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The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Lutheran Service Book - Divine Service, Setting III

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Second Sunday after Epiphany. On this day, we behold Jesus' glory as He turns water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Here, we remember that Jesus is the Church's true bridegroom, having given Himself up for us to sanctify us, that He might lovingly receive us as His bride. Jesus assures us that His eternal wedding feast is coming, and even today we enjoy a foretaste of that feast in our Lord's Supper.

If you are a VISITOR here, offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: We believe that receiving Holy Communion together is a sacred expression of Christian unity, which includes unity in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:5). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess with us the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C 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 Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

Stand

Sharing of the Peace

Those who wish may stand and share Christ's Peace with one another by offering a handshake and the words, "Christ's peace be with you."

Opening Hymn: 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
△ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Service of the Word

Introit (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 66:1–5, 20; antiphon: v. 4; 92:1

- P** All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.
- C** **It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.**
- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
- C** **Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.**
- P** All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.”
- C** **Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**
- P** Blessèd be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

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

- P** All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.
- C** **It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

Kyrie

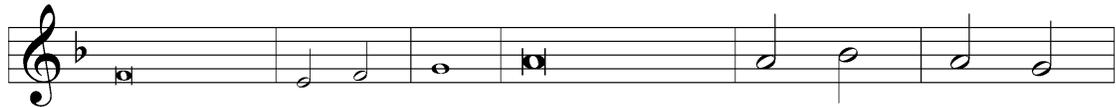
Mark 10:47



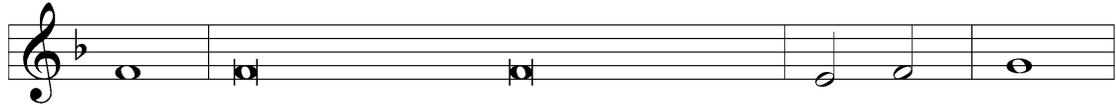
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

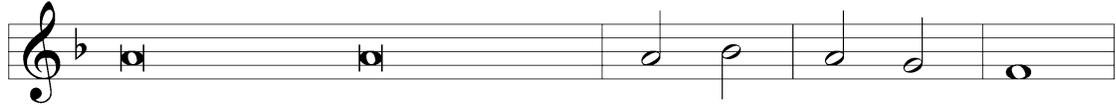
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



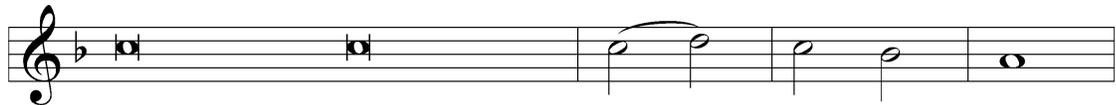
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



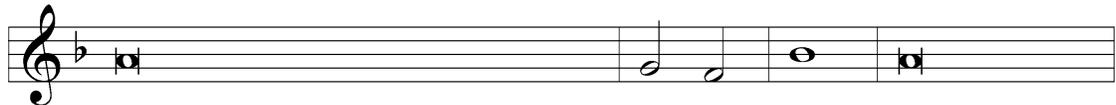
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



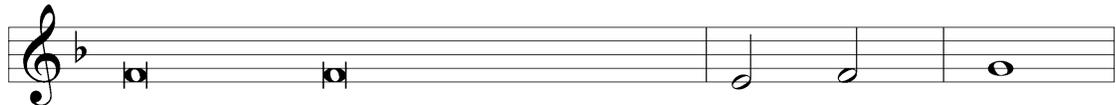
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

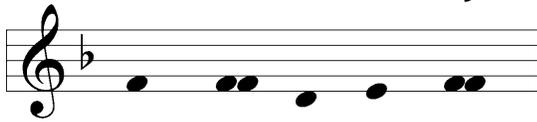


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12–23

¹²Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” ²¹And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

²³Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *(spoken responsively)*

Psalm 107:20–21

- P** He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.
- C** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Epistle

Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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

Stand Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 2:1–11

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit
Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 402 The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
 2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
 3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
 △ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
 Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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Sermon

Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.

