Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

Special Welcome To Those With Young Children

We are very happy that you are here today! At St. John we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. John.

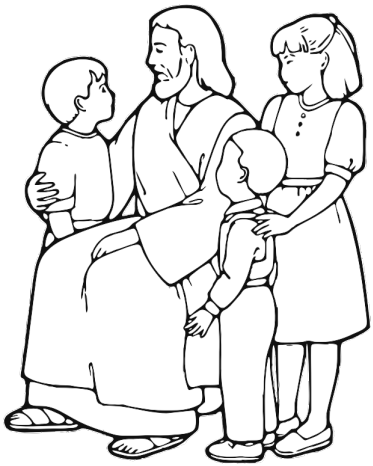
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily watch the pastor, note the colors, hear the bells, see the fire, and wonder about the stained-glass windows of the Lord's Prayer and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.

- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them too.

- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.

  If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we didn't build a nursery. Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out.

- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of good folks here who would love to lend you a hand!



Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to St. John!

Prelude *Kenneth Hill, Organist*

HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" *LSB 909*

Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

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

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 151*

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.

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

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.**

Absolution *LSB 151*

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.

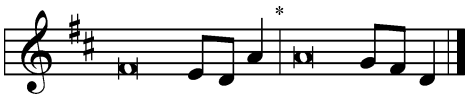
C **Amen.**

Remain Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14



P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable | in your sight,*
O Lord, my rock and my re- | deemer.

C The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

P Day to day | pours out speech,*
and night to night reveals | knowledge.

C There is no speech, nor | are there words,*
whose voice | is not heard.

P Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to
the end | of the world.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun.

