

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 | *The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

Worship Him, all you gods; Zion hears and is glad. The daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments, O Lord. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of the isles be glad.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today. If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Holtz or one of the elders.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion," communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. Roger Holtz
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Sunday: Rod Meves
Ushers on Duty	David Diestler, Charles Hartwig, Rick Schnese
Altar Guild	Donna Carter & Linda Koch

The Order of the Holy Communion

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul | 27

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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.

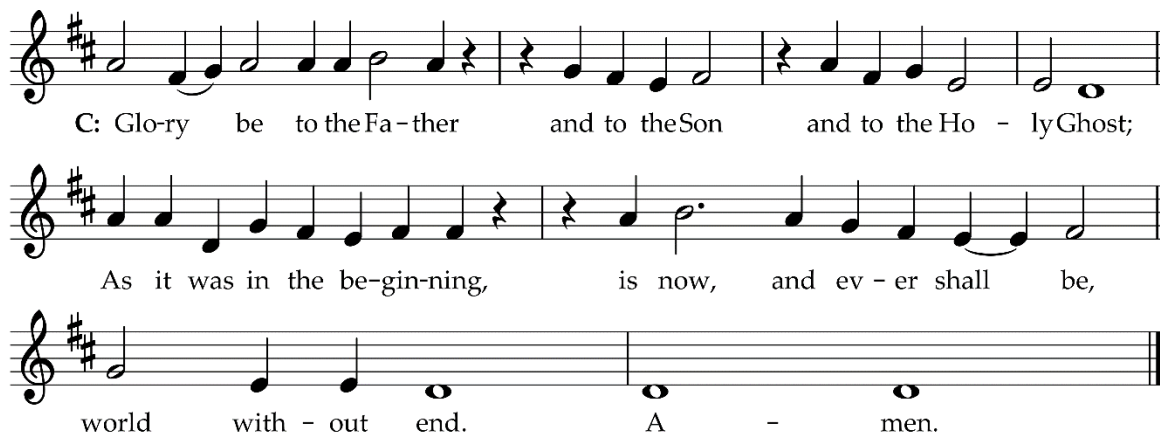
M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



You may be seated.

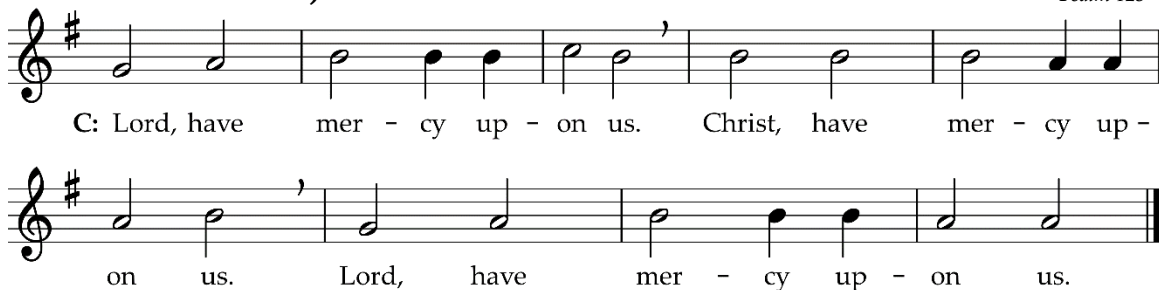
THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

M: Worship Him, all you gods; Zion hears and is glad. The daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments, O Lord. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of the isles be glad.



