Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

January 1, 2023
The First Sunday after Christmas



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God On our 50th wedding anniversary by Elaine and Dietrich Fabricius

Serving Today

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Pastor Jonathan Christensen		Robert Hamrick, Organist
	Craig	Escude, Choir Director/Cantor
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Elders	Rick Sanborn	David White
Lectors Ushers	Rick Sanborn	Leah Ryel
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
Altar Guild	Rose Steen	Debbie Leger
		Michele Escude`
	Serving Next Week	
	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Lectors	Paul Mincer	Debby Zagone
Ushers		
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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The Divine Service: Setting One

Prelude Prelude in Classical Style Gordon Young

Stand



- Oh, the joy beyond expressing
 When by faith we grasp this blessing,
 And to You we come confessing
 That Your love has set us free.
- 6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your lowly manger cheer us, Gently lead us and be near us Till we join Your choir above.

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- ${f P}$ In the name of the Father and of the $oldsymbol{+}$ 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.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Sit

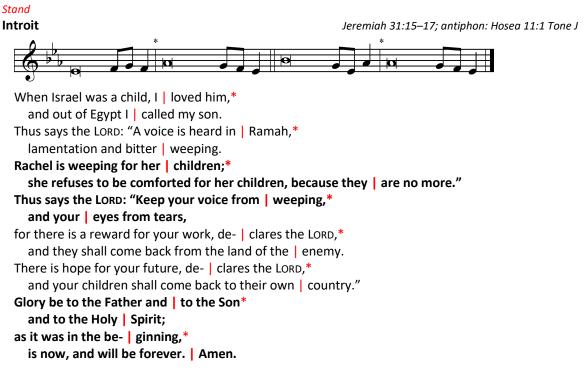
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

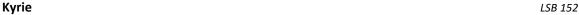
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left

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.

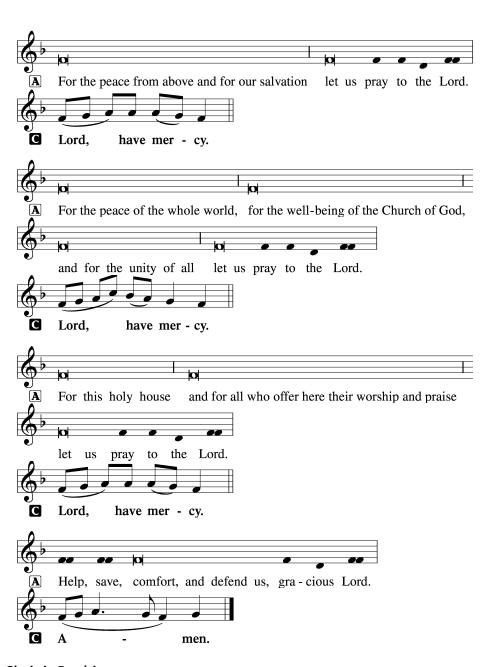
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word









Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

LSB 154



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray... O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7-14

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely

they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.

¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹²who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9a, b Tone J ¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,* in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation. ²Great are the works | of the LORD,* studied by all who de- | light in them. ³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,* and his righteousness endures for- | ever. ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;* the LORD is gracious and | merciful. ⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;* he remembers his covenant for- | ever. ⁶He has shown his people the power | of his works,* in giving them the inheritance of the | nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;* all his precepts are | trustworthy; 8they are established forever and | ever,* to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.* Holy and awesome | is his name! ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.* His praise endures for- | ever!

Epistle Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Matthew 2:13–23

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

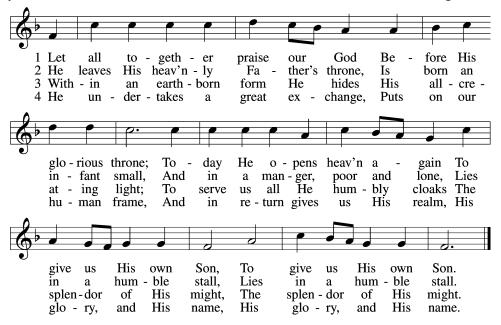
¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn



- 5 He is a servant, I a lord:
 - How great a mystery!

How strong the tender Christ Child's love!