ALL Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable | in your sight,*
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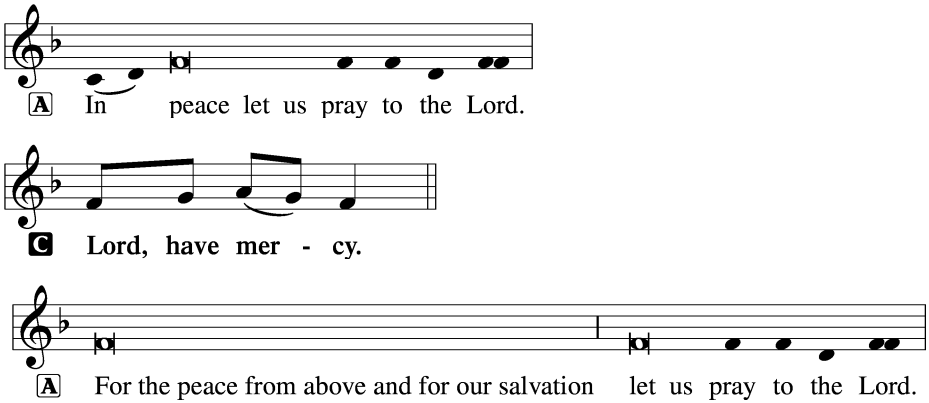
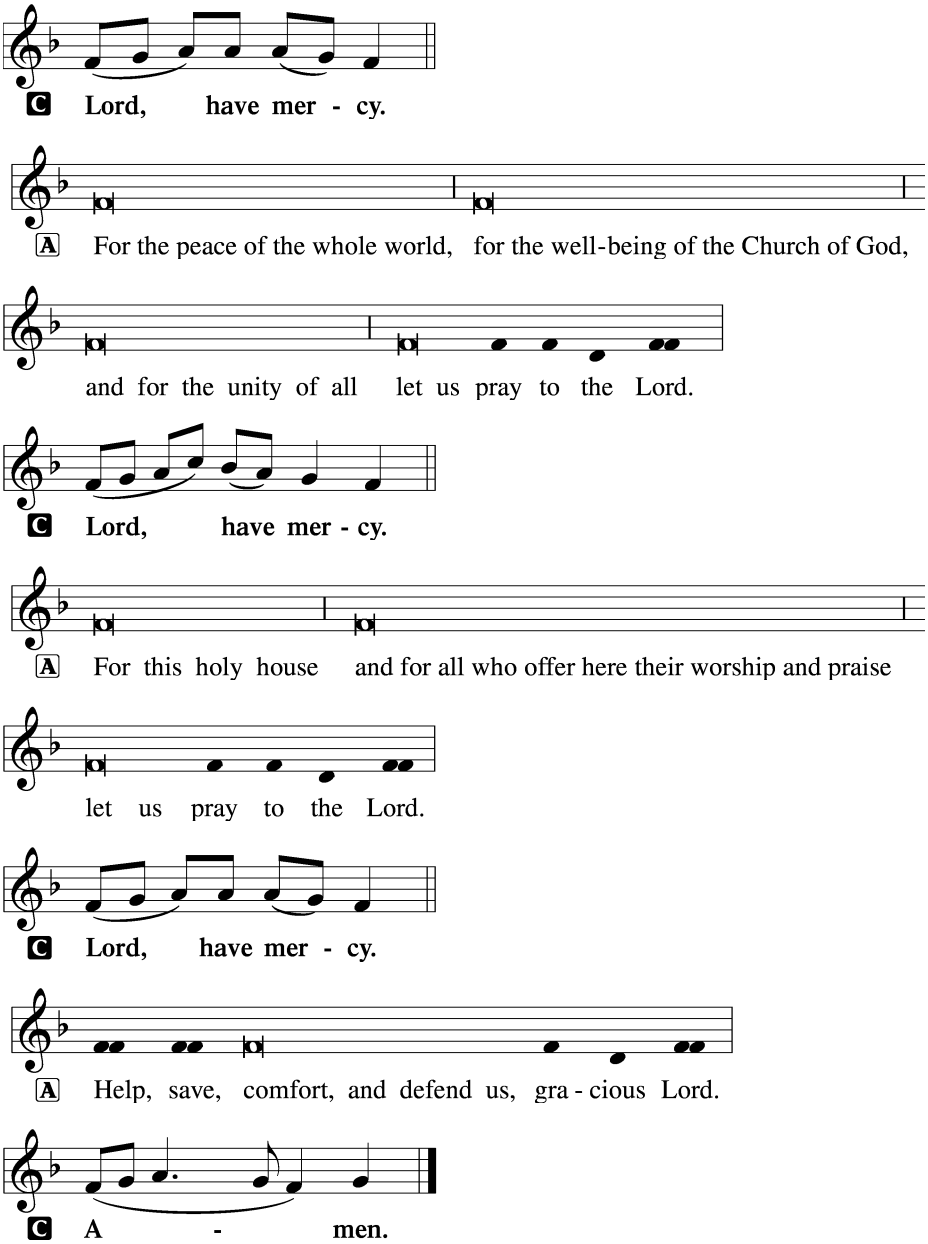
Kyrie