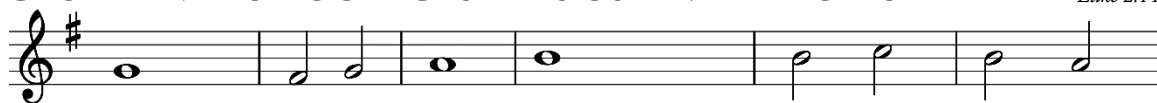
THE KYRIE—LORD, HAVE MERCY

Psalm 123

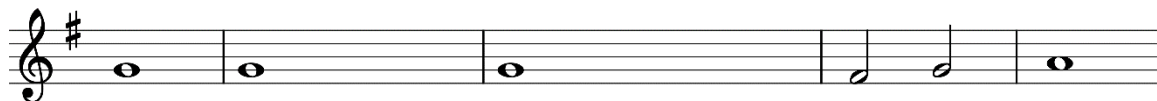


GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

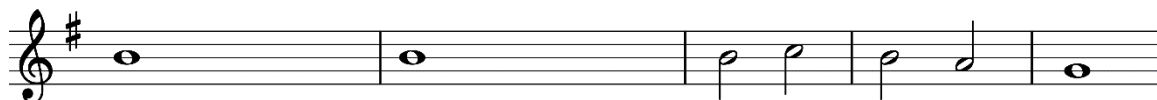
Luke 2:14



C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward



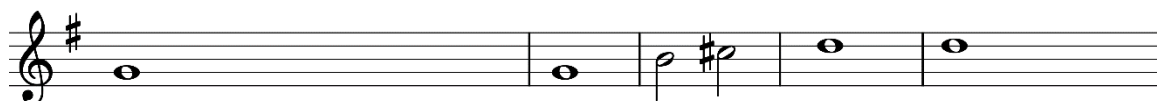
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



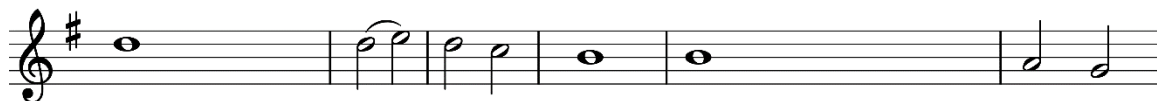
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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,



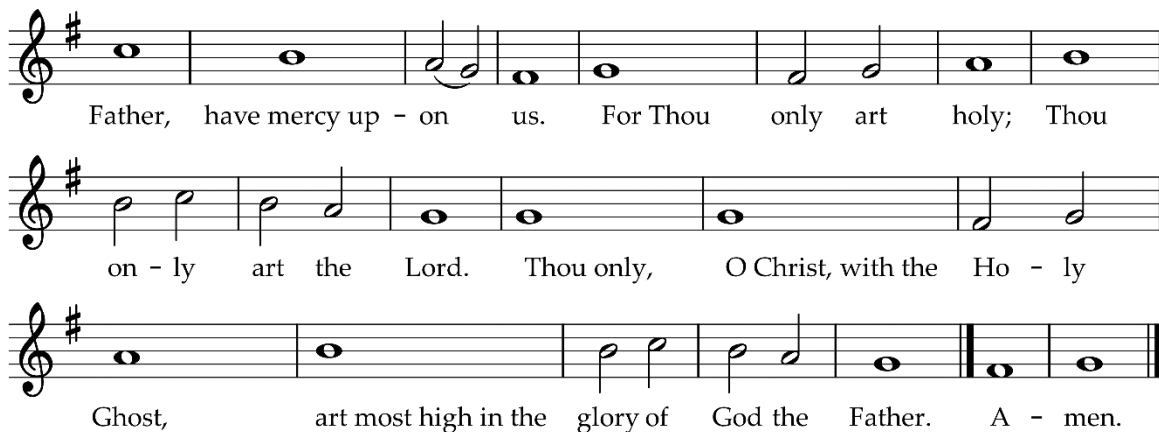
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the



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



PSALM 103

M: Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *ble*ss His holy name!

C: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:**

M: Who forgives all your iniquities,

C: **Who heals all your diseases,**

M: Who redeems your life from destruction,

C: **Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,**

M: Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*,

C: **So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

M: The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.

C: **He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.**

M: The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

C: **He will not always strive *with us*, Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.**

M: He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

C: **Nor punished us according to our iniquities.**

M: For as the heavens are high above the earth, *So* great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

C: **As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

M: As a father pities *his* children, *So* the LORD pities those who fear Him.

