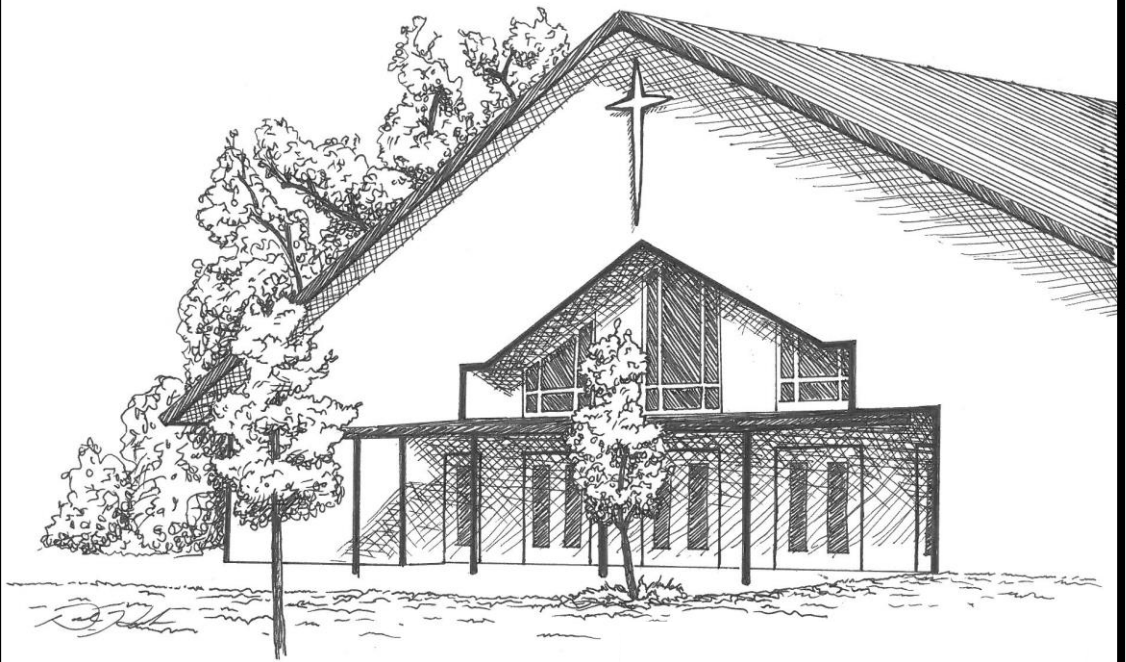


# Celebration Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



## Second Sunday After Epiphany Divine Service One January 18, 2026

Take this bulletin home and use it for prayer,  
Scripture reading, and encouragement throughout the week.

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# Welcome to Celebration Lutheran Church

You have entered a holy place where Christ serves His people. In the Divine Service, He forgives sins, feeds the faithful, and strengthens His Church through Word and Sacrament. He does this to prepare us to live by faith, love our neighbor, and bear witness in the world.

Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, a visitor, or new to the faith, **we are glad you are here.** May you receive His mercy, His promises, and His peace.

## What to Know Before Receiving the Lord's Supper

### Our Communion Statement

We believe, teach, and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar. His body and blood are given in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, just as He says: "This is My body... this is My blood" (Matthew 26:26–28).

In faithfulness to God's Word and in care for all who commune, we practice closed communion. All who are baptized, instructed, and confirmed members of this congregation or of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are welcome to receive the Sacrament. In receiving the Lord's Supper, we not only receive Christ's gifts but also confess a shared faith.

Communion is not a general Christian right. It is an invitation to the holy banquet, and our Lord calls us to be prepared, clothed in faith and understanding. Scripture warns, "Whoever eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:29).

Those not communing today may come forward for a blessing by crossing their arms. Before communing, Luther's Small Catechism encourages each Christian to ask:

Do I believe I am a sinner?

Do I believe in Christ and His words in the Sacrament?

Do I intend, with God's help, to turn from sin?

If you have questions, Pastor Keinbaum or one of the Elders would be glad to speak with you.

## Preparing for the Divine Service

Before the Service – Speak to God.

During the Service – Let God speak to you.

After the Service – Speak to one another.