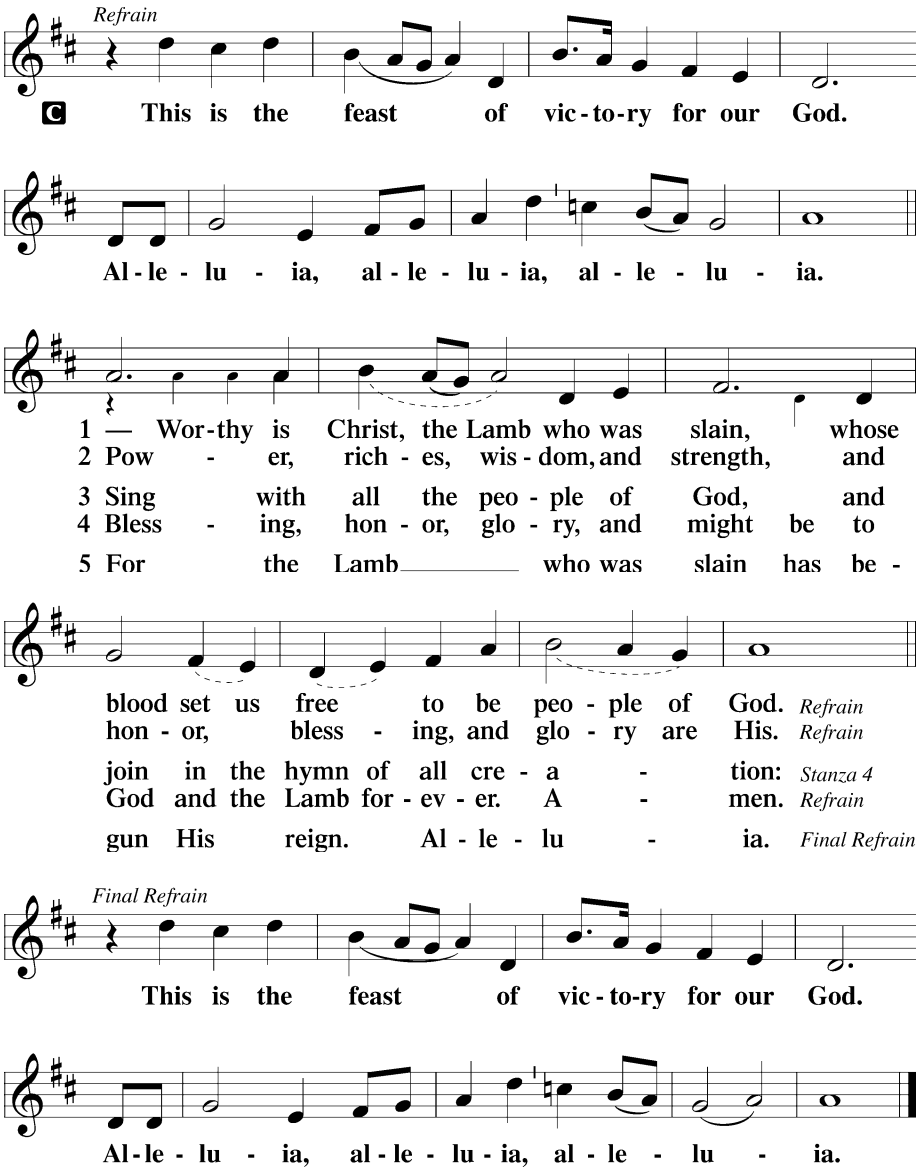
LSB 152



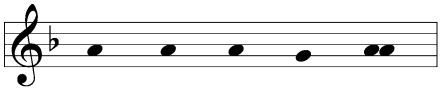

C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men.

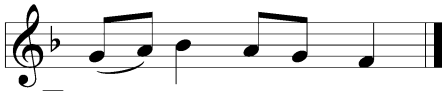
This is the Feast

LSB 155

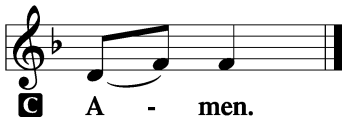


Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.
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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

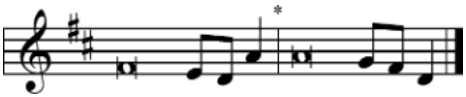
1 Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
3 And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
4 But 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.”
5 And 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—
[6]he 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."
[7]Thus 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."

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

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8



P Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
  Extol him, all | peoples!
C **For great is his steadfast | love toward us,***
  and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
P Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
  bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

[1]Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
[2]To 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.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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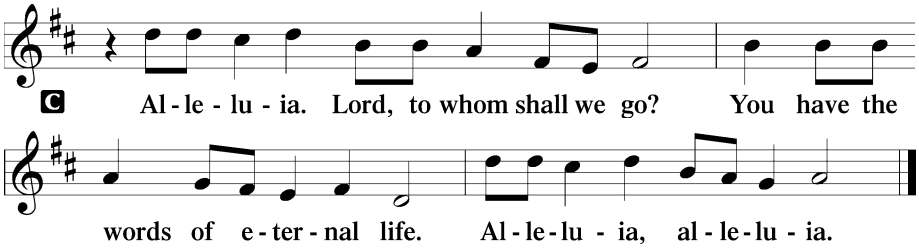
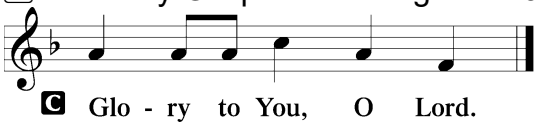


Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42a

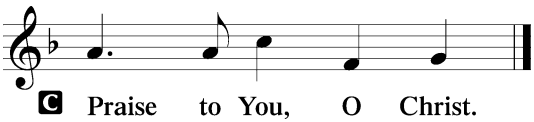
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter



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.’ [34]And I have seen
and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”
[35]The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, [36]and
he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”
[37]The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. [38]Jesus
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?” [39]He 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. [40]One of the two who heard John speak and followed
Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. [41]He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means
Christ). [42]He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

HYMN: “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake *LSB 688*

Sermon *The Rev. Austin Meier*

Stand

Following the Sermon, the Pastor Prays:

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

C **Amen.**

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.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Final Petition:
P ... one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Our Offerings to God

The Offering is a part of our Worship life together as God's children gathered here at St. John. This historical practice is more than "helping pay the electric bill". Having received His absolution and cleansing of our sin, the Offering, then, is a part of our worship posture (Psalm 51). As we move from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament we bring before God, in a communal fashion (Acts 2:42-47), the toils of our hands, the bread of the earth (Gen. 3:19) and give it to God. This, He transforms and provides back to us the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of the Altar! Together, placing our offerings in the plate, the Lord sees and treats all giving hearts the same, whether they can provide much or little (Luke 21:1-4). All of this, then, furthers God's mission and ministry in our flock and into the lives of our community members. May the Lord bless your lives as you entrust your possessions to Him (Phil. 4:10-20)!
Text: Pastor Frisque

(Please place your offering envelope in the collection plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, thank you!)

Offertory

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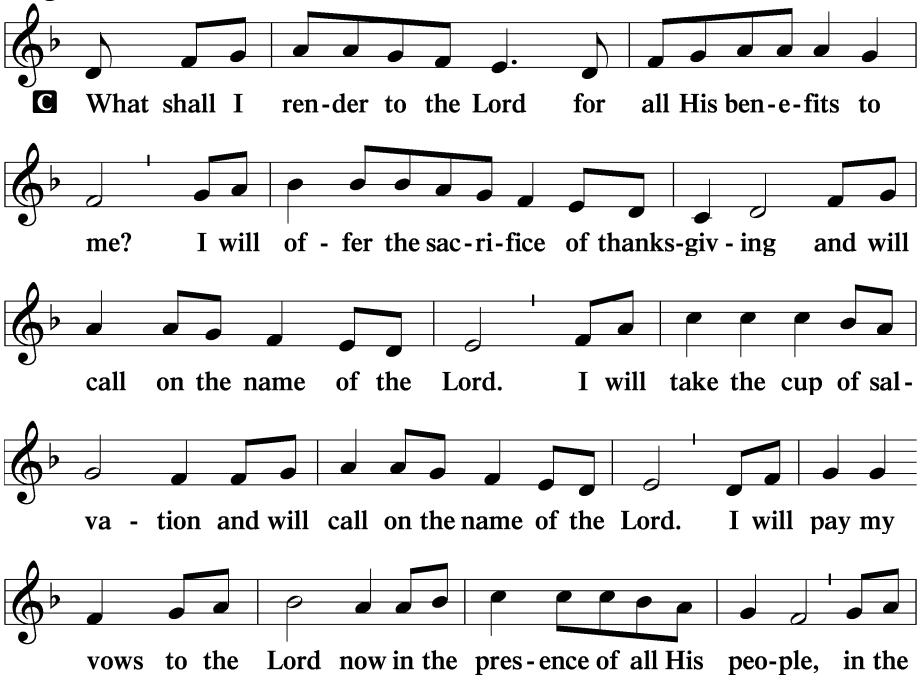

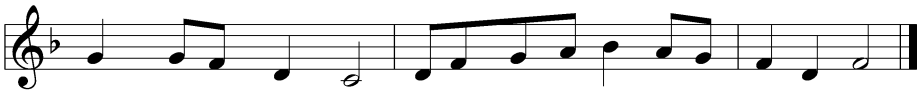

Our Communion Statement

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 Pastor or see an usher to assist in speaking with Pastor or an Elder. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing from Pastor by placing your arms in an "X" across your chest.