C: **For He knows our frame; He remembers that we *are* dust.**

M: *As for* man, his days *are* like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

C: **For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more.**

M: But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him,

C: **And His righteousness to children's children, To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.**

M: The LORD has established His throne in heaven,

C: And His kingdom rules over all.

M: Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.

C: Bless the LORD, all *you* His hosts, *You* ^lministers of His, who do His pleasure.

M: Bless the LORD, all His works, In all places of His dominion.

C: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

Please stand.

M: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, keep Your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely on the hope of Your heavenly grace may be protected by Your mighty power; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the Lord, And my just claim is passed over by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the weak, And to *those who have* no might He increases strength. ³⁰Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, ³¹But those who wait on 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.

SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 5:6-11

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. ⁸Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, ¹¹perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*. ¹¹To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

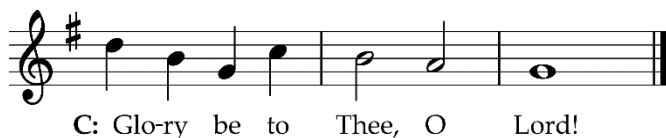
GRADUAL

M: Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Alleluia!



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 1:29-39



²⁹ Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. ³¹ So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

³² At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

³⁵ Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a ³⁶solitary place; and there He prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those *who were* with Him searched for Him. ³⁷ When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

³⁸ But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." ³⁹ And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

You may be seated.

HYMN

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me | 523

Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – MATTHEW 2:1-12

The Epiphany Lord Reveals His Authority

1. Over Sickness
2. Over Satan
3. Over Sin

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



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.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS ("HOLY, HOLY, HOLY")

M: The Lord be with you.



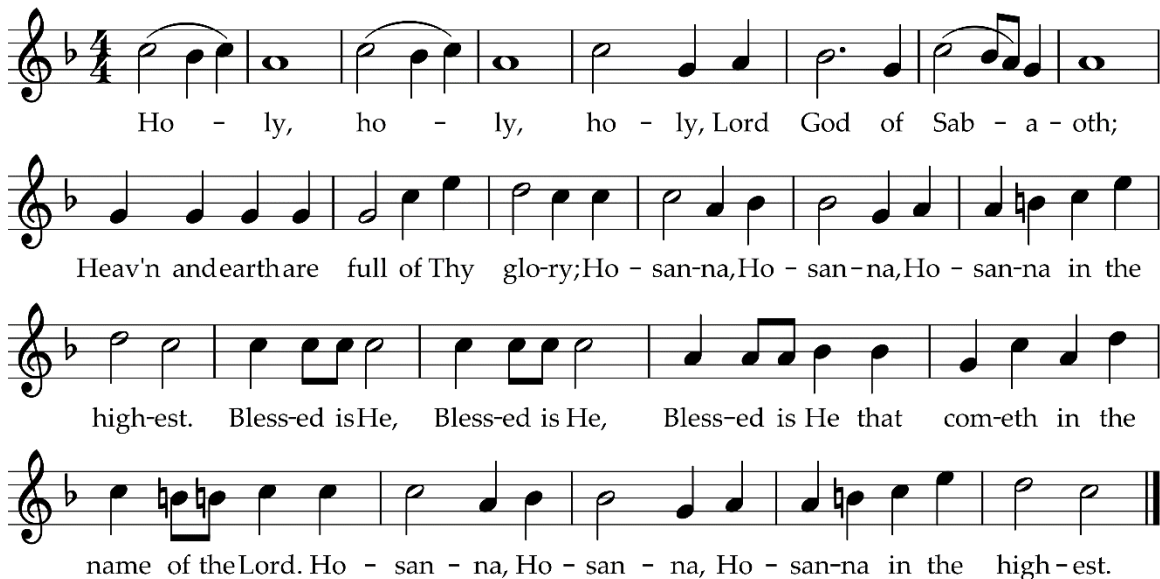
M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