Please enter the sanctuary quietly and prayerfully, allowing others time for reflection. We ask that all electronic devices be silenced before the Service begins.

“Let all the earth keep silence before Him.” (Habakkuk 2:20)

### Prayer before the Service

Almighty and eternal God, I, a poor, unworthy sinner, come before You in the name of Jesus Christ. I pray that You would graciously prepare my heart by Your Holy Spirit, that I may rightly hear Your Word, receive Your grace, and offer You praise and thanksgiving. strengthen my faith and lead me in holiness of life, that I may serve You in joy, now and forever. Amen.

### Reading Summary

What the Word Is About This Week

#### ***God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross***

*“The Lord, the Redeemer of Israel,”* calls forth *“his Holy One”* (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, *“from the womb”* of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also *“as a light for the nations,”* whose salvation reaches *“to the end of the earth”* (Is. 49:6). John came *“baptizing with water”* (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as *“the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world”* (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross.

When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended *“from heaven like a dove”* and *“remained on him”* (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and *“called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we *“are not lacking in any gift,”* but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, *“guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 1:7–8).

## Processional Hymn

Voices Raised to You We Offer

LSB 795



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for  
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your  
3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with  
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -  
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,  
heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!  
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

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## 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** 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.

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**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.

**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.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

**Introit**

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14

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.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*

and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Day to day | pours out speech,\*

and night to night reveals | knowledge.  
 There is no speech, nor | are there words,\*  
 whose voice | is not heard.  
 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.  
**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.**

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.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** 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.

**P** 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.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



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



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,





You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

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.  
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.  
And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
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.”  
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—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.”  
 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

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

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

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

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:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain

you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God 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

LSB 156



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I 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.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 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?” 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. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first

found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## The Only Son from Heaven

LSB 402



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

*Stand*

### Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the spread of the Gospel, that the Lord who made Jesus a light to all nations would fill our hearts with joy and use our voices to spread His salvation to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the 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 healing and deliverance, that the Lamb of God who takes away our sins and infirmities would be merciful to those who are in need of His care, granting them rescue and confidence in His grace, 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** For a steadfast heart in times of duress, strength amid temptation and the grace of humility, that we may not fall victim to pride and arrogance, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**[P]** Almighty God, heavenly Father, grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

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

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 159



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

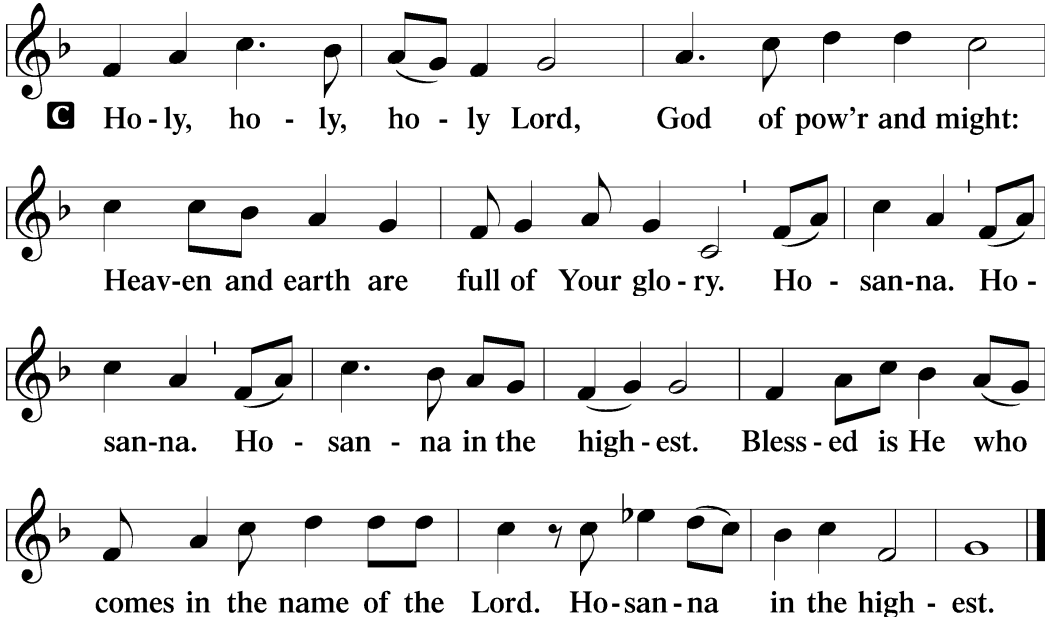


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for 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 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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.



