

**+ The Baptism of Our Lord +  
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**As We Gather:** *In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners*

Our Lord Jesus is baptized “*to fulfill all righteousness*” (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in “*Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption*” (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the “*chosen*” One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

*As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it.*

*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**

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- 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**

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- 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

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**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.

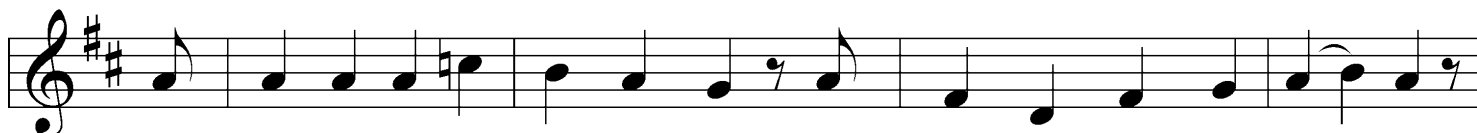
**C** Amen.

## Opening Hymn 'All Who Believe and Are Baptized'

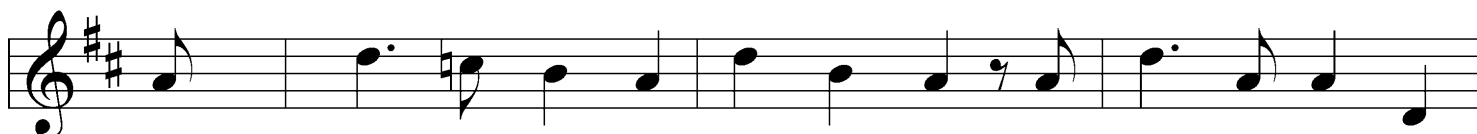
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1 All who be - lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

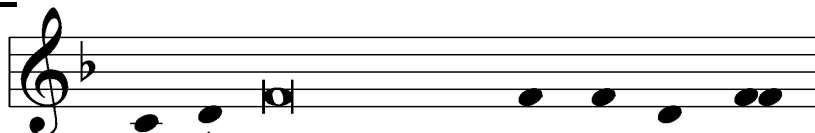
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## Kyrie

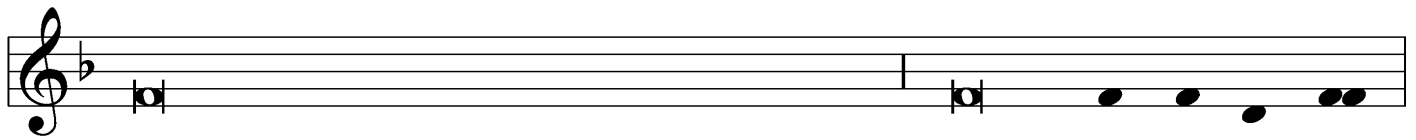
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



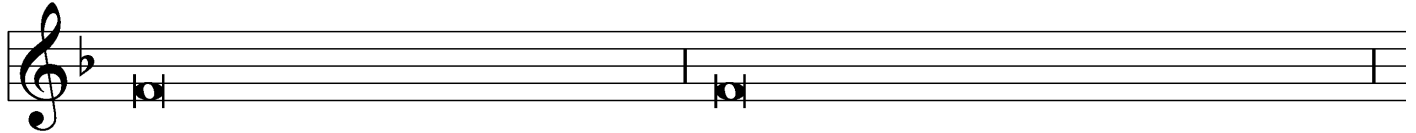
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



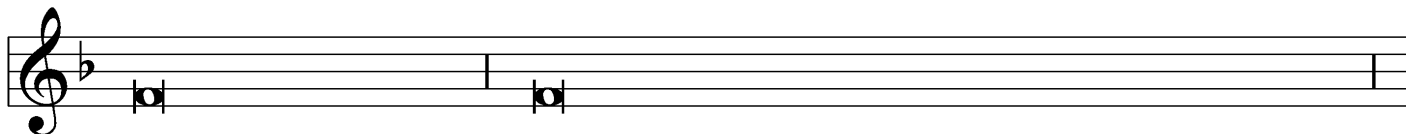
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



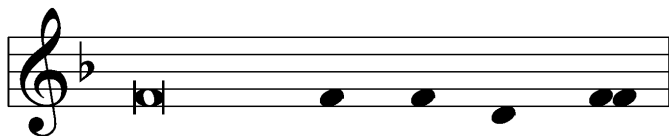
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



