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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY **January 22, 2023**

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it in the offering plates also.*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord 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. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and 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 this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For those desiring to receive the sacrament using the common cup (large chalice), it is offered at the 8:00 a.m. service in addition to the individual cups. Those with special dietary needs such as gluten free or alcohol free are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon *“the people who walked in darkness”* and *“who dwelt in a land of deep darkness”* (Is. 9:2). He also has *“multiplied the nation”* and *“increased its joy”* (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be *“fishers of men”* (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth *“proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people”* (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides *“those who are perishing”* from *“us who are being saved”* (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, *“in the same mind and the same judgment”* (1 Cor. 1:10).

Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One LSB151

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.**

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.**

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.**

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Stand

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.

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.

Introit

Ps. 22:27–31; antiphon: Ps. 22:22

P I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

C All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

P For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

C All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

P Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

C they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

Kyrie

LSB 152

♫P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♫C Lord, have mercy.

♫P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♫C Lord, have mercy.

♫P 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 mercy.

♪**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪**C** Lord, have mercy.

♪**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪**C** Amen.

♪Hymn of Praise “Gloria in Excelsis”

LSB154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

♪**P** The Lord be with you.

♪**C** And also with you.

P 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** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1–4

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: "Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star" (10:30)

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

♫ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

♫ **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and

Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪C Praise to You, 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.

Sit

Children's Message

♪ Sermon Hymn: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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Sermon "Follow Me"

Pastor Erik

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 160

- ♪ **P** The Lord be with you.
- ♪ **C** And also with you.
- ♪ **P** Lift up your hearts.
- ♪ **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- ♪ **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ♪ **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You

have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ **Sanctus**

LSB 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- 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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

Pax Domini

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

♪ **Agnus Dei**

LSB 163

- ☐** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Those with mobility issues who would prefer to receive the sacrament at the pew are encouraged to remain standing at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.

Those coming to the altar will be welcomed and dismissed half table by half table.

It is helpful to fill the table from the wall toward the middle on both sides.

Used individual cups can be left in the holes in the altar rail.

Distribution Hymns

♪ **“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”**

LSB 637

- 1** Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2** He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3** Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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♪ **“Just as I Am, without One Plea”**

LSB 570

- 1** Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2** Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 3 **Just as I am, though tossed about With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 4 **Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 5 **Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 6 **Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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♪“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

LSB 643

- 1 **Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**
- 2 **With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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Stand

♪ **Post-Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord”**

LSB 164

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** 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 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** Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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** Amen.

Sit

♪ **Closing Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

LSB 649

- 1 **Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**
- 2 **Before our Father’s throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.**
- 3 **We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.**
- 4 **When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.**
- 5 **From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.**

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Josh Ruwe, Haley Brogren, Paul Biermann, Roger Fredrickson, Barbara Greve, Alvin Longe, Jess Thompson, Cheryl Suehl, Heath Greve, Nick Spahr, Karlee Janke, Amber Sperry, Ross Rastede, & Gary Manning

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian & Lori Bebee

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$7,410.

PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: We will continue our overview of basic teachings of the church through a Lutheran perspective. Today we will take up Sacrament of the Altar. The class meets in the basement at 9:15 following our Sunday School opening.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: We are nearing the end of our study of 2 Kings and have reached the events surrounding the fall of the Southern Kingdom. This is a key part of Bible as it provides the historical context for books like Ezekiel and Daniel. Join us at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been distributed in your church mailbox for those making use of them. If you cannot locate your envelopes, please contact the church office.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Hopelessly Hopeful" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- Having hope for humanity is not the same thing as hoping in humanity. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “The Wine Sign” is the lesson for this week. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus’ first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witnessed this miracle marvel at what He has done. Discuss, “What wonders does God still work through His people?”

COLLEGE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS: We invite all college students to come join us for our Sunday Night Dinners and Bible Study down at Cup of Grace each Sunday starting at 6:30pm. For our church members if you would like to sign up to host a meal you can find the schedule on the southwest church door. If you aren’t a student but would like to join us, please do so. We would love to connect with as many people as possible!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2022: Thank you to all who so faithfully and generously support the work of Grace Lutheran through your gifts and offerings. 2022 Contribution statements for those who use offering envelopes have been prepared and should be in your church mailbox. Any statements not picked up by the end of the month will be mailed via USPS. If there are questions or inaccurate information on your report, please contact our financial secretary, Jeanette Swanson (402) 369-0021 or call the church office (402) 375-1905. Even if you don't need the statement for tax purposes, it is important to review them as a check of the accuracy of our financial system.

VALENTINES LUNCH: The youth are selling spots for our upcoming Valentines Lunch on February 12th. We will serve food following our late service until 1pm. Plates are \$15 each and with that you can pick between Prime Rib or Sautéed Mushroom Chicken. You will also receive a salad, baked potato and dessert. Childcare will be available with a suggested donation of \$3 per child. Speak to one of our youth today, or contact the church office. Thanks again for all of your support!

DID YOU KNOW: God gives you many opportunities throughout the week to meet people who don’t know Him as their Savior. At work, in recreation, at community events, in person and online, they are there if we take the time to see and notice them. Who will come across your path who needs a word of hope, an act of kindness or an expression of love motivated by God’s love for you? Keep an eye out for them and for ways to live out 1 John 4:19 this week (...*He loved you first!*) **Lutheran Family Service -** www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

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Lauren Ekberg (10:30)

LAY READER: Lowell Schardt (8:00) Doug Temme (10:30)

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Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp (10:30)

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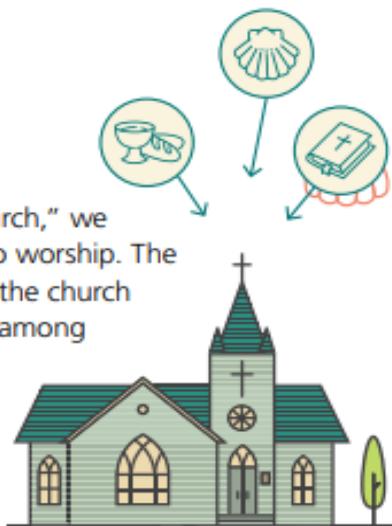
THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
MONDAY	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
	6:00 pm.	Choir
	7:30 pm.	Elders
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	5:00 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	7:00 pm.	Altar Guild
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is the “church”?

When someone says the word “church,” we usually think of a place people go to worship. The Lutheran Confessions teach us that the church is the “assembly of all the believers among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the Holy Sacraments are administered according to the Gospel.” Wow! The church is so much more than a building!



If the church is more than just the building, then why is the building and everything in it so important?

The church building, or the “sanctuary,” is a place where God is present. We know that our Lord has promised to come to us in His Sacraments. Since God is actually here with us in His house, we should be very reverent, or respectful. We don’t want anything in the church pulling us away from what God gives us in His Word and Sacraments. Everything should direct our attention toward Him.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your children to the wonderfully Gospel-rich symbolism found in the sanctuary, including the on the altar, windows and banners. Remind them that the Lord truly comes to us here in His Word and Sacraments. He brings us what we really need: the forgiveness of sins.



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