

## **Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany**

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**Welcome to St. Paul Chuckery.** We are glad to have you worshipping with us today. The Lord in his great mercy has called us together as a community of believers to have fellowship with him and with one another. We are pleased to share in that fellowship together with you. If there is any way that we can serve you or your family, please feel free to contact any member of our staff. We truly hope that the Lord bless you in His service to you today.

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and that He thereby strengthens our union with Him and with one another. (Matt 26:26-28). Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, (1 Corinthians 5:11-13) and set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15) and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim His death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26) Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity of faith, between those eating and drinking Christ's body and blood, members in good standing of sister LC-MS congregations are welcome to commune. Those who are of different confession of faith (non-LCMS churches), while not being able to commune (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 10:17, 1 Corinthians 11:26-29) are invited to speak with the Pastor (1 Corinthians 4:1ff) regarding instruction classes leading to Church membership.

**Common Cup:** While individual cups are still available, the common cup is also be available to those who would like to partake. Please indicate your desire to partake from the common cup to Pastor as he comes by.

### **Today**

**Greeters:** Mark & Sue Ann Dillahunt and Rob & Angie Bouic

**Acolytes:** Will Schlueter & Josh Underhill

**Ushers:** Mark Dillahunt, John Eickhoff, Dan Ferryman & Tony George

## **Next Week**

**Greeters:** Jeff & Deb Boyd and Darrell & Becky Breneman

**Acolytes:** Will Schlueter & Josh Underhill

**Ushers:** Justin George, Dennis Headings, Derik Heiss & Mat Johnson

## **This Week at St. Paul:**

**Monday:** 6:30 pm Stewardship Meeting

**Tuesday:** 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study

6:30 pm Darby Clovers 4-H

7:00 pm Budget Committee Meeting

**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm Choir

**Thursday:** 6:00 pm Grief Share (Plain City)

8:00 pm Dartball

## **Attendance for February 17th, 2019**

Worship Attendance 90

Sunday School Adults 15          Children 18          Teachers 5

## **Offering Report for February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Loose          \$ 52.00          Envelopes          \$4,197.00

Preschool          \$2,103.43          Enrichment \$ 810.93

**Total \$ 7,163.36**

**Building Fund Memorial** \$85.00 (Idella Eickhoff)

**Altar Flowers** today are given in memory of Josh and Easton Fraley by their loving Parents/Grandparents, Kim & Tony Fraley.

**Baptism:** Monroe Ellen Williams, son of Stephanie & Weiant Williams is being baptized. His Christian sponsors are Karen and Kellie Burns. He was born Oct. 19, 2018.

**Proposed Building Remodel:** The building committee has been busy meeting with contractors and they have a sketch of a possible fix for some of the most needed changes here at St. Paul. This initial drawing is to correct our need for improved restroom facilities and revision of the office spaces. There are copies available for you to take and review on the Narthex table. Expect a complete report at the upcoming Voter's Meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> after the service.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars: We are excited to share, St Paul Lutheran Church received \$9,120 in charitable outreach funding in 2018.**

All 2018 Choice Dollars® have been made available for members to direct and 2018 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2019. Log In as a member and designate your Choice Dollars before they expire!

**Epiphany Ministry:** *"I have no problem going back to prison!"* We will be participating in another Epiphany Ministry weekend in March. Martha and Janet will be going to Franklin Medical Center in Columbus to spend time with women inmates, ages 18-25. We will sing, have Bible studies and discussions with these young women, and share God with them. Many of them had not heard about God's love and forgiveness before they were incarcerated. We are asking for your help during this time. Please pray for our team of 23 volunteers, before and during the weekend of March 8-10. There is a guide to how you can pray for us on the Narthex table. Please take one. Also, we will be putting together a prayer chain to show the girls that many people are praying for them. Please put your name (first name only) on one of the colored lined papers on the table in the narthex to indicate your willingness to pray for us and for the girls at FMC. These strips will be put together to form a chain which will be strung around our meeting room. The girls will be amazed by this "prayer chain." Thank you for your prayer support! Martha Wolff and Janet Nicol

**St. John's Marysville Cookbooks** are available for \$20. There is a sample on the Narthex table. Kathy Picklesimer has them if you are interested.

**Issues, Etc.**  **The 2019 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference is coming to Chicago! Since there will only be one "Making the Case" Conference in 2019, we need a bigger venue. "Making the Case" will be Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 at Concordia University Chicago.**

The speaking lineup includes: Ross Douthat of the *New York Times*, Wesley Smith of The Discovery Institute, LCMS President Matt Harrison, Aaron Wolf of *Chronicles* magazine, Rev. Hans Fiene of *Lutheran Satire* and LCMS Worship Director Will Weedon. Early bird registration is \$115 per person and includes three meals. Child care is free. Conference attendance is limited to 500.

If you have any questions, please send an email to [conference@issuesetc.org](mailto:conference@issuesetc.org).