Stand
Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us now pray together in the Lord's name for God's promised mercy to all in need.

Brief silence

For the Church, the Body of Christ, the elect whom He has called to faith and fellowship through His Son, and for this congregation now gathered at His bidding around His Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the missionaries in the field; for newly planted congregations; and for each of us in our baptismal calling to witness to the salvation of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For husbands and wives, for all women with child, for children and families, for the Spirit to renew our appreciation for the sacred gift of life and our responsibility to protect life from conception to its natural end, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the agencies and ministries that support pregnant women and their children, for our service to the poor and those in need, and for God's blessing upon all our works of mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our nation and our president; for the governor of this state; for all judges and magistrates; and for those who serve us as firefighters, police, disaster workers and medical personnel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and those who care for them, for the dying and those who mourn, for those who struggle with mental illness, and for all in need [*especially _____,*] that God may heal them according to His will and grant them comfort and peace in their trials, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For an end to aimless violence, for the virtues of compassion and kindness, for grace to forgive those who hurt us, and for us to seek forgiveness from those whom we have hurt, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For a steadfast heart in times of duress, for strength amid temptation, and for the grace of humility so we may not fall victim to pride and arrogance, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faith as we approach the Lamb of God to eat His body and drink His blood in this Sacrament, for grace to keep in holy hearts what we receive upon our lips, and for the Spirit to keep us in this faith until Christ comes in His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Gracious Lord, receive the prayers of Your people according to Your promise, and grant to us all things needful, while defending us from us all things harmful, that we may be kept safe and secure in the arms of our Savior until He comes to bring all things to their perfect fulfillment; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer (*spoken together*)

Matthew 6:9–13

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

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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

John 20:19



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Visitors – Please see note on front of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.

Distribution Hymn: 822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
 ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride - groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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Distribution Hymn: 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



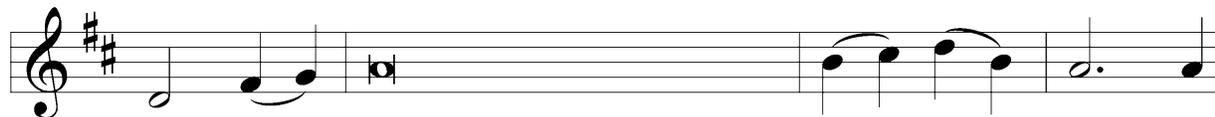
That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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Stand
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



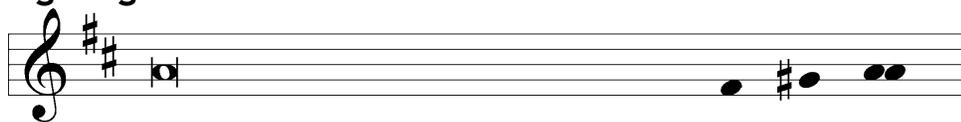
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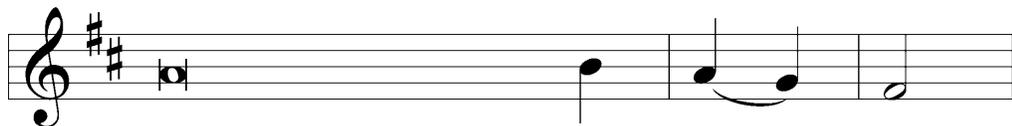
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



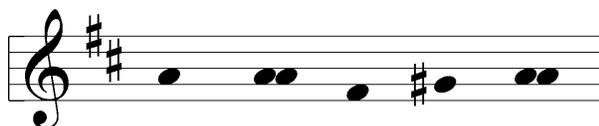
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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 A - men.



