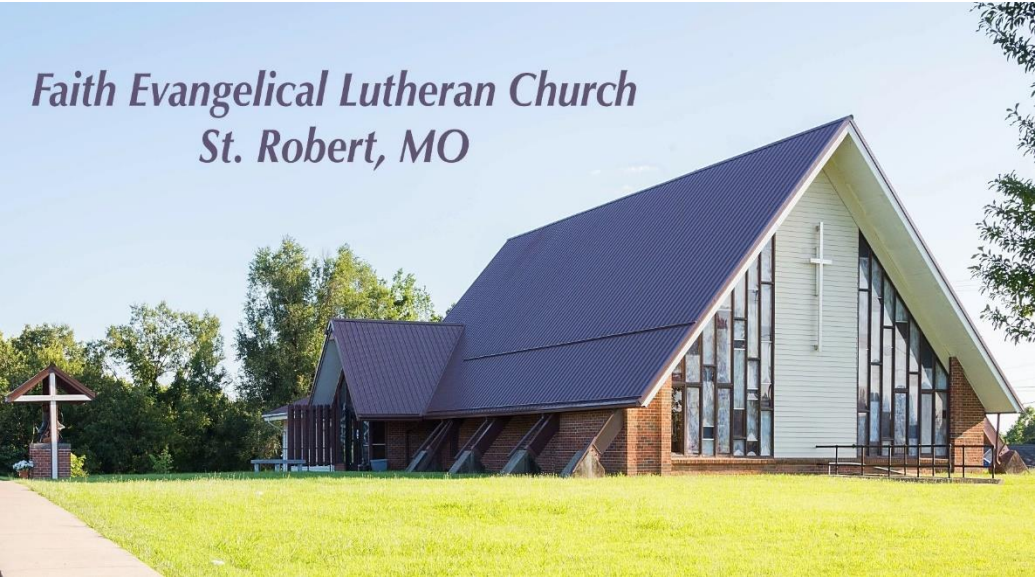
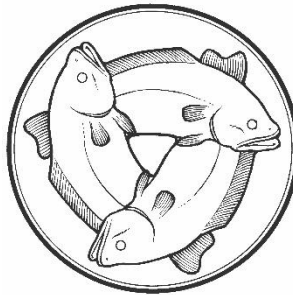


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*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
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§ A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

Holy Communion Announcement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

How Can We Help You? We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Those Serving January 21st at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Lee Phinney
Ushers	Dave Matthews, Paul Clark Tom Dunn, Lee Phinney

Asst. Minister	Dennis Engstrom
Greeters	
Refreshments	Birthday Potluck
Sermon Title	The Urgent Kingdom

The order of service for today is located on page 167 of the Lutheran Service Book.

Confession and Absolution

Please rise. 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.**

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.**

The Congregation reflects silently on God's Word using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.

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.

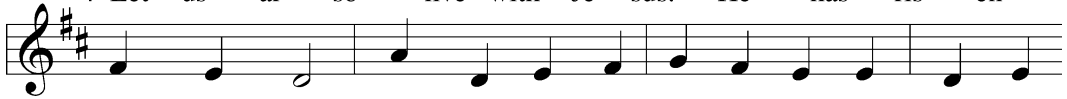
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Kyrie

Mark 10:47

[A] In peace let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

[C] A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The lyrics are: [A] Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

A The Old Testament Reading for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany is from Jonah, chapter 3.

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

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 62; antiphon: v. 8



Antiphon Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him; *
God is a refuge | for us.

¹For God alone my soul waits in | silence; *
from him comes my sal- | vation.

²He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress; *
I shall not be greatly | shaken.

³How long will all of you attack a man to | batter him,*
like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?

⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
They take pleasure in | falsehood.*

They bless with their mouths, but inwardly | they curse.

⁵**For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,*
for my hope is | from him.**

⁶**He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress,*
I shall not be | shaken.**

⁷On God rests my salvation and my | glory;*
my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;*
God is a refuge | for us.

⁹**Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a de- | lusion;*
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter | than a breath.**

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on | robbery;*
if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.**

¹¹**Once God has spoken; twice have I | heard this.*
that power belongs to God, ¹²and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast love.
For you will render | to a man*
according | to his work.**

Antiphon Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart be- | fore him;*
God is a refuge | for us.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29–35

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 7.