No truer friend than He,

No truer friend than He.

- 6 He is the key and He the door
 - To blessèd paradise;

The angel bars the way no more.

To God our praises rise,

To God our praises rise.

 \triangle 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,

Lord Jesus, we adore

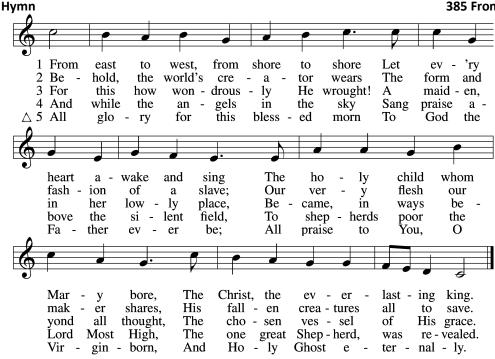
And praise to God the Father yield

And Spirit evermore;

We praise You evermore.

Sermon





Stand

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 \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

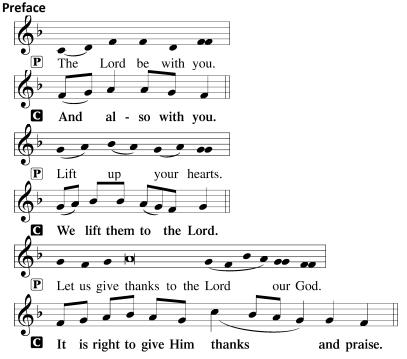
Sit

Offering 8:00 AM Aria Alan Viner

10:45 Choir Joy to the World







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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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

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 ⅓ 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."

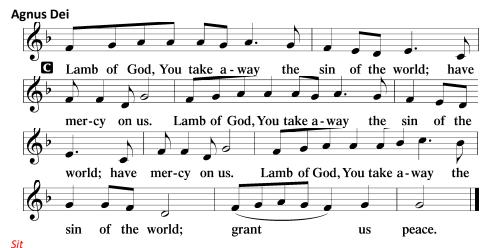
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed 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

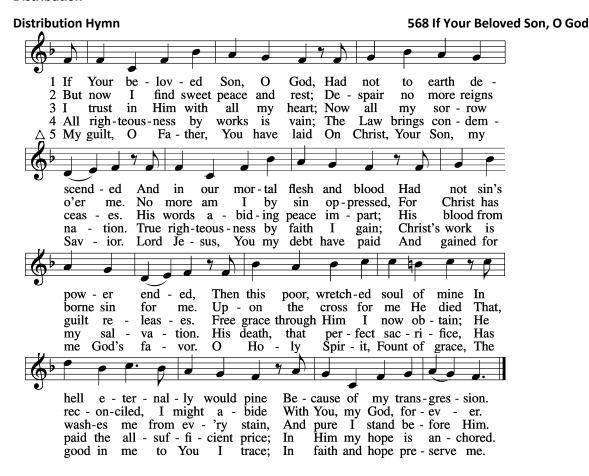
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Pax Domini LSB 163

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

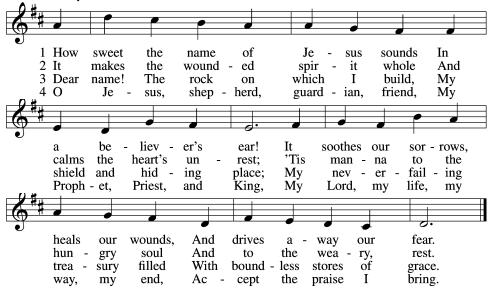


Distribution





524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



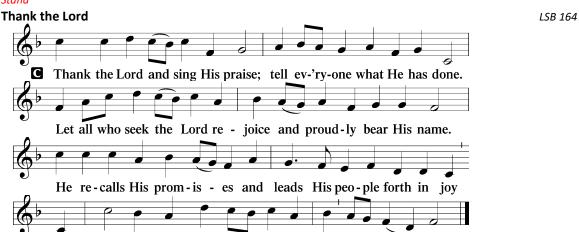
5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought! But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought. 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath; And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

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.