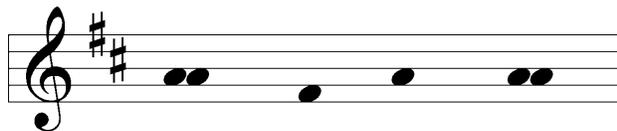
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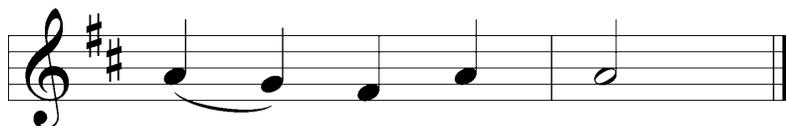
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



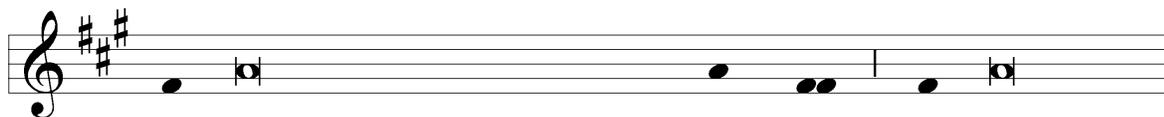
A Bless we the Lord.



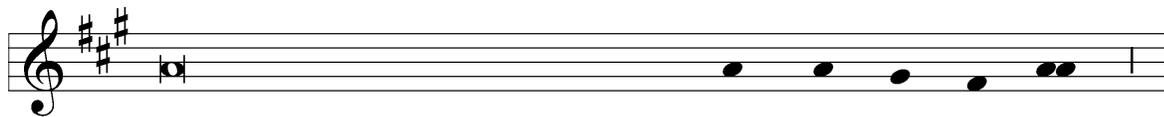
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Benediction

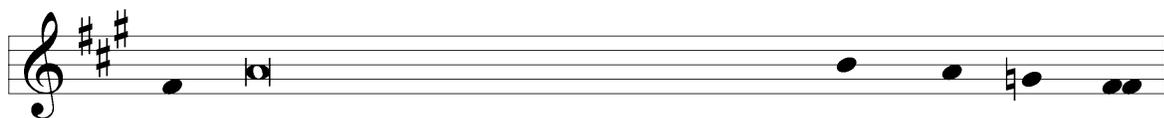
Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 644 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 1/19** **Second Sunday after Epiphany**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall (basement)
 - **Children's Sunday School** 10:45 a.m., Library
- Mon. 1/20** **Pastor's Day Off**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (banks/government closed)
- Tue. 1/21** **Pastor out of office in p.m.**
Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m., Library
- Wed. 1/22** **Confirmation Class A** 4 p.m., Library
- Fri. 1/24** **Confirmation Class B** 4 p.m., Library
Distribution of February's newsletter
- Sun. 1/26** **Third Sunday after Epiphany**
- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Special Voters' Meeting** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall (basement)

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY – All adults are welcome to join Pastor Vergin in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 a.m. this morning for Bible Study. He will continue teaching on the book of Joshua. The book of Joshua is the sixth book of the Old Testament and picks up after the death of Moses, when the people of Israel have at last come to the border of the Promised Land after forty years of wandering in the wilderness. The book recounts the various battles of the people of God, beginning with the fall of Jericho, as they conquer the land of Canaan, in fulfillment of God's gracious promise to Abraham that His offspring would inherit the land. So please come! This book has much to teach us about the ways of God in Christ and how He now works through His Church to overthrow the kingdom of Satan by the preaching of the Gospel, so that His people might at last inherit the true Promised Land of heaven. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – All kids in grades Preschool through 5th are invited to attend our Children's Sunday School class today at 10:45 a.m. in the Library. Here, children will join with others to learn the stories of the faith and the Truth of Christ in a fun and age-appropriate setting. Please consider getting your children or grandchildren involved in this program! We'd love to have them there!

