Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

January 15, 2023

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



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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 In remembrance of Helga Feige by her family

Serving Today

Pastor Jonathan Christensen		Robert Hamrick, Organist
	Craig Escude, Choir Director/Cantor	
	8:00 AM	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Elders	Paul Mincer	David White
Lectors Ushers	Diane Sanborn	David White
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
Altar Guild	Adell Keeney	Debbie Leger
		Michele Escude`
	Serving Next Week	
	8:00 AM	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Lectors	Linda Licht	Wendy White
Ushers		
Greeter	Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook

Acknowledgments

The order of Matins from Lutheran Service Book (Modified to include the Lord's Supper)

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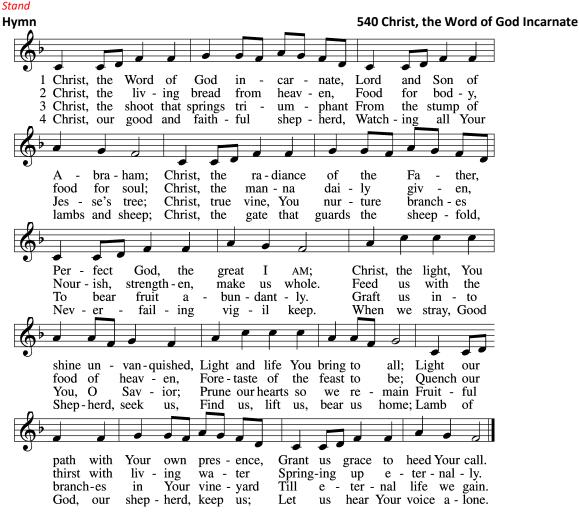
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The Order of Matins

Prelude

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

David Cherwien



5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die. Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest: Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast. △ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 290

- P I will go to the altar of God,
- to God my exceeding joy.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Confessional Address

P Beloved in the Lord, as we gather as one body in Christ to hear God's Word and receive the gifts of His grace, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

He was delivered unto death for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For in Him, we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

- C Amen.
- P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Confession of Sins

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.
- P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- C Yes.
- **P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

Absolution LSB 291

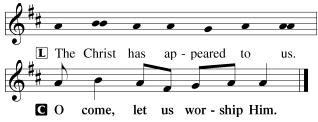
- **P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Blessing

- Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in + peace.
- C Amen.





Venite **C** 1 O come, let us sing the Lord. 2 For the Lord is a God 3 The sea is His, for He it, 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our tion. sal - va 2 and a great king a - bove all gods. 3 and His hand formed the dry_ land. Spir it; 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv ing, 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand; 3 O come, let us worship and down, 4 For He our God, 5 as it was in the be ning, 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. 2 the strength of the hills is Hisso. 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak er. 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep.... His hand. 5 is now, and will be for ev - er. A men. Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it. 0 come. let us wor - ship Him.

LSB 220

Collect of the Day

- P Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 49:1–7

L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 49.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

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Psalm
                                                                          Psalm 40:1-10; antiphon: v. 3 Tone I
  <sup>1</sup>I waited patiently | for the LORD;*
    he inclined to me and heard my cry.
  <sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,*
    and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
  <sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.*
    Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.
  <sup>4</sup>Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,*
    who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!
  <sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
  none can com- pare with you!*
    I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.
  6Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an ↓ open ear.*
    Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.
  <sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Behold, I have come;*
    in the scroll of the book it is writ- ten of me:
  8I desire to do your will, O my God;*
    your law is with- | in my heart."
  <sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congre- | gation;*
    behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
  <sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
  I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;*
    I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congre- gation.
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Stand

Holy Gospel John 1:29–42a

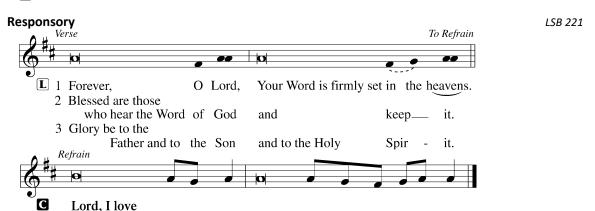
L A reading from John, chapter 1.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus

was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.



the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sit Hymn 550 Lamb of God 1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide. But You have they cru - ci - fied, 2 Your Gift of love They laughed and 3 I I should have died, But You have was lost. To walk up - on sent Him from Your side this guilt - y scorned Him The hum-ble King as He died: they named a brought me Your side To be led Your staff and by to And be - come the Lamb of God. sod, to fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. be called rod. And to lamb of God. a Refrain O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God! His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Sermon

Stand



Sit

Offering

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

John Jordan

Prayer

Stand

Kyrie LSB 227



Collects

Each petition will conclude with the following:



Collect for Grace

- L Almighty God, heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning and, though we in no wise deserve Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and cheerfully serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 216

- **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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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 241

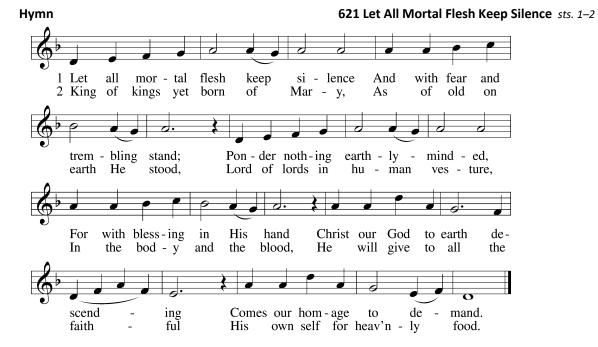
- L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and 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

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

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 H 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."

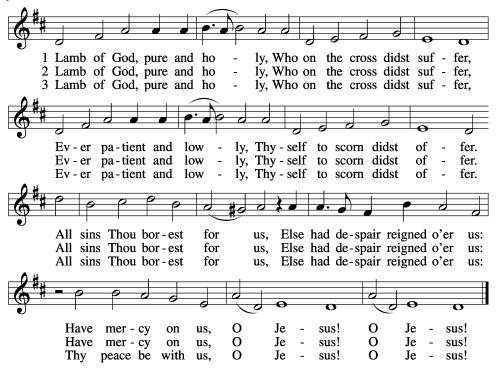


Pax Domini LSB 197

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



434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



Sit

Distribution LSB 199

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

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The Dismissal

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.

Post-Communion Collect

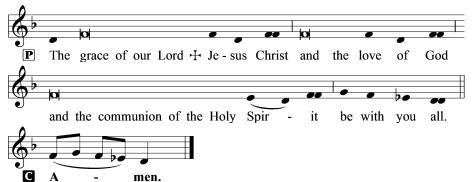
- O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus LSB 228



Benediction LSB 228





Prayer List

Long Term Illness

Adrienne Paris (Paris) Michael Terzian (Keenev)

Pastor Dale Kaster

(Kugler)

Brian Keeney Joyce (Kruse) Stacy Olson (Ryel) Brenda Ridgeway (Amato)

Gretchen Sweetser

(Mincer) Mary Coffman (Coffman)

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Mike & Suzie Characky

(Steen)

Annette & Jim Bodden

(Heaphy) Judy Fuchs

Surgeries and Illness

Leah Ryel

Ron Caldwell (Schmook) Juana Maria Vela (Homero's sister) Jan Tharp

Wally Rose Mincer

Joe Gabriel (Amato) Jostine McGlynn (Luecke's) Grant (McLellan) Agapia Dragan (Luecke

(Clancy) David Hawthorne Vicki Fisher Mary Hill Louise Bauer Betty Ude

Joanne Blanchard

Personal and Family Concerns

Linda Rice (McAbee)

Sue Oetting Karen Ude Nancy Stang Joann Kapugi **Kaufman Family** Debbie Leger

Sandi Rivers (Ryel) Wayne & Karen Mathis (Steen) Melissa Shipman-Bates & sons Will & Cooper (Amato)

Teresa Fisher & children Colby & Audrey (Kaufman) John Characky (Steen)

Homebound

Betty Ude Dianne Luecke Joann Kapugi Albert & Marianne Jan Nelson Suzie Karnatz Bugner Louise Bauer Nancy Stang

Sue Smith Warna Berryman

Kathleen Fox Judy Fuchs

Compassion and Sympathy

Prayers and comfort to the Ryel and Ranallo families at the passing of Leah's sister Jean Ranallo

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)

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Erik and Katie Saunders (Seminarian)

Donation/Offering receipts will be printed and/or emailed to you in January.

In case you are interested, here are the cost for the following: Portals Of Prayer (small print) \$2.13 each book per quarter Portals of Prayer (large print) \$3.55 each book per quarter Offering Envelopes \$3.08 per box Lutheran Witness \$12.95 per subscription

Please let us know if you want your offering statement emailed to you. This will save the paper to print it. Contact the church office or email MPLCacctg@gmail.com to let us know what email address to use.

Mission of the Month

Outreach & Community Concerns Hendersonville Rescue Mission

Our Mission Today:

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.

The food services at the Mission are quite unique in that the food is *delicious* and the entire public is welcome to join us for a meal, not just those staying in our living quarters. Our Good Samaritan Medical Clinic consists of volunteer physicians who provide basic medical services to those who do not have healthcare or could otherwise not afford it. By providing these services, clients and others in need are able to maintain better health and continue working or searching for employment and remain productive citizens.

While John was preaching, Jesus walked by.