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

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

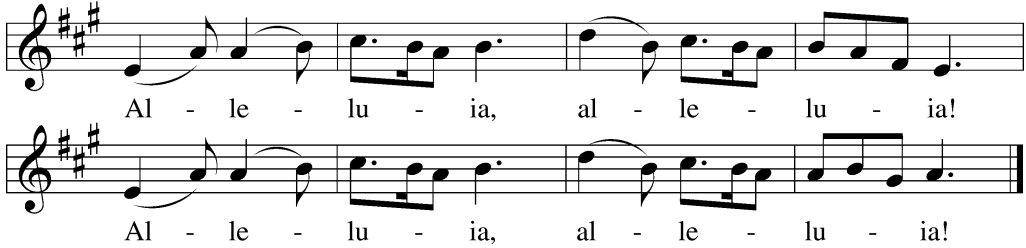
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

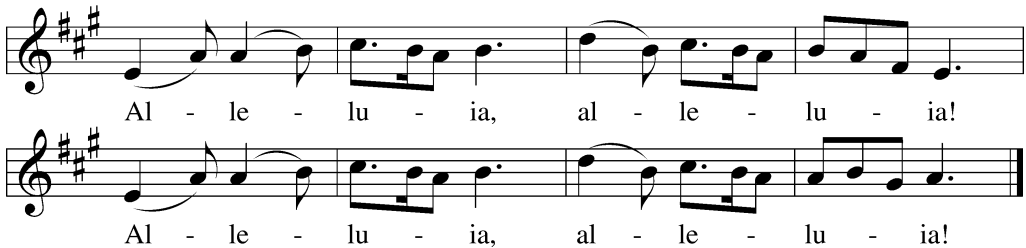
952 Alleluia – II and Verse

Mark 1:15



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

P The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.



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

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Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14–20

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

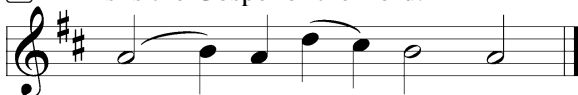


C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light



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



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



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

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Sermon

Please rise.

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 \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For faithfulness and urgency in the Church, that as this world passes away, we may be bold to proclaim the kingdom of God come near in Christ Jesus, who does not desire the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the Church's mission, that as Christ called Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow Him and made them fishers of men, He would send faithful preachers also in our time; and for those who generously support the missionaries, seminaries, colleges and other institutions of our Church for the spread of the Gospel and the service of God's people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For Christians in every home, that they may have constancy and contentment in their God-given stations despite every current distress as the present form of this world passes away; for the married, that God would give them comfort and faithfulness, strengthening them also to pass on the faith to the next generation; and for the unmarried, that assured of the holiness of their place in life, they would live freed from anxiety and attend to holiness in body and spirit with undivided devotion to Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For our nation with its rulers, that God would spare Joseph, our president; Mike, our governor; and all who serve for the good of this people; that God would call to repentance those who have forgotten Him; and that He would not let disaster befall us, but preserve us in peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

A For all of us, that our merciful Father would turn us from every distracting anxiety and the dealings of this world that would draw our hearts away from His blessed Gospel and its end, eternal life; for confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name; and that God would graciously behold and help those for whom we pray, especially those listed in our bulletin, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For all who come to the Holy Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would work repentance and faith in us, united in a sincere confession of His divine truth at this altar, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Offering

Please rise.

