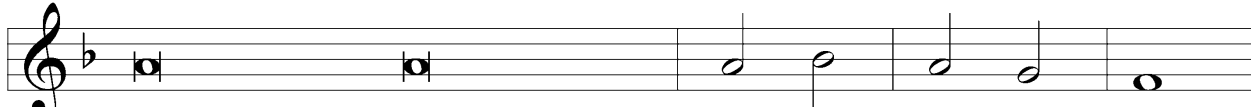
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**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward




men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



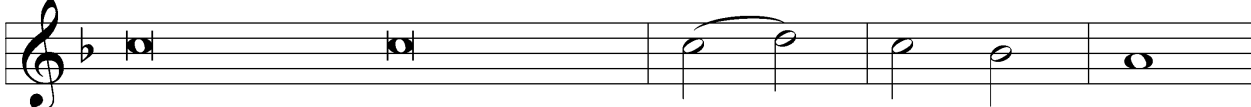
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



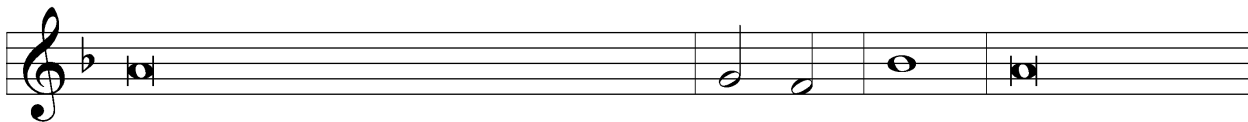
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



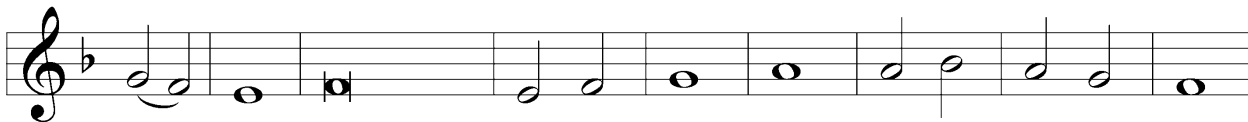
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



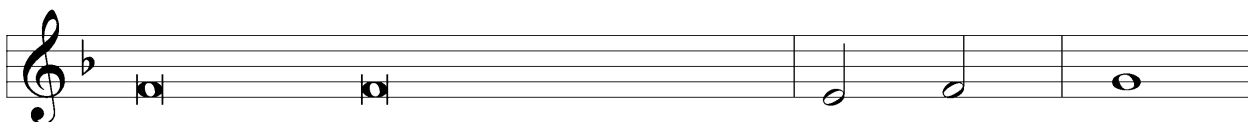
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



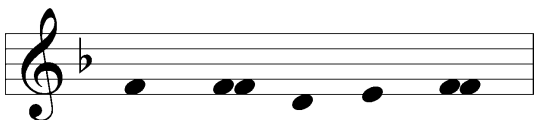
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

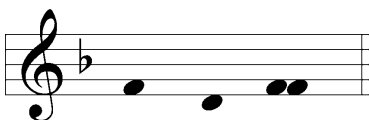
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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir-it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Heavenly Father ... one God, now and forever.



**C** A-men.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:1-20*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

<sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

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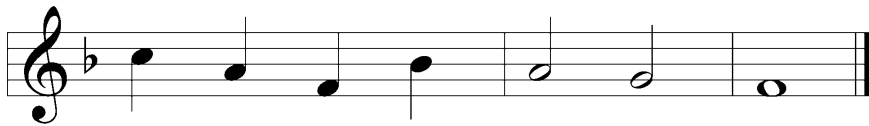


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 6:17-26*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

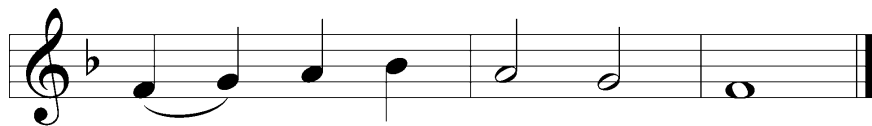
<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.



**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.

# Sermon Hymn

# “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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# Sermon

# “Blessed Is The Man ”

*Psalm 1*

## Offertory

LSB 192



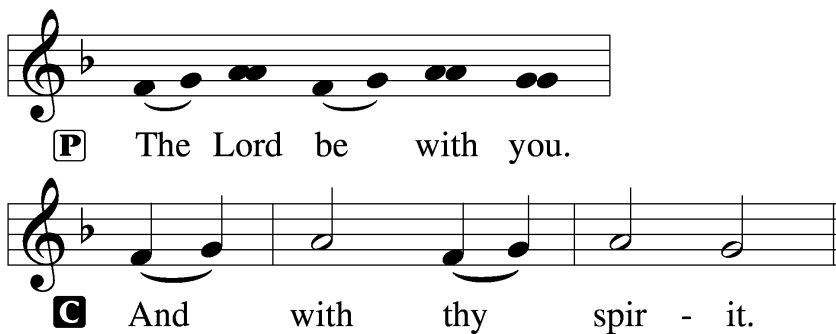
**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