**Spring Session of GriefShare begins February 28, 2019:** The spring session of GriefShare (13-week program) begins on Thursday evenings (Feb. 28 – May 30) from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the former Plain City Elementary School building (classroom #110), located at 340 W. Main Street. Anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one is welcome to attend any of the GriefShare sessions. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. The 1<sup>st</sup> session, titled "**Is This Normal?**" introduces participants to GriefShare and explains why their grief experience is harder than they imagined, why the intensity and duration of their emotions are normal and appropriate, and despite how they feel right now, there is reason for hope. Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar, small group discussion, and workbook study. There is a \$15 suggested donation, which covers the cost of the workbook. To register, please call Janet at **614-561-7411**.

**Pastoral Epiphany Visit:** Pastor Schlueter would like to come to your home and offer a blessing for your home and visit with you. There is a sign up sheet on the Narthex table and those of you with email received an invitation to sign up using SignUp Genius.

**Thanks** to everyone for their support of our family with their prayers, texts, flowers, sympathy cards, memorials and coming out in the inclement weather to be with us at the Funeral Home. Thanks to Pastor Schlueter for his many visits during our Mother's living at Heartland/Prestige Gardens as a shut-in, particularly the final week of her life, the prayers and comfort provided before the viewing, and the wonderful message and funeral service. Thanks to Janet Nicol for her many visits to Mom as well and her nice job of playing the organ for the funeral service. Thanks to the Ladies Aid for their organization and preparation of the meal served to our family following the funeral service. As always, the meal was delicious and much appreciated. GOD's blessings to you all. *The family of Idella Eickhoff*

**Soup Suppers:** There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone that wants to prepare soup and sandwiches to be served prior to our upcoming Lenten services. The first one is Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**

**Luke 6:30-31 – "Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."** Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus. And every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

**Today in Sunday School** we study the calling of Jesus' first disciples with "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael." In Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. *You might discuss, "How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus was the Christ? How do we learn that Jesus is the Christ?"*

**PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY...**You're invited to attend the **Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference** Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 at Concordia University Chicago. Topics include: Secular Progressivism, Christian Joy, The Lord's Supper, The Hippocratic Oath and Conservatism. Speakers include: Matt Harrison, Ross Douthat, Hans Fiene, Wesley Smith, Will Weedon and Aaron Wolf. Early bird registration is \$115 and includes three meals. For more information, visit [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

**Private Confession and Absolution:** The practice of Private Confession and Absolution is a practice that was established by Jesus (*If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.* John 20:23) and has been in use in the Church throughout its' history, including our history as Lutherans. (*What sins should we confess? Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.* [Small Catechism: The Keys]) Pastor is available for private confession at any time during the week by appointment. Please call him at (937) 594-1575.

## **Golden Eagles Events!**

Get ready to dosido your partner, and parade a grand right and left! The CEA is asking for some **old time square dancers** to help teach and demonstrate their skills at their family social event on **March 16**. Let Kelly Gallmeyer know if you can be there. It's a fun way to connect across generations while sharing a great evening of fellowship.

On **April 10**, the Golden Eagles will be serving up delicious pork and sauerkraut at our last **Lenten Dinner of the season**. We need servers, cooks, dishwashers, and dessert makers. A sign-up list is on the bulletin board in the Marie Pharr Room. Proceeds and donations from our dinner goes to fund this year's Military Salute. Please plan to attend and contribute to the Golden Eagles' annual service activity! Surgut!

**MilitarySalute-April12th**. Planning for this year's very special Military Salute is already underway. In collaboration with the Ohio Army National Guard units at our local armory, we will honor, recognize, and celebrate our service men and women who have served with pride through the years. Additionally, we will lift up the National Guard soldiers by contributing to the units' Family Support Groups. Tours of the armory, rides on military vehicles, climbing wall challenges, and of course FOOD will be featured. Students, families, friends, and community members are invited to attend from 6:30-9:00 pm at the OARNG Armory in Marysville. A tribute to all veterans attending will take place at 7:00 pm on the drill floor. God Bless our Veterans!

**594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!

2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!

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*Stand*



P Glory be to God on high:

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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**

*Genesis 45:3–15*

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up

to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42*

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 6:27–38*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## 820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

1 My soul, now praise your Maker!  
Let all within me bless His name  
Who makes you full partaker  
Of mercies more than you dare  
claim.  
Forget Him not whose meekness  
Still bears with all your sin,  
Who heals your ev'ry weakness,  
Renews your life within;  
Whose grace and care are endless  
And saved you through the past;  
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless  
But rights the wronged at last.

2 He offers all His treasure  
Of justice, truth, and righteousness,  
His love beyond all measure,  
His yearning pity o'er distress;  
Nor treats us as we merit  
But sets His anger by.  
The poor and contrite spirit  
Finds His compassion nigh;  
And high as heav'n above us,  
As dawn from close of day,  
So far, since He has loved us,  
He puts our sins away.

3 For as a tender father  
Has pity on his children here,  
God in His arms will gather  
All who are His in childlike fear.  
He knows how frail our powers,  
Who but from dust are made.  
We flourish like the flowers,  
And even so we fade;  
The wind but through them passes,  
And all their bloom is o'er.  
We wither like the grasses;  
Our place knows us no more.