If you intend to receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please place the empty cup in the gold bowls following your table's dismissal. If you intend to receive from the common cup, please raise your hand forward, signaling your preference, and then feel free to guide the chalice to your lips by holding on to the bottom of the chalice.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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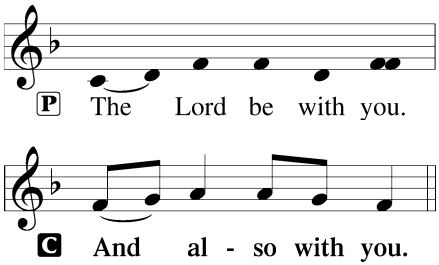
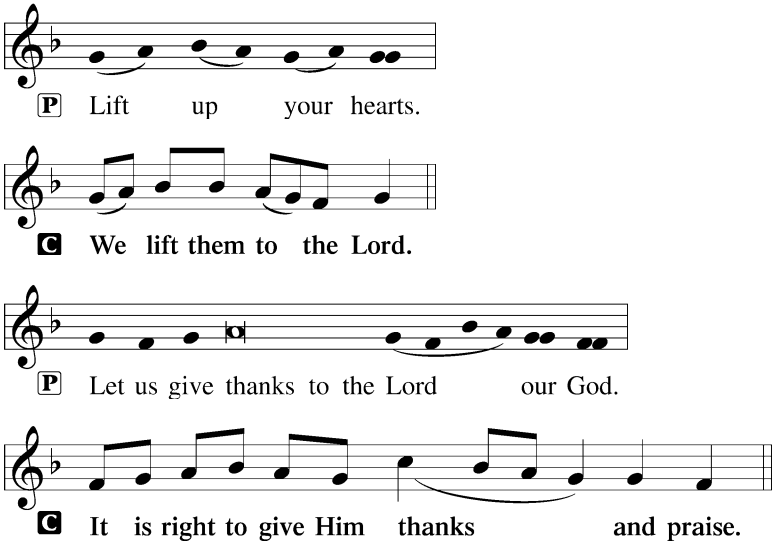


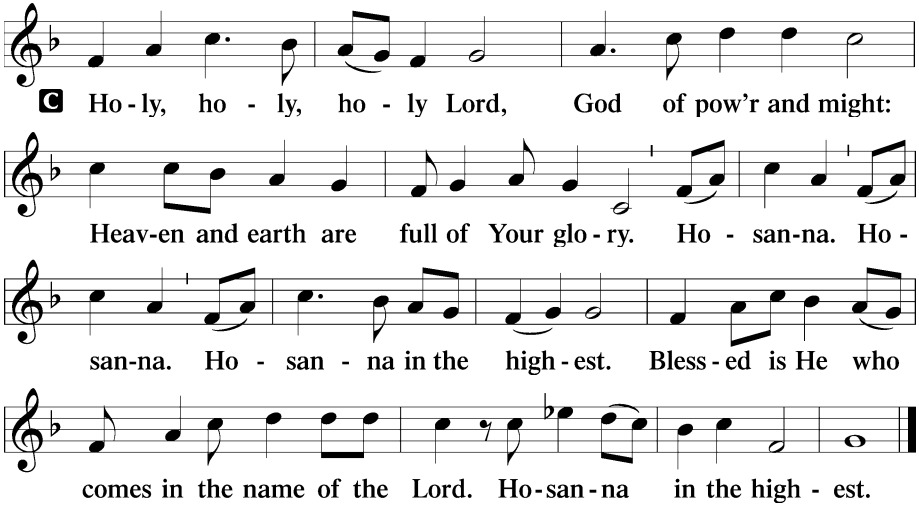


Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



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.**

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 ✠ 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.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

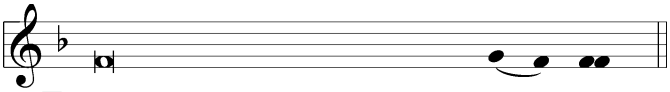
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

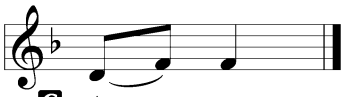
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

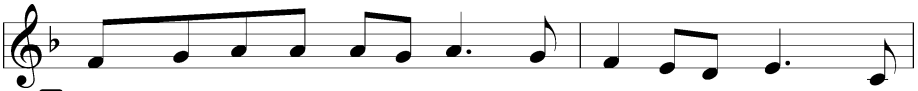


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

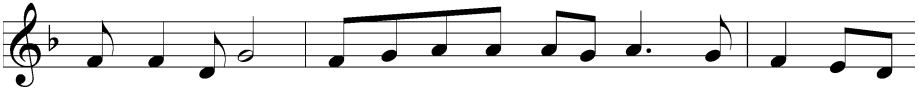


C A - men.