## Preface

LSB 194



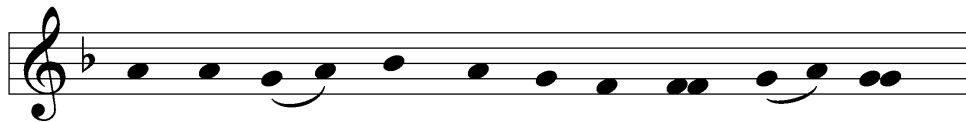
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glory for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



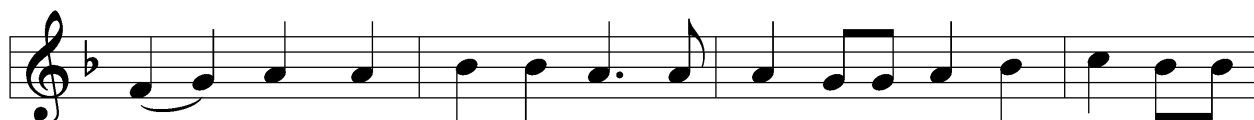
**C** A - men.



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



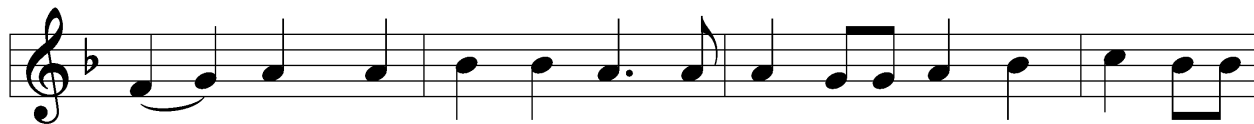
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

### Prayer Before Communing

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive his holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## Distribution Hymns

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

LSB 619



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.

#### *Refrain*



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

Tune: Emskirchner Choral-Buch, 1756, Leipzig  
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# “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB 621



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

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# “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

LSB 704



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You





light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

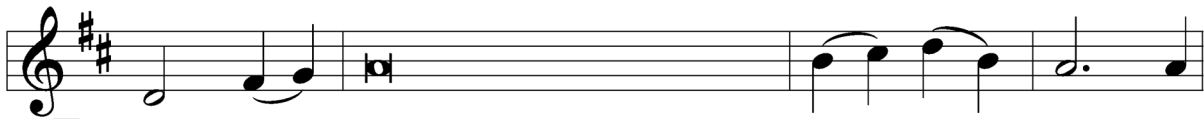
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## Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

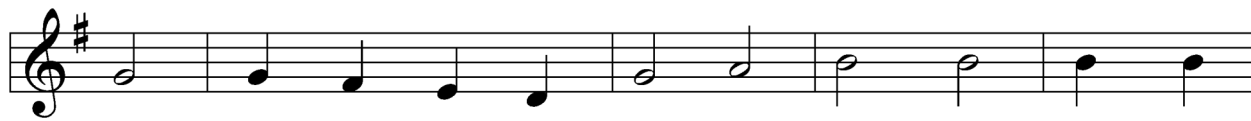


**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

LSB 923



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
 Δ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
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## Events This Week

**Today:** Worship at OSLC, 9am  
**Today:** Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am  
**Tuesday:** Board of Financial Oversight, 7pm  
**Wednesday:** *Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline, 10am*  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation, 4:30pm  
**Saturday:** Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

## Those Serving at OSLC

	<b>2/16/25</b>	<b>2/23/25</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Justin Schroeder	Rich Rieches
<b>Organist</b>	Theta Lee	Theta Lee
<b>Radio Monitors</b>	Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves	Justin and Brenna Schroeder
<b>Sound Board</b>	Neil Rieches	Kendra Morts
<b>Greeters</b>	Justin and Jan Lavicka	Dean and Laurie Lingley
<b>Acolyte</b>	Evelyn Morts	Ellie Schwartz
<b>Head Usher</b>	Elders	Elders
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder

## Announcements

**OUR WEEKLY RADIO BROADCAST** can be sponsored by members any time of the year. The cost to broadcast each week is \$150. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, just let Renee know.