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING – We will be having a Special Voters' Meeting, called by St. Mark's Executive Officers, on **Sunday, January 26** after the Divine Service. The reason for this meeting is to receive voter approval on a Council recommendation regarding changes to our current board organization, so that St. Mark's will have its volunteers aligned correctly to support ministry expansion into the area of youth & families. We will also discuss recommendations on how to initiate a "fresh start" at St. Mark's for 2020 and beyond. Please make plans to attend this meeting, if possible!

INSTALLATION OF 2020 SERVANTS – During the Divine Service on **Sunday, February 2**, Pastor Vergin will invite all those in our congregation who will be serving our church in any capacity to come forward to be installed into their 2020 positions. This includes those serving as officers, on boards, musicians, teachers, etc. We hope everyone will attend on that day to witness this event and pray for those who will be serving our Lord at St. Mark's in 2020!

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS WORKSHOP – The *Every One His Witness* Workshop has now been scheduled for **Saturday, February 22** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. This program was developed by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and its purpose is to train us—as both pastors and laypeople—to share the Gospel with others in our daily vocations. We already held this program at St. Mark's once in 2019, and those who attended will surely tell you just how valuable and helpful it was! So if you haven't gone through it before, please consider signing up to attend! The program will take the form of an all-day workshop led by Pastor Vergin and lunch will be provided to all participants. A sign-up sheet is now located on the table in the back of the sanctuary, if you're interested in participating.

SEEKING ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS FOR 2020 – St. Mark's doesn't have a budgeted line item for altar flowers, and so we depend on the generosity of our congregation's members and friends in order to have two beautiful vases of flowers sitting on the altar each Sunday. Could you possibly help with this? Each vase costs \$20. If you'd like to sponsor a vase (or two) for one Sunday or more, it would be greatly appreciated! Vases of flowers may be sponsored in honor, or in memory, of a loved one, or just to help beautify the altar. If interested, just write your name alongside the date you wish to sponsor on the purple Altar Flower sign-up sheet (located on the bulletin board at the top of the basement stairs). Write the name of the person you are honoring or remembering next to your name on the same line. Then, when that particular Sunday comes (or before, if you'd like), you may insert a check (made payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church) or cash into a pink flower envelope (found in the pew racks), write the date you're sponsoring flowers and who they are in honor of on the envelope, and place it in an offering plate. Thanks so much in advance for supporting St. Mark's Altar Flower Fund!

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼” of the envelope paper around the stamp so that the stamp isn’t damaged. Thank you.

LEGACY CONFERENCE: RECLAIMING A LOST GENERATION – On **Saturday, February 1, 2020**, the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is hosting a conference for lay people called *Legacy: Reclaiming A Lost Generation*. The conference will take place at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lansing from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., and the cost is \$15 (student) or \$20 (general). Christians in general, and Christian families in particular, are under spiritual and cultural attack. As a result, more families are being broken and more individuals, especially the young, are leaving the Church. The goal of the conference is to examine the Apostle Paul’s method of reaching the lost by engaging the culture (and our relatives) by “speaking the truth in love.” In this way, we seek to retain our young people (and people of all ages) through healthy interactions under the blessing of our Lord. If interested, you can register online at: michigandistrict.org/theological20.

LADIES’ QUILTING GROUP SEEKING SHEETS & BLANKETS – St. Mark’s Missionary League continues to seek seek donations of sheets and blankets to be used to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you have any gently-used sheets or blankets that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to this cause! Items can be left in the Quilt Donations Box in the lobby.



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister

Rev. Aaron Vergin

Acolyte

TBD

Altar Guild

Barb Allen

Elder on Duty

Tom LoCascio

Greeter(s)

Sue Ingram & Judy Schassberger

Offering Counters

Mary Ann Lockwood & Jean Swainson

Organist

Rob Wheeler

Trumpeter

Chris Gerard

Ushers

Tom Kaufman & Mel Maier

Video Technician

Jim O’Brien