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



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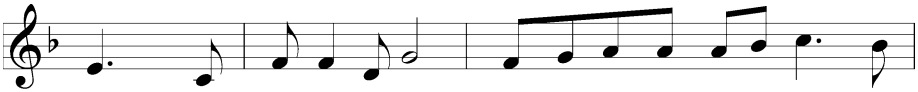

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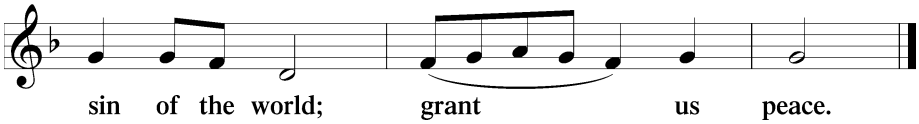


Sit

Distribution

HYMN: "O Light Whose Splendor" *LSB 891*

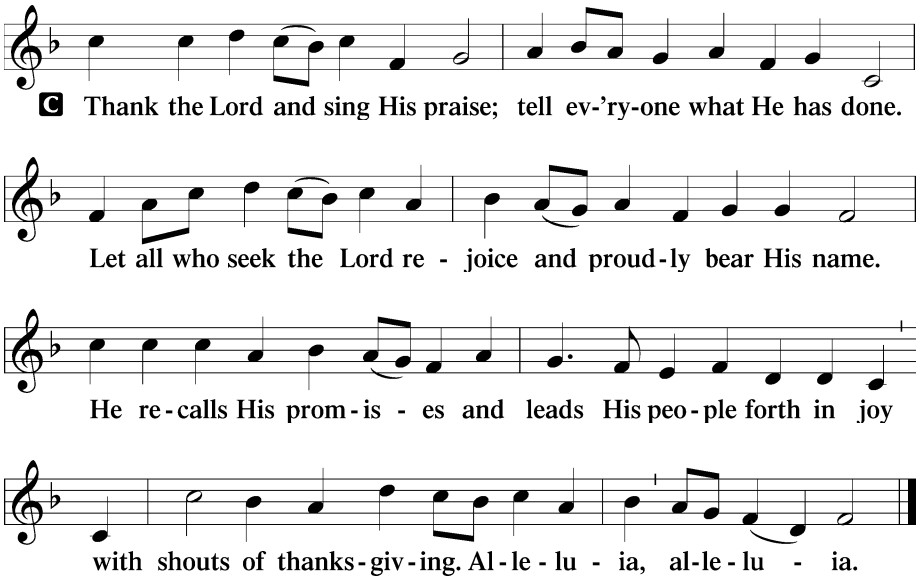
HYMN: "Built on the Rock" *LSB 645*

HYMN: "Church of God, Elect and Glorious" *LSB 646*

HYMN: "At the Name of Jesus" *LSB 512*

Stand

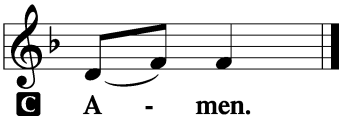
Thank the Lord *LSB 164*



Post-Communion Collect

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.



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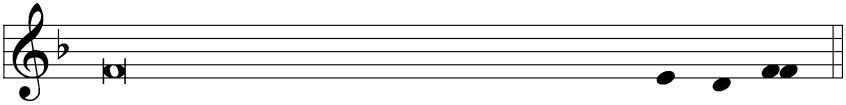
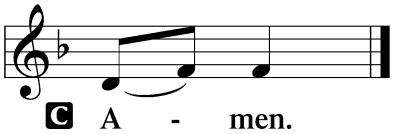


P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



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HYMN: "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

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Poinsettia Pick Up

Those who ordered or were gifted a poinsettia must pick up the plant today, January 18th.
Bags are in the sacristy for ease of transport.
Any leftover plants will be made available in the Narthex for any takers on Sunday, January 25th.
Reach out to the Church Office if you have any questions.