**PRAIRIEVIEW ANNUAL MEETING** is Sunday, February 23 at 2pm. Meeting will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Clifton, IL. All are invited to attend as we look back at 2024.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped with communications, food, set up, serving, and clean up this past week during the meal for the Reed Family. There is no greater comfort for grief than the love, hope and caring of a church family. May God Bless!!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is quickly approaching. If you saved your palm branches from last year, please return them by March 2 to be made into ashes for this year. Ash Wednesday service is March 5 at 7pm.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** in Buckley is hosting a special Lutheran Hour Ministries service on Sunday, March 9 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Ziegler preaching. There will be a special joint/combined choir for this service. We will be singing an SAB arrangement of "Lamb of God." Music will be provided for anyone interested. Practices will be held at St. John's in Buckley at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9. If you would like to attend an additional practice, you are welcome to come practice also on Wednesdays, February 19 & 26 at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Rebekah Sanders via call or text at 217-840-0660.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL** of Woodworth is holding informational parent meetings for prekindergarten and kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year on Thursday, February 27th. Parents interested in the 3 year-old program will meet at 6:00 and parents interested in the 4 year-old program will meet at 7:00 pm. Parents interested in kindergarten will meet at 6:30. Class sizes are limited. Applications will be accepted following the meetings. A copy of your child's certified birth certificate and a non-refundable \$35 application/material fee will be required with the application. All classrooms will be open and all teachers available from 6 -7 pm. For more information contact the school at 815-889-4209 or office@stpaulspk8.org.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, SCHWER** will host a Spaghetti dinner today, serving from 11a – 12:45p. Freewill donation will benefit their Youth Group.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE** "I love reminding them that the first diagnosis is, 'It's a baby,' and no other diagnosis ever negates diagnosis number one. The baby is inherently valuable and worthy of our love." *Dr. Robin Pierucci – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## **Prayer List**

### **Those celebrating a birthday:**

Brinley Gullquist                      Thursday

### **Those celebrating an anniversary:**

Jake and Olivia Harms              Thursday (*15 years*)

### **Those suffering from cancer:**

Linda Buhrmester

John Lee

Nancy Tobeck

Connie Bruns, organist at Calvary

Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens

Kim Cann, friend of Becky Bridge

Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder

Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm

Hugo Hasz, brother of Dorothy Knake

Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles

Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner

Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner

Becky Lehmann, cousin of Bob Storm

Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

### **Those requesting your prayers:**

Phil Raddatz, heart surgery

Those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Those recovering from the wildfires in California

### **Those who mourn:**

Family and friends of Roger Reed, given Christian burial this past week.

### **Homebound Members**

Dianne Estes

Delmer Henrichs

Arlene Hines

Dorothy Knake

Joann Sloan

Brenda St. Peter

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

***Armed Forces***

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy

Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army

Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

***Law Enforcement***

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Thomas Wimmer - friend of Emily Hines, member of the Tilton Police Department

**Central Illinois District Congregations:** Bethel in Morton and Jeffrey Anderson and Gregory Moyer her pastors.

**Iroquois Circuit Congregations:** St. Paul in Woodworth and Michael Ruhlig her pastor.

**Those studying at the Seminary:**

Vicar Simon Niemtschk, St. Paul in Carroll, IA

Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN.

**Those serving in the Mission Field:**

Rev. Samuel Bobby, his wife Erica, and sons Judah, August, Benjamin, Simon, and Pax, our adopted international missionary, currently serving in Latvia. Rev. Bobby teaches at The Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.



# Moments with Mahlah

*For the Week of February 9, 2025*

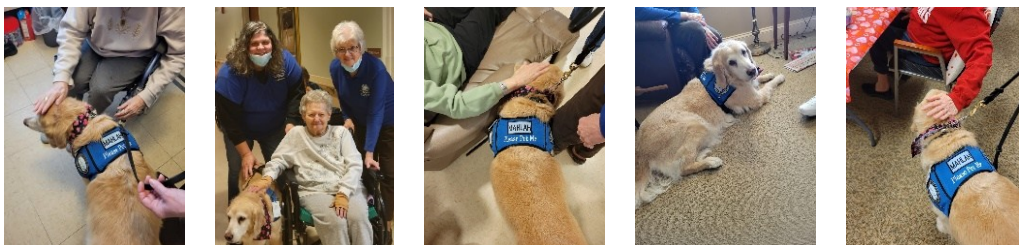
Mahlah's week began with a visit at Trinity, Goodland, then a brief stop in Fowler to visit her furry friend Teddy and have an apple snack, then a good visit at the Benton County Retirement Village in Oxford. Diane Costello was handler for this busy day.



Tuesday brought a joyful visit to the Crescent City Grade School library, to meet and be loved by children from kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Jayne and Dean were handlers.



At this writing Mahlah was scheduled to visit three places in Gibson City on Wednesday, with Dean and Jayne Henrich as handlers. On Thursday she was to visit Good Shepherd Manor and the Manteno Veterans Home. On Saturday Mahlah was to visit the Friendship House in West Lafayette, with Diane Costello as handler. Pictures here from last Friday.



Remember to email Mahlah at [Mahlah@K9Comfort.org](mailto:Mahlah@K9Comfort.org) if you know of an individual or organization that would benefit from a visit. Thanks for your continued support as we seek to bring the compassion, mercy, presence, and proclamation of Jesus to all.