## 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.**

## 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.”

## Pax Domini

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



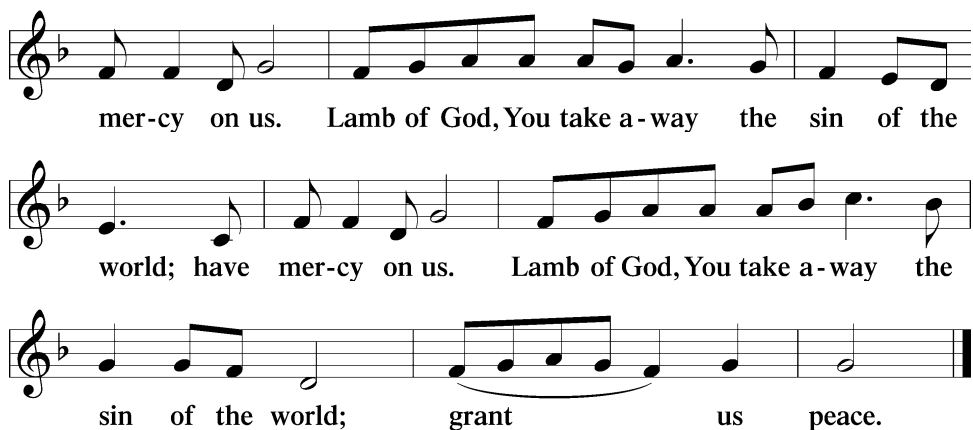
**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

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



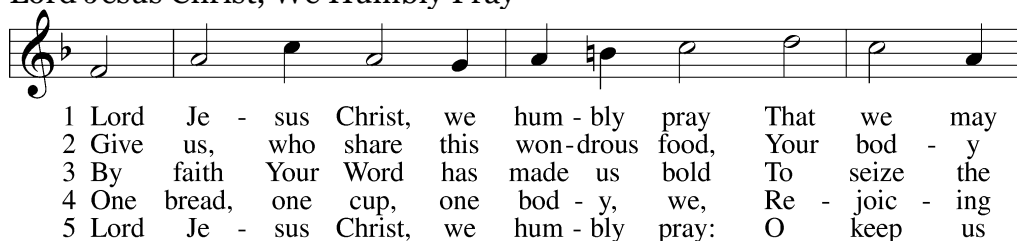
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

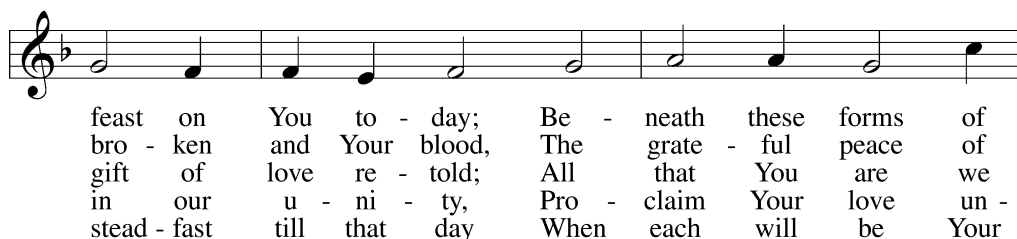
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Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

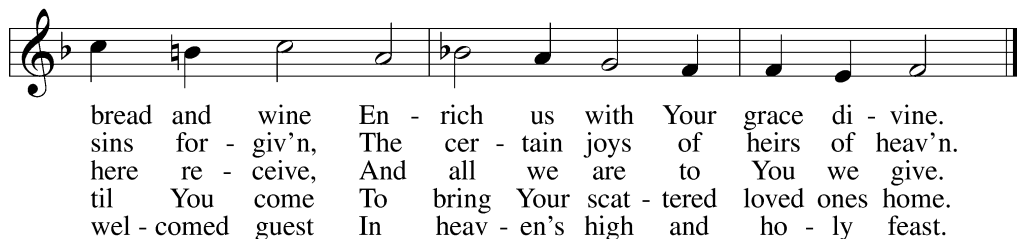
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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
2 Give us, who share this won-drous food, Your bod - y  
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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# Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

LSB 625



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
 As - sured of Your full par - don.  
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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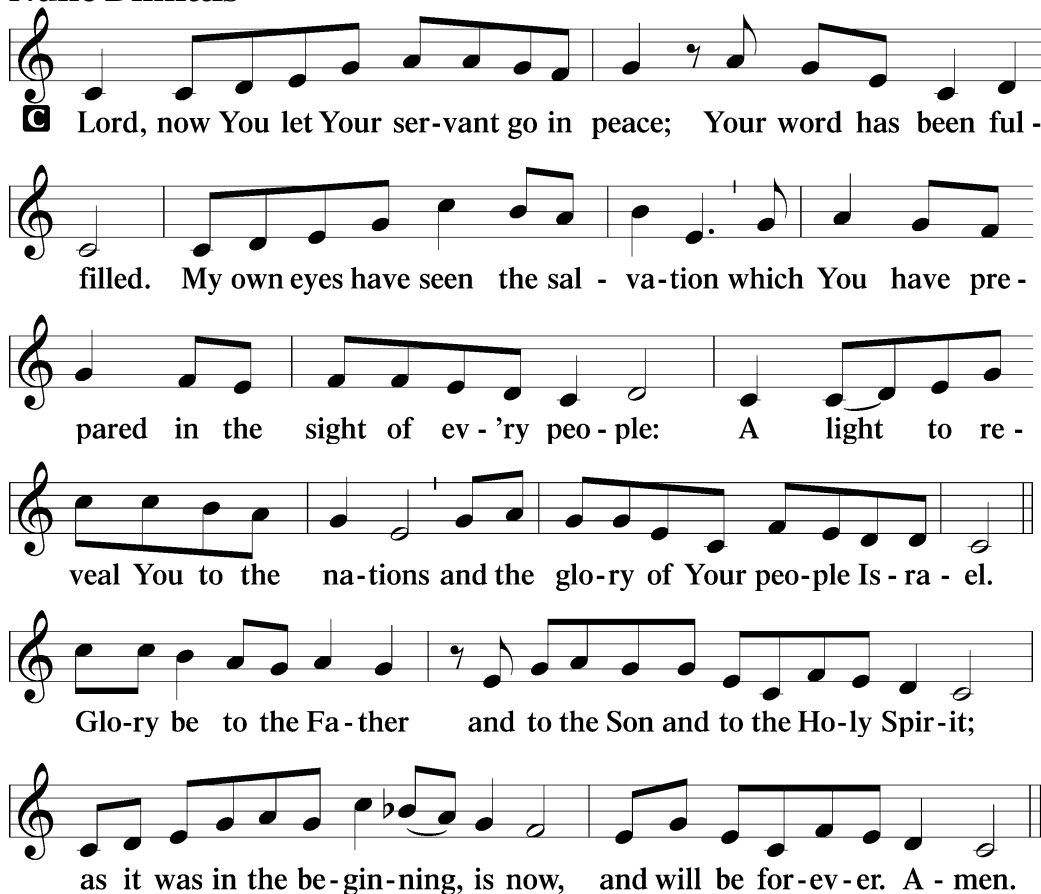
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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

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



A - men.

## Benediction

LSB 166

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



**C** A - men.

## Recessional Hymn

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917



- 1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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## **LIFE TOGETHER AT CELEBRATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING** follows today's Divine Service to review and approve the budget for the remainder of the Budget Year. All members are encouraged to attend.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** led by Debra Weier meets on Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. The current study is *Meant for God: A study of Joseph*.

**BOOK CLUB** has been suspended indefinitely.

**GRIEF SHARE** continues on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. This study is designed for those who have lost loved ones, either recently or in the past. All are welcome. Spread the word. If you have any questions, contact Erin Porter or Pastor Keinbaum.

**YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT:** All ages welcome on Wednesday, January 21st! We will start with a pizza dinner at 5:30 pm, a devotional at 6:00 pm with Pastor Keinbaum, and age group break outs at 6:30 pm. Feel free to join us for all or part of the night!

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!** Join us for a bonfire and fellowship on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm until the fire is out. Hot dogs, s'mores, and hot chocolate will be provided.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** Goodies and snacks are needed for the Fellowship time following the Divine Service. Also, volunteers are needed to help set up and put away the fellowship items. See Trent Janney if you would like to help.

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING:** Parents of confirmation students are invited to a brief meeting next Sunday January 25, following the Divine Service at 11:30 am in the conference room. We will review expectations and answer questions for the confirmation process.

**NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR KIDS!** Confirmation Class begins Sunday, **February 1**, from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. Students will need a Bible, preferably ESV. Parents must purchase the *30-Lesson Catechism Study Student Book, Enduring Faith Confirmation*

*Curriculum* and the *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation-p 2017* from cph.org. Please sign up using the sheet in the narthex. Questions? Contact Pastor Keinbaum.

**NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will begin in February, during the Sunday School Hour (after the Divine Service). This study will focus on Martin Luther's Large Catechism, offering an opportunity for us to explore the foundations of our Christian faith, and deepen our understanding of Lutheran teaching, while growing in faith together. All adults are invited to join us for study, discussion and fellowship.



**PLEASE DOWNLOAD our app using this QR code or visit our website for current and upcoming events.**

## **JANUARY CALENDAR**

18	9:00 am	Bible Study led by Pastor Keinbaum
18	9:45 am	Coffee & Service Preparation
18	10:15 am	Divine Service 1
19	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study – Fellowship Room
20	9:00 am	Christ's Cupboard Preparation (Volunteers Welcome!)
20	6:00 pm	Grief Share Group
21	8:00 am	Christ's Cupboard Distribution (Volunteers Welcome!)
21	3:30-5:30 pm	Pastor Keinbaum's Office Hours
21	5:30-7:00 pm	Youth and Family Night
21	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
22	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
23	6:00 pm	Family Fun Night Bonfire
24	7:30 am	AA Meeting
25	11:30 am	Confirmation Parents Meeting

## DEVOTION

### Aging: Growing Older Together

#### ***In the Word***

*“Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?”* (Job 12:12 NIV).

#### ***Of the Word***

In his hit song, “Forever and Ever, Amen,” Randy Travis shares how he feels about his wife’s hair turning gray, “Well, honey, I don’t care, I ain’t in love with your hair, and if it all fell out, I’d love you anyway.” In a culture that values youth and fights hard to cover or reverse any signs of aging, this kind of love is exceptional!

No doubt your spouse’s physical characteristics played a role in your initial attraction, but time will eventually change these features. Fortunately as we mature, so does our perspective on life and our perspective on our spouse. In the gray hair and “smile lines” we see not only the personality and character of the person whom we love, but also the joys and sorrows that have been experienced in a life lived by God’s grace. Our understanding of our spouse deepens and the physical changes — instead of being regretted — are welcomed. Growing old together is a gift of God to be cherished in each other.

#### ***Walking with my Lord***

Unchanging God, if it is Your will that we grow old together on this earth, give us grace and understanding through all the changes aging will bring. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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# Aa

# All

Jesus died and rose for all people.  
Martin Luther wanted to make sure all  
people knew the Gospel message.



**"He died for all"** (2 Cor. 5:15).

**Reformation at Home:** Talk with your child about who Jesus is. Ask the following questions: "Do you know that Jesus loves you very much?" and "Tell me more about what Jesus did to share His love for everyone."

# Epiphany

## Word Search

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

BABY  
BALHAZAR  
BAPTISM  
BETHLEHEM  
CASPAR  
CHRISTIAN  
EPIPHANY  
FEAST  
FIRST MIRACLE  
FRANKINCENSE  
GOLD  
HEROD  
HOLIDAY  
HOPE  
JANUARY  
JESUS  
MAGI  
MELCHIOR  
MYRRH  
REVELATION  
SIXTH  
STAR  
SUNDAY  
THREE KINGS  
TWELFTH DAY  
WISE MEN