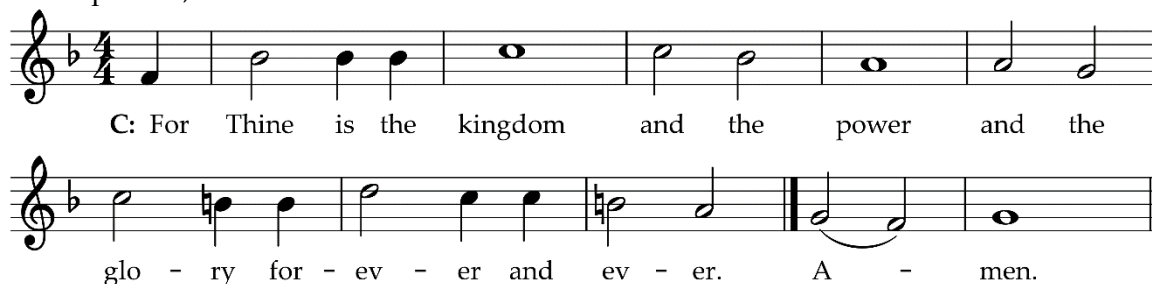
M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; and now do we praise You that You sent unto us Thine only begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, You manifested the fullness 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:



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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: 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
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

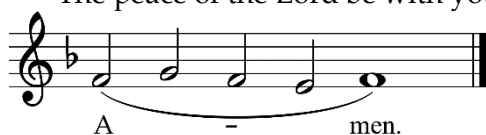
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI (Peace of the Lord)

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

Musical notation for 'The Lamb of God' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: '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, 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.' The melody is a simple, flowing line with various note values including half, quarter, and eighth notes, and rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

You may be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table | 315

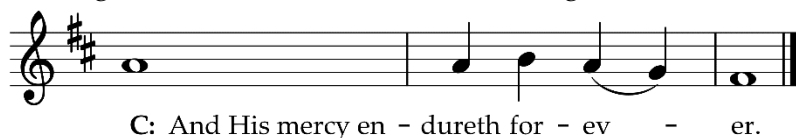
THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*“Now Dismiss”*)



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
people 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



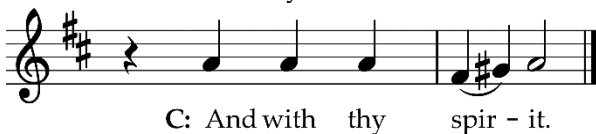
C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

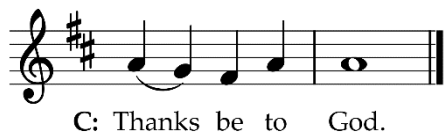


THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us bless the Lord.



M: 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.



CLOSING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | 39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS – Thanks to Mark and Maribeth Uhlig for serving snacks today. If you'd like to serve snacks on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

PASTOR RODNEY FLOHR – At our call meeting, voting members selected Pastor Flohr of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Cold Spring, MN. Please keep Pastor Flohr and his family in your prayers as he considers this Divine Call. Pastor Flohr’s contact information: 510 – 5th Ave S, Cold Spring, MN 56320. Email: comchap@aol.com.

WOMEN ON A MISSION FEBRUARY EVENTS – We have two events in February. Bingo night is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 6:00 pm and Laundry Love donations throughout the month. Details posted on bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please take the time to check it out.

LENTEN SUPPERS – The Kitchen Committee posted a sign-up sheet for the Lenten Suppers that will be held prior to the services on Feb. 14, 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13, and 20. Four categories are on the list: 2 Entrées, Bread/Salad and Dessert. Everyone is welcome to enjoy good food and fellowship. Each group is responsible for planning, serving, clean-up and providing the meal for that week.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (2/04)	Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m. Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY (2/06)	Elders Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (2/07)	WELS/ELS Area Study Group, 9:30 a.m. Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY (2/11)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION

*Christ the King Ev. Lutheran
Church gives all praise
and thanks to the Triune
God for His grace received
through Word and
Sacrament **by sharing the
saving Gospel of Christ**
with the people of this
community and the world.*