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

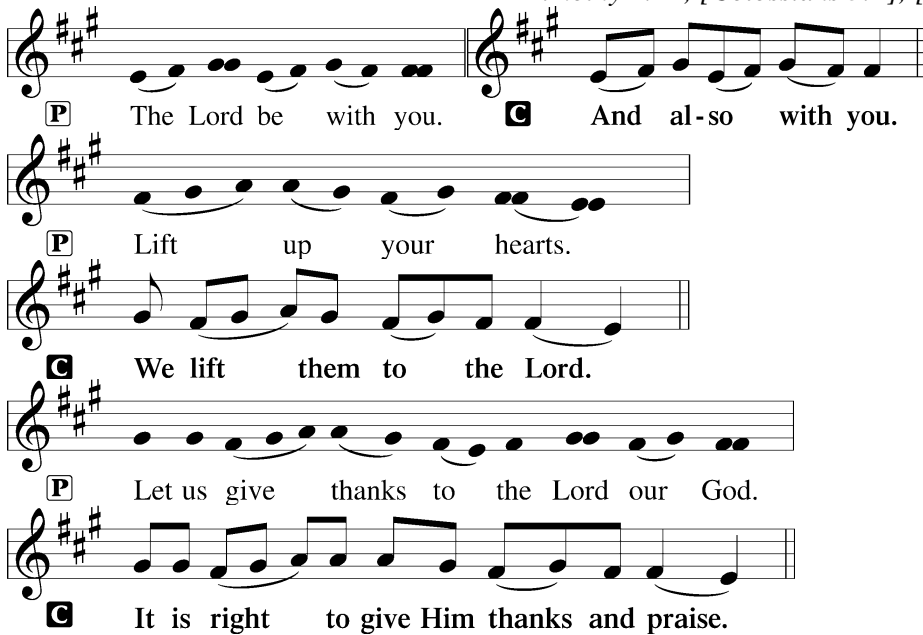


C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



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.

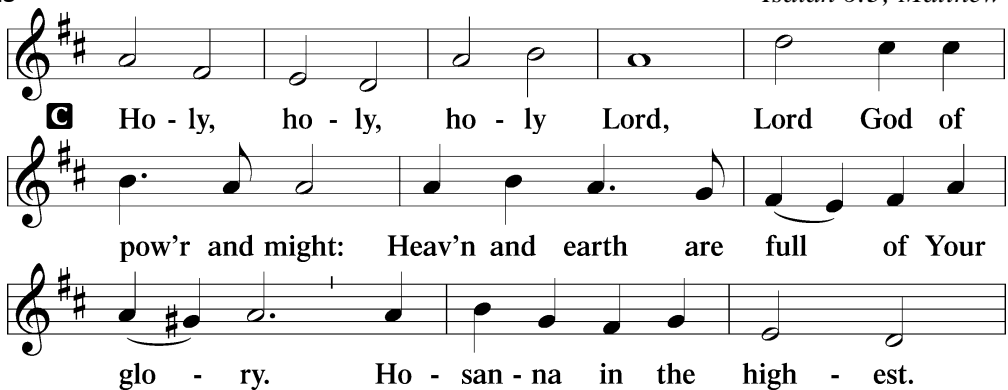
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

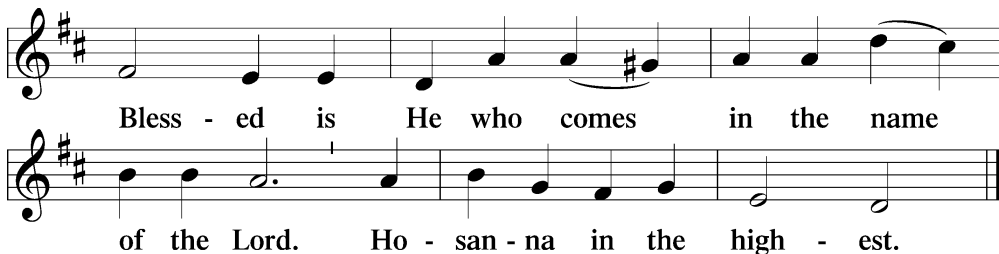
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In 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:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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.



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 Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- 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.”

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

John 20:19



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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

Musical notation for Agnus Dei. It consists of six staves of music in G major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues with a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2. The third staff continues with a quarter note F#2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, a quarter note F#1, a quarter note E1, a quarter note D1. The fourth staff continues with a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, a quarter note F#1, a quarter note E1, a quarter note D1, a quarter note C1, a quarter note B0, a quarter note A0. The fifth staff continues with a quarter note G0, a quarter note F#0, a quarter note E0, a quarter note D0, a quarter note C0, a quarter note B0, a quarter note A0, a quarter note G0, a quarter note F#0, a quarter note E0. The sixth staff continues with a quarter note D0, a quarter note C0, a quarter note B0, a quarter note A0, a quarter note G0, a quarter note F#0, a quarter note E0, a quarter note D0, a quarter note C0. The piece ends with a double bar line.

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

Communing at Faith

Please see our Communion Statement on page 2.

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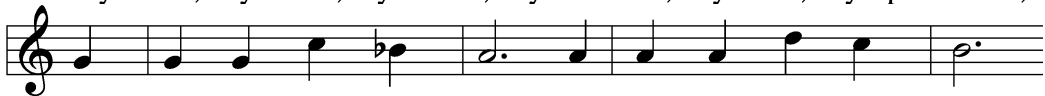
730 What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

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509 Christ Is Surely Coming



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,
 2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,
 3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:
 All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Brill - iant Morn - ing Star;
 Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,
 Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!
 Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!
 "Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

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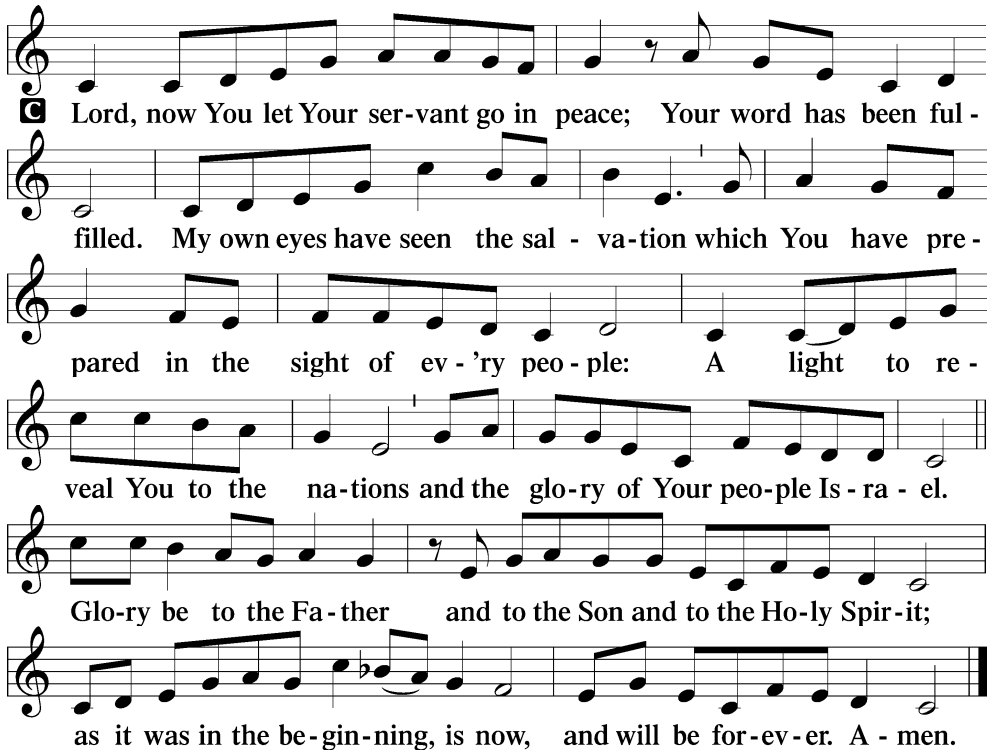
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



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.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same 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 God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Please be seated.

878 Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.

- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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FELC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN PERSON AND THROUGH ZOOM

Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christian Education - Sunday School / The Revelation Divine Service Birthday Potluck
Monday	10AM-2PM 3:30 PM	Piece Makers @ Schumacher's House Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 PM 6:30 PM	Philippians with Pastor Ben Ladies of Faith
Wednesday	9:00 AM-11:00 AM 12:00 PM	MOPS Hebrew
Thursday	9:00 AM	Ezra and Nehemiah
Friday	12:00 PM	Greek
Saturday	8:00 AM	Men's Club Prayer Breakfast
Sunday	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christian Education - Sunday School / The Revelation Divine Service Chili Cook Off

PARISH FELLOWSHIP invites you to sign up to bring refreshments for after our Sunday services. There is a yearly chart on the bulletin board. Get together with your Bible Study group or a group of friends and sign up to bring a *light snack* for fellowship time downstairs.

THE BIRTHDAY POTLUCK will be *today* after worship. Please bring a dish to pass and share in celebrating the birthdays for the upcoming year!

CHILI COOK OFF The Stewardship Board is hosting the annual Chili Cook-Off on January 28th following the worship service. Sign up to bring a pot of your best chili! We will accept 10 recipes to allow for enough time for tasting & room on the plates. Sign up as an individual or team up with someone and combine your culinary skills!

Bring your dollar bills (or \$5s or \$10s) 😊 and let's see who can get the most votes! All chili cook-off proceeds will be donated to the Board of Education's Scholarship Fund.

The proceeds from the Silent Auction will go toward scholarships for our two Saint Paul's Lutheran High School students, Eden and Finlay.

The church will furnish the drinks & desserts. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR will be finalized on Thursday, January 25th. If you have a submission for either please call or email the office with the details.

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LUTHERAN WITNESS It is time for the yearly Lutheran Witness renewal. There is a list on the bulletin board. **Please make any changes to your information.** If you no longer wish to receive the Lutheran Witness, cross your name off. If you aren't receiving it and would like to, please add your name on the last page. The yearly cost is \$20.65/person. If you would like to offset the church's expense, please use the Lutheran Witness envelope in the front your offering box.

LENTEN DINNERS There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in helping with supper before one of our Lent Services on Wednesday nights. Sign up as a Board or as a group and come for fellowship and a meal before the service.

A NEW FLOWER CHART is up for 2024. Sign up to bring flowers for the altar on Sunday in recognition of a special event or loved one.

GREETER AND ALTAR GUILD sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

Other Important dates coming up:

February 11: Transfiguration Day – The Last Sunday of the Epiphany Season

**February 14: Ash Wednesday – The First Day of Lent
Midweek Lenten Services Begin**

February 21: Wednesday Faith Skills @ Fort Leonard Wood, Main Post Chapel

Requesting Prayers

Pray for Our Servicemen and Missionaries we support

†Devin Houser†Franklin LaLonde†Chris MacMurray†Jacob Gan†Anthony Isaac
†Laramie Yancey †Geoff Gronewold†
†Nathaniel & Emma Jensen (Kaiserslauten)†
†Michael Parris (China) †Rev. Dr. David Preus & family (Romania)

Current Events

†Pray that we and the nations
put away false gods, but know,
trust, love, and follow Jesus
†Natural disasters recovery
†Prayers for Peace and Justice
†Prayer for Nation's Leaders
and illness; prayer for the Lord
to do His will through local,
state, and national elections
†Health Workers
†Educators & Students
†All new military visitors and
families

Thanksgivings

†Samantha
†Shelby
†Free Women's Center

Immediate Needs

†Kenneth Drees
†Marcia Euren
†George Garber
†Peggy Gregor
†Mary Jones
†Judy Keeth
†Dawn Kubinski
†Tim Matthews
†JD Mattison
†Ingrid Ozee
†Karl Sutterfield
†Richard Teague
†Roberta Thornsberry
†Jami Turner
†Chaya Velasquez

†Dave Wainio

†Sharon Wilson

†Timothy Wolf

Long Term Needs

†Kristine

†Sheri

†Ann Marie Boerner (Capps)

†The Boettger Family

†Barb BonGiovanni

†Dan Boorum

†Ray Crosby

†Madison Ford

†Duane Green

†Finnigan Heine

†Mary Jones

†Liz Joyce

†Marge Kohl

†Irene Leitgeb

†Marie Matthews

†Ken Merrill

†Sydney Merrill

†Jenny Miessler

†Marion Munson

†Judy Neff

†Lili Osorio

†Dwayne Richard

†Susan Rostad

†Helen Rostad

†Melvin Rust

†Pastor Ben Schumacher

†Ben Paul Schumacher

†Mary Smith

†Donna Thomas

†Becky Vogel

†Ron Weaver

†Jerome Welliver

†Lisa Weinhold

Comfort Facing Death

†The Family of Dorothy
Alexander

†The Family of Dex Boorum