4 His grace remains forever,  
And children's children yet shall  
prove  
That God forsakes them never  
Who in true fear shall seek His love.  
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,  
His rule is over all;  
O hosts with might excelling,  
With praise before Him fall.  
Praise Him forever reigning,  
All you who hear His Word—  
Our life and all sustaining.  
My soul, O praise the Lord!

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### Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

- C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface**

*LSB 194*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**  
**P** It is truly meet, 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 195*

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Distribution

### 741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense  
And my Savior, now is living!  
Knowing this, my confidence  
Rests upon the hope here given,  
Though the night of death be fraught  
Still with many\_an anxious thought.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;  
Likewise I to life shall waken.  
He will bring me where He is;  
Shall my courage then be shaken?  
Shall I fear, or could the Head  
Rise and leave His members dead?

3 No, too closely I am bound  
By my hope to Christ forever;  
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,  
Grasped it, and will leave it never;  
Even death now cannot part  
From its Lord the trusting heart.

4 I am flesh and must return  
To the dust, whence I am taken;  
But by faith I now discern  
That from death I shall awaken  
With my Savior to abide  
In His glory, at His side.

5 Glorified, I shall anew  
With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
In this body I shall view  
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
In this flesh I then shall see  
Jesus Christ eternally.

6 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
For His members Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, they will hear His voice;  
Dying, they will never perish;  
For the very grave is stirred  
When the trumpet's blast is heard.

7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave  
And at death no longer tremble;  
He, the Lord, who came to save  
Will at last His own assemble.  
They will go their Lord to meet,  
Treading death beneath their feet.

8 O, then, draw away your hearts  
From all pleasures base and hollow;  
Strive to share what He imparts  
While you here His footsteps follow.  
As you now still wait to rise,  
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

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### 561 The Tree of Life

1 The tree of life with ev'ry good  
In Eden's holy orchard stood,  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet  
God let the man and woman eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew  
Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned  
Against whose eating God had warned.

2 The stillness of that sacred grove  
Was broken, as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile  
And Adam too by sin defile.  
O day of sadness when the breath  
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed  
Within the world so newly made.

3 What mercy God showed to our race,  
A plan of rescue by His grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed,  
The One to fill our greatest need—  
For on a tree uplifted high  
His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and  
dread  
To crush the ancient serpent's head!

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4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame  
Flows life eternal in His name;  
For all who trust and will believe,  
Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet  
The Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood  
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

### 544 O Love, How Deep

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how  
high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 He sent no angel to our race,  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
And to this world Himself He came.

3 For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.

4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not Himself but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A Bless we the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.  
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

## 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!
  
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
  
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
  
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.
  
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

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## **Congregation at Prayer**

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father and the Son ✝ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Memory: 1 Corinthians 10:4**

and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

**Meditation:** (*Portals of Prayer / Devotion*)

### **Daily Readings**

**Feb. 25** Job 20:1–23, 29      John 8:21–38

**Feb. 26** Job 21:1–21      John 8:39–59

**Feb. 27** Job 30:16–31      John 9:1–23

**Feb. 28** Job 31:1–12, 33–40      John 9:24–41

**Mar. 1** Job 33:1–18      John 10:22–42

**Mar. 2** Job 33:19—34:9      John 11:1–16

**Mar. 3** Job 34:10–33      John 11:17–37

**In our Prayers this Week:** (on back)

**Collect:** O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Apostles' Creed**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction:** May the Lord Almighty bless our days ✝ and our deeds in his peace. Amen.

***The following is a list of prayer concerns. Please use this as a daily reminder in your Prayer Time.***

**Members who are ill, recovering or seeking medical treatment:** Harold Burns, Sharon Gale, Bill Headings, Marjorie Loschky, Linda Scheiderer, Ann Schmidt, Bonnie Thiergartner, Jeanie Thiergartner, Carol Tillman

**Shut-ins:**

Virginia Greenbaum– Walnut Crossing	Marjorie Loschky – Gables
Jane Nicol – Gables	Elton Rausch – home
Margia Renner – Edgewater	Helen Scheiderer – Brookdale
Jeanie Thiergartner – Home	Martha Wolff – Brookdale
Bob Dellinger – Bluebird	Patty Cooper - Home

**Public/National Service:** Darrell Breneman (Sheriff's deputy), Joshua Dillahunt (police), William Harms (Prison Guard), Nathan Burns (firefighter), and Shane McNae (police), Pleasant Valley Fire Department and Plain City Police Department (pray for their safety).

**Miscellaneous:** Epiphany Ministries, Loving Care Hospice & Home Health, Grief Share and Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation – Charities in Thailand, Miguel & Rachel Gonzalez Feliciano (Seminary Student), and New Path Pregnancy Resource Center

**Birthdays:** 24 – Connor Boyd & Dan Burns; 25 – Bill Dellinger; 26 – Katelyn Oakley & Rita Rinehart; 28 – Libby Dellinger

**Anniversaries:** 24 Doug & Linda Scheiderer