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Serving Us this Week

Elders (8 AM): Ben Ross
(1030 AM): Steve Jagow
Finance Team: Dowe & D. Brookins
Altar Committee: Sue Gerth and Sheila Shultis
Usher Team (#2): Kent Schueller, Captain

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun (1/18/26)

✞ 2nd Sunday a. Epiphany

- **Divine Service 8am** with *Rev. Austin Meier*
- Bible Study & Sunday School Hour 9:15am-10:15am
- **Divine Service 10:30am**
- Board of Education meets after 2nd service

Wed (1/21/26)

- UGT – 11am – 3pm
- Youth Catechesis 5th-7th grade 530pm-630pm

Thurs (1/22/26)

- Men's Bible Study – 6:15am *Fredonia Family Restaurant*

Sun (1/25/26)

✞ 3rd Sun a. Epiphany

- **Divine Service 8am** with *Rev. Dr. Aaron Moldenhauer*
- Bible Study & Sunday School Hour 9:15am-10:15am
- **Divine Service 10:30am**
- Voter's Meeting with Elections 12pm
  Potluck during meeting

***** No Wednesday evening services in January***

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

- ✠ Rose Bottesi
- ✠ Jane Kultgen (Eric Kultgen's mother)
- ✠ Tim Monahan (Debbie Paape's brother)
- ✠ Judy Fischer
- ✠ Keith Johnson
- ✠ Susan Kloppmann (Alisyn Bell's aunt)
- ✠ Randy Fairbert (Betty Fairbert's son)
- ✠ Lou Anne (Grace Bonjean's friend)
- ✠ Linda Nordby (Mike Berry's friend)
- ✠ Mildred Rosso
- ✠ Nico Lawver (Lisa McGuire's cousin's son)

- ✠ Pam Anschuetz (Renae Roos's friend)
- ✠ Paul Voight (Sandy Jacque's father)
- ✠ Amelia (Mass family friend)
- ✠ Joni Heilgendorf (Rose Bottesi's sister-in-law)
- ✠ John Diehl (Mike Czysh's uncle)
- ✠ Alvin Czysh (Mike Czysh's father)
- ✠ Mike Czysh
- ✠ Jeff Ader
- ✠ Don Dohrwardt
- ✠ Ron Parchim
- ✠ Nancy Nelson
- ✠ Family of Sherry Schneider – niece of Mildred Rosso

Parsonage Clean-up Day!

A parsonage clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, January 31st at 8am. Needed cleaning includes:
Windows, baseboards, cabinets etc.

Appliances have already been cleaned, and floors will be done professionally soon.

Please bring cleanings supplies that will help with the area you wish to clean.

Please reach out to the church office for further details. We hope you can join us!

Annual Voter's Meeting
Sunday, January 25

The Annual Voter's Meeting is set for Sunday, January 25, 2026, after the second service.

Elections are slated of the meeting with current vacancies for Secretary and a Trustee.
Please submit your name to the Church Office if you have an interest is being considered for an open position or any other positions that are of interest. Additional positions that are up for re-election include: 4 elders, 3 board of education, and two trustees. The Church Chairman is also up for re-election.

Join us for lunch during the meeting in the fellowship hall. **Please bring a dish to pass.**

Tax Statements

2025 tax statements will be available starting next Sunday, January 25th in your church mailbox.

A listing of mailbox numbers and names is located to the right of the mailboxes on the bulletin board.

If anything appears different than expected, please reach out to the church office and have proof of the donation available to assist with any needed corrections.

St. John is incredibly blessed by our faithful tithers. Thanks for sharing your gifts from God with the Church.

The Welcome Center now has the most current printout of the Church Council minutes for members to review. These minutes are from the meeting held on December 8th, 2025.

Also available are the minutes from the December 14th voter's meeting for review. Changes can be suggested during the January 25th meeting.

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