Stand



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

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

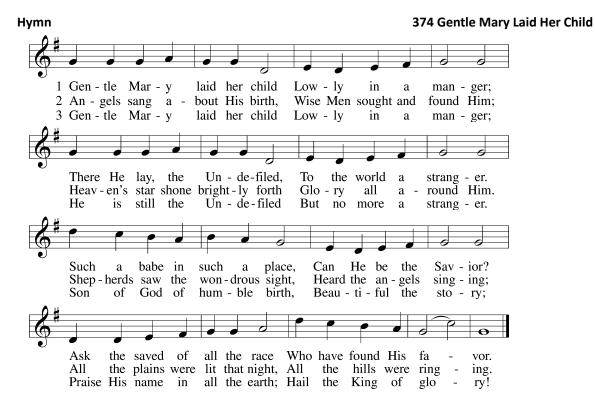
Benediction LSB 166

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.



Postlude Pastoral Richard Shephard

Prayer List Long Term Illness

Michael Terzian Brenda Ridgeway Mike & Suzie Characky

(Keeney) (Amato) (Steen)

Pastor Dale Kaster Gretchen Sweetser Annette & Jim Bodden

(Kugler)(Mincer)(Heaphy)Brian KeeneyMary CoffmanJudy Fuchs

Joyce (Kruse) (Coffman)

Stacy Olson (Ryel)

Surgeries and Illness

Homero Gonzalez Jan Tharp Jostine McGlynn

Juana Maria Vela Wally Rose Mincer (Luecke's)

(Homero's sister) Joe Gabriel (Amato) Grant (McLellan)

Agapia Dragan (Luecke David Hawthorne Betty Ude

B) Vicki Fisher
Joanne Blanchard Mary Hill
(Clancy) Louise Bauer

Personal and Family Concerns

Kaufman Family Melissa Shipman-Bates
Nona Schmook Debbie Leger & sons Will & Cooper

Leah Ryel Sandi Rivers (Ryel) (Amato)

Karen Ude Wayne & Karen Mathis Teresa Fisher & children

Nancy Stang (Steen) Colby & Audrey

Nancy Hinshaw Mark & Julie Rorie (Kaufman)

Joann Kapugi (Armstrong)

Homebound

Albert & Marianne Dianne Luecke Judy Fuchs
Bugner Jan Nelson Joann Kapugi
Sue Smith Louise Bauer Suzie Karnatz
Kathleen Fox Warna Berryman Nancy Stang

Compassion and Sympathy

Prayers and comfort for the Cheadle family at the passing of Ann Cheadle, Dec. 23 Prayers and comfort for the Fuchs family at the passing of George Fuchs, Dec. 25

Ministry Concerns

Our Preschool staff, children & families

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchikit, Haiti

Pastor Dale Kaster (Missionary, Czech Republic)

Pastor Daniel Jastram (Missionary, Japan)

Pastor Daniel Conrad (Missionary, Mexico)

Pastor Delwyn Campbell (Missionary, Indiana)

Jacob and Marie Sipes (Seminarian)

Scott and Veronica Missling (Seminarian)

Erik and Katie Saunders (Seminarian)

Thank you

The staff of Mt. Pisgah wants to thank everyone for the Christmas bonus. It is truly a blessing to work for a giving and thoughtful congregation.

Thank you

A **large thank you** to everyone who helped with the water break and clean up. The company that came said it truly minimized damage of the carpeted area before they could get here.

Marjorie Zell would like to thank everyone for prayers and cards at the passing of Harold. She truly appreciated the caring and comfort during this time of loss.

Mission of the Month

Hendersonville Rescue Mission

The general purpose of the Hendersonville Rescue Mission shall be to minister to needy persons by way of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them and helping to provide for their spiritual and physical needs. Through prayer and generous donations from the community, HRM no longer just serves delicious hot, balanced

meals to the public, but also provides shelter, guidance, education, support and hope to those looking to better their lives.

LWML/Ladies Guild

Welcome to a new year! Our group hopes that you can join us this year at our meetings on the second Monday of every month at 1 pm or as a Mailbox Member (see Kathy Kirchoefer to find out more about the LWML Mailbox Member Program).

Our first meeting this year will be held on Monday, January 9. We'll be enjoying a devotion and dessert provided by Debby Zagone and talking about our plans for the coming year.