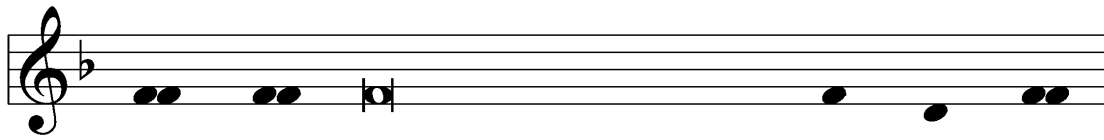
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



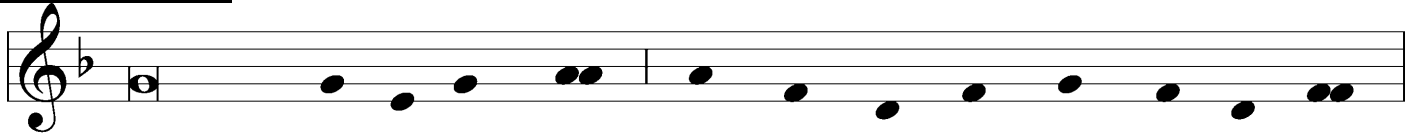
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

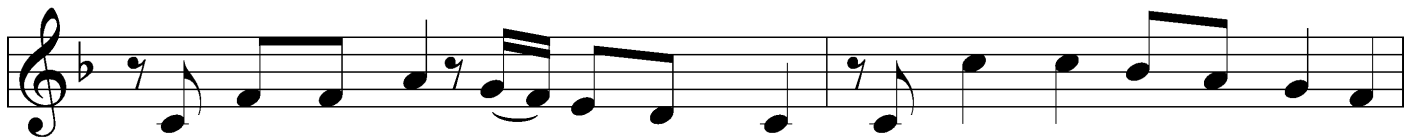
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**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**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:



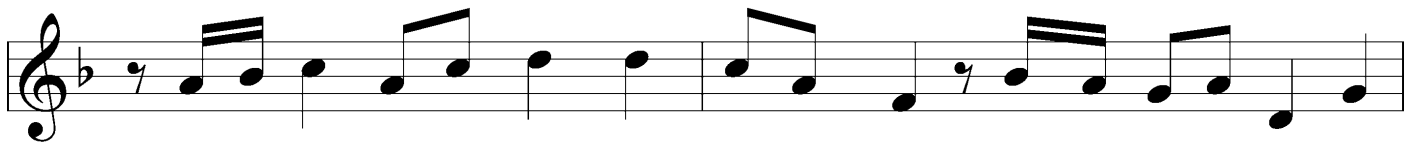
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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,

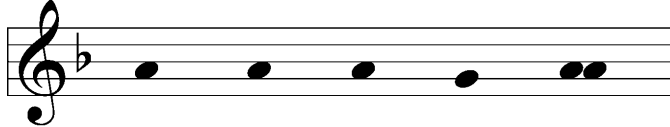


You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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 al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. <sup>2</sup>At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup>and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. . . .

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. <sup>8</sup>And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” . . .

<sup>13</sup>“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

<sup>14</sup>So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup>and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup>the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup>Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Introit

*Psalm 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20*



Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*

and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

**I have found David, my | servant;\***

**with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.**

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,\***

**my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”**

And I will make him the | firstborn,\*

the highest of the kings | of the earth.

**My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\***

**and my covenant will stand | firm for him.**

**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.

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:26–31*

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## Alleluia and Verse

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**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

*Matthew 3:13–17*

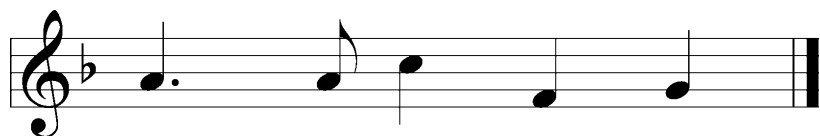
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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



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

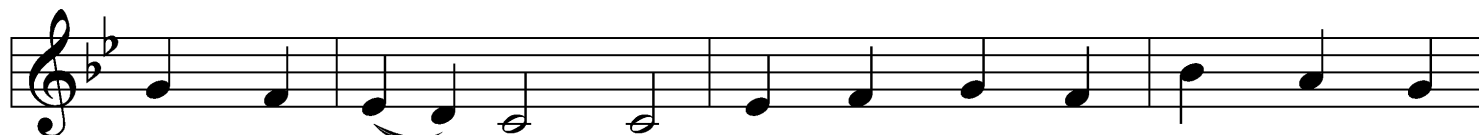
*Please be seated.*

**Sermon Hymn 'To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord'**

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1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His  
 2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -  
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y  
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to

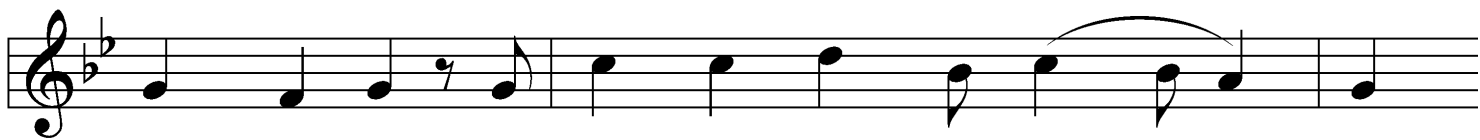


Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
 self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
 word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,  
 us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -  
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -





now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.  
sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's  
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while  
Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -  
That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."  
a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

- 5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
"Go out to ev'ry nation,  
And bring to them the living Word  
And this My invitation:  
Let ev'ryone abandon sin  
And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win  
Full pardon and remission  
And heav'nly bliss inherit."
- 6 But woe to those who cast aside  
This grace so freely given;  
They shall in sin and shame abide  
And to despair be driven.  
For born in sin, their works must fail,  
Their striving saves them never;  
Their pious acts do not avail,  
And they are lost forever,  
Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds  
The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood  
To all our ills bring healing;  
The wonders of His precious blood  
The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.

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## **Sermon**

*'You Want Me To Do What? You've Got To Be Kidding Me!'*

*Based on Old Testament*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the baptized people of God, that strengthened by His Holy Spirit we would walk as the new and holy people He has declared us to be in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all church workers, especially Matthew, our Synod president; \_\_\_\_\_, our district president; and \_\_\_\_\_, our pastor(s), that the Lord would prosper the good work of preaching the Gospel and administering the life-giving Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the family, especially all Christian homes; for husbands and wives, that God would turn them toward one another in love; for fathers and mothers, that God would equip them for their holy duty as teachers of the faith; and for all children, that God would preserve them in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the rulers of the nations, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would submit to the preaching of God's Word and acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and true King, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who find themselves in times of weakness, illness, despair and death, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that God would grant healing and relief according

to His will; and that He would give us every aid of His Holy Spirit to endure afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the baptized who partake of the Lord's Supper today, that God would give us tender hearts to confess our need and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; 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).*

## Offertory

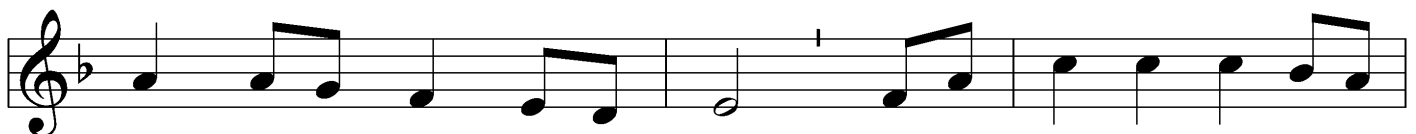
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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



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.



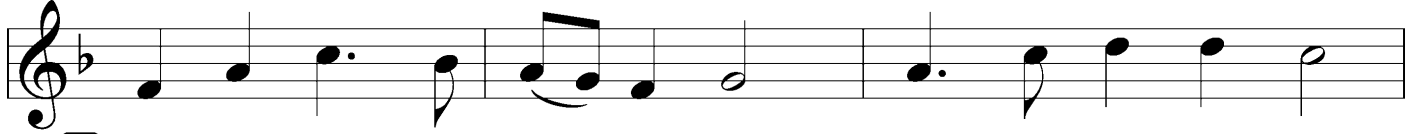
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**Proper Preface (Full)**

**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 at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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**

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**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.”

### **Proclamation of Christ**

**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. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

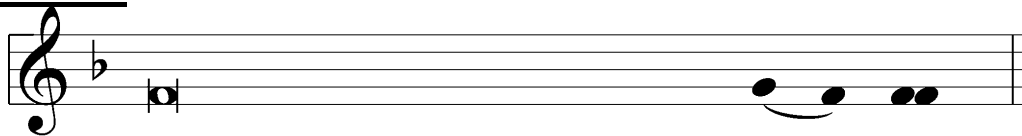
### **Lord’s Prayer**

**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**

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



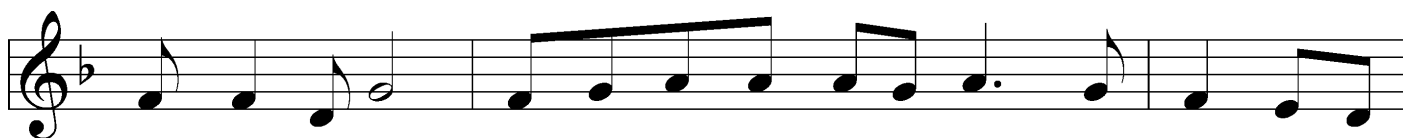
**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

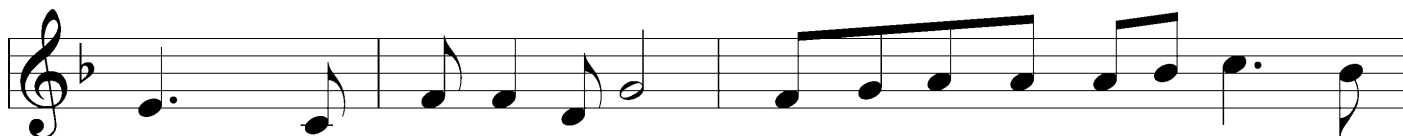
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**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



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.

*Please be seated.*





1 All Chris-tians who have been bap - tized, Who know the God of  
 2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In - deed, from your con -  
 3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im - mersed and drowned for -  
 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful - ly



heav - en, And in whose dai - ly life is prized The name of  
 cep - tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with -  
 ev - er. The wa - ter of your Bap-tism day Re - stored a -  
 cov - ered With all that He once sac - ri - ficed And free - ly



Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The  
 out ex - cep - tion. For like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
 gain what - ev - er Old Ad - am and his sin de - stroyed And  
 for us suf - fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus!  
 in - ward from the high - est good, You con - stant - ly de - nied Him.  
 all our sin - ful selves em - ployed Ac - cord - ing to our na - ture.  
 makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be - fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.

- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
 And give God thanks forever!  
 It gives the power to uplift  
 In all that you endeavor.  
 When nothing else revives your soul,  
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
 And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—  
 In Christ a new creation!  
 As faithful Christians, live and do  
 Within your own vocation,  
 Until that day when you possess

His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!

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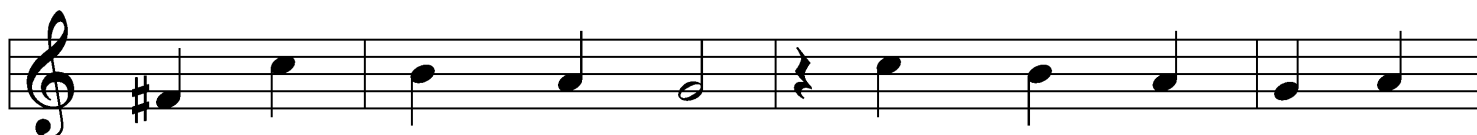
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**Distribution Hymn ‘Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior’**

*LSB 619*



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is  
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not  
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and  
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

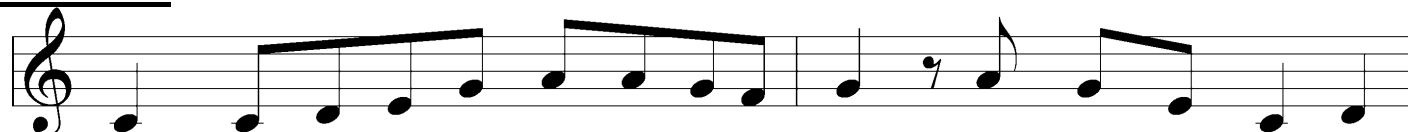
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*Please stand, as you are able.*



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



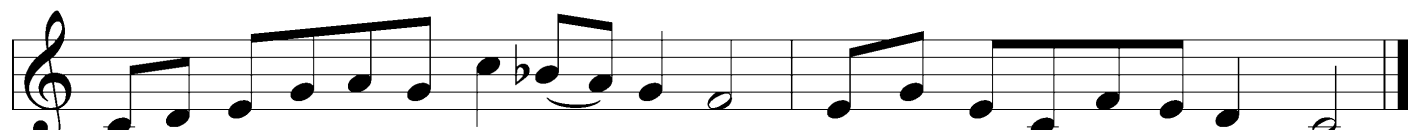
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



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**

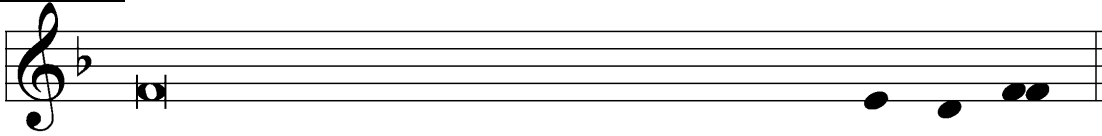
**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives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



**C** A - men.

## 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.

## Closing Hymn 'God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It'

LSB 594



1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guests:** Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

**Communion Statement:** As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together, we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

**Loose Giving Envelopes** are available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes. To ensure all offerings are recorded, please enclose your offering in your assigned envelope or the loose giving envelopes provided in the pews. