

Living in Grace: Loving God & Serving Others

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

4 February 2024, 10:15 am.

AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus says, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." His ministry and mission for this world was one for all people. Even as Jesus early on in His earthly ministry heals people, including Simon's mother-in-law, so He comes to us still with healing through the forgiveness of sins. Blessed by Him and His unending grace, we can be rejuvenated and strengthened on "wings like eagles" and serve all in His name and "become all things to all people, that by all means [we] might save some . . . for the sake of the gospel."

HYMN OF INVOCATION

696 O God, My Faithful God

- 1 O God, my faithful God,
True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,
And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do
With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command,
My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should
While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good,
For You must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words
That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech
May from my lips be falling;

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But when within my place
I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace
Lest I offend the weak.

- 4 Lord, let me win my foes
With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends
For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught,
To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might
To live in peace with all.
- 5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

C O LORD, be my helper.

P Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

C let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

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.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6



I will sing | to the LORD,*

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;*

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"*

lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

But I have trusted in your | steadfast love;*

my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

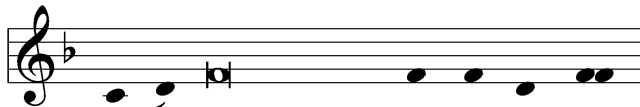
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will sing | to the LORD,*

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

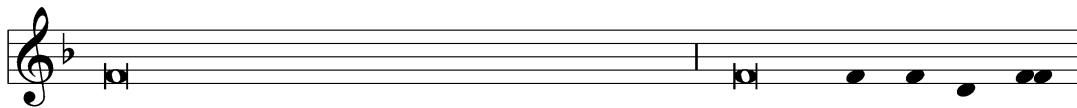
Mark 10:47



[A] In peace let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.



[A] For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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C Lord, have mer - cy.



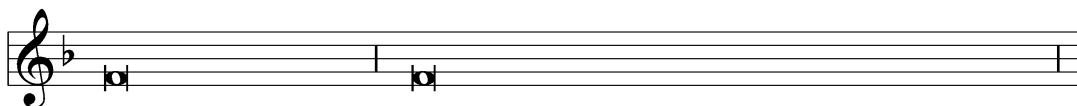
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



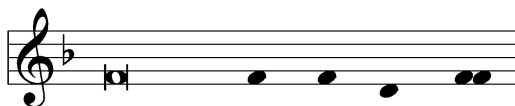
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



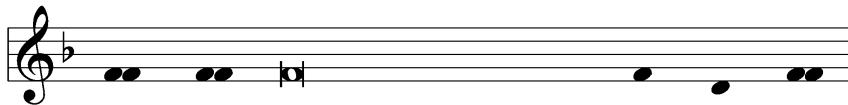
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

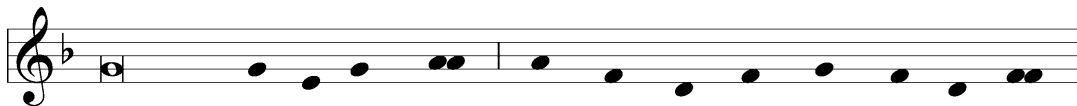


C A - men.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, 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:



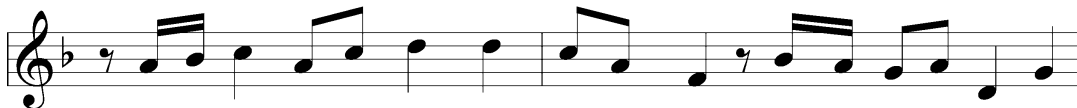
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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,

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in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. . . O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

David Cink

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 147

Pastor Marty

¹*Praise the LORD!*

*For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*

²**The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

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³*He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.*

⁴**He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

⁵*Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.*

⁶**The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷*Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!*

⁸**He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹*He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.*

¹⁰**His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

¹¹*but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him
in those who hope in his steadfast love.*

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Joanne Runnels

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand in honor of the Gospel.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Apostles' Creed

P Let us affirm what we believe using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jane Goss

(Kindergarten - 4th grade students are excused to attend Children's Church in the ANNEX)

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HYMN OF THE DAY

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Free From All. . . Servant to All"
1 Corinthians 9: 19

Pastor Marty Tyler

Sermon Notes

Focus Scripture Verse(s)

The Law (Shows Our Sin)

The Gospel (Shows Our Salvation)

Main Point:

What Does This Mean for Me?

Application:

How does what I learned help me share God's Good News?

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Please stand as you are able.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.

Our ability to continue to serve you, the church, and our community is greatly dependent upon our members' willingness to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD's church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings. As the Apostle Paul writes, *"Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the special grey box sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.

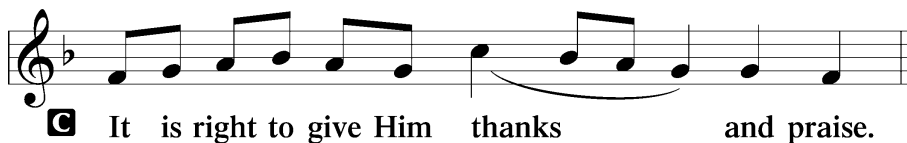
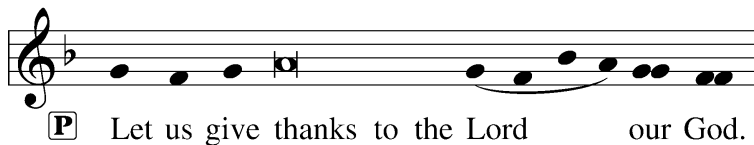
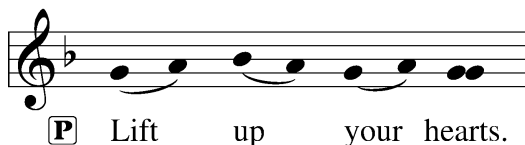
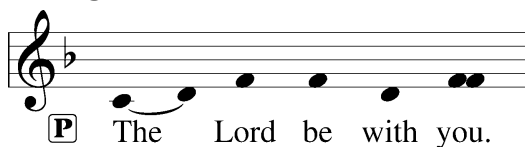
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.

PREFACE



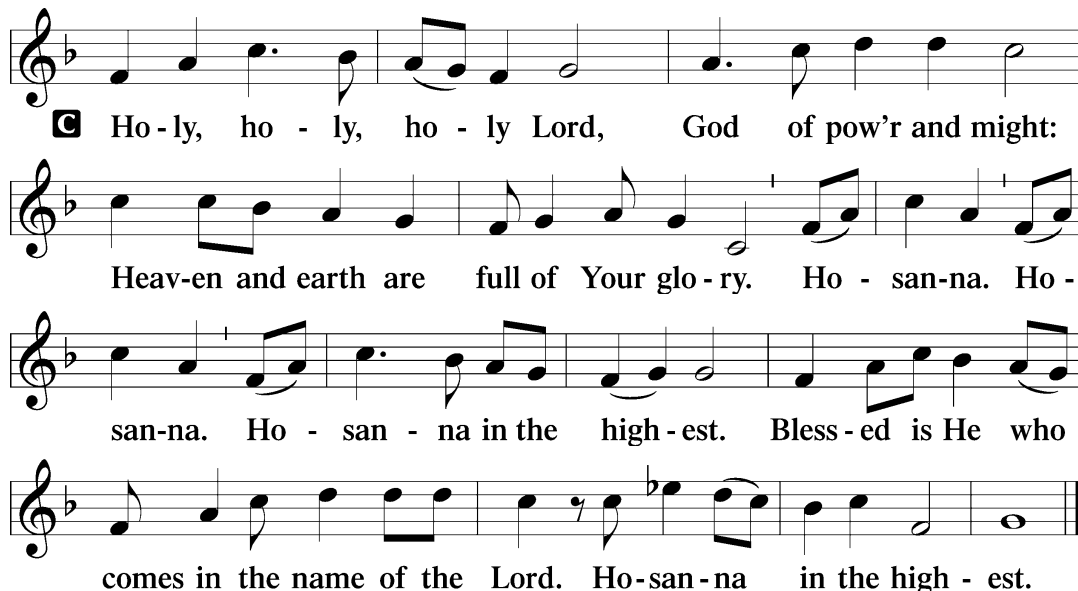
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PROPER PREFACE

- 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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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;

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**and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

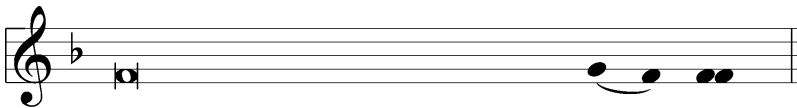
**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

PAX DOMINI ~ *Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



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.

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MY CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

- I REJOICE in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.
- I REPENT of all my sins in thought, word, and deed.
- I RECEIVE Christ's real body and blood, as well as the bread and wine in this Sacrament.
- I RELY on our Savior's promise of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to me through this Holy Supper.
- I REAFFIRM my oneness with fellow communicants in accepting all of Christ's teaching.
- I RESOLVE to live a sanctified life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!
- 3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!
- 4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

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698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

- 1 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill
And do on earth our Father's will
As angels do above;
Still walk in Christ, the living way,
With all Thy children and obey
The law of Christian love.
- 2 So may we join Thy name to bless,
Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,
From sin and strife to flee.
One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same,
A crown of life with Thee.
- 3 Spirit of life, of love and peace,
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply.
To each of us the blessing give
In Christian fellowship to live,
In joyful hope to die.

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.

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- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Please stand.

THANK THE LORD



 Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

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He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. . .

O Lord, Your blessing is abundant in this Holy Supper that we have shared. For the forgiveness of our sins through the blood of Christ, we give You thanks. Guide us in this new year that we be a blessing to our neighbors and in our community; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

P The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,

G **but the life He lives He lives to God.**

P So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.



G A - men.

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HYMN TO DEPART

825 Rise, Shine, You People

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

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Lent & Holy Week Schedule



Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14, 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. **Holy Communion.** *Vespers @ 5:15pm & Soup Supper @ 6:00pm, February 21-March 20.*



Palm Sunday

MARCH 24, 10:15am

Sunday before Easter. It is a celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, observed with palm branches



Maundy Thursday

MARCH 28, 6:00pm

Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Last Supper and foot washing, often observed with stripping of the altar. **Holy Communion**



Good Friday

MARCH 29. 6:00pm

Friday before Easter. It is a most solemn day as we observe the day Jesus was crucified. **Holy Communion**



Holy Saturday

MARCH 30, 6:00pm

Saturday before Easter. It observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. It is a day of somber reflection.



Resurrection Sunday

MARCH 31, 10:15am

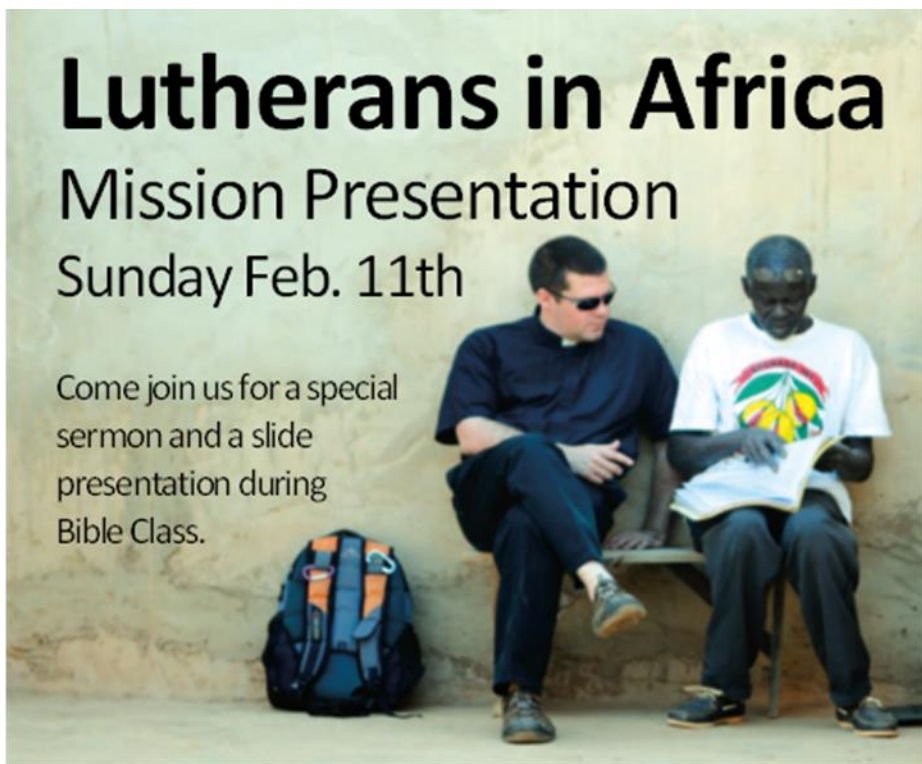
Hallelujah! Christ has risen! It is a day of joyful celebrations. This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. **Holy Communion**

Lutherans in Africa

Mission Presentation

Sunday Feb. 11th

Come join us for a special sermon and a slide presentation during Bible Class.



Lutherans in Africa is an independent LCMS mission group that is filling a great need in Africa. There are millions of Lutherans in Africa but they do not know what it means to be a Lutheran. Most Lutherans in Africa only see a pastor every other month. Many of those pastors have never seen Luther's Small Catechism. Lutherans in Africa conducts teaching seminars around the continent of Africa and at their school outside of Nairobi, Kenya. Come and see what this is all about on Sunday, February 11th in church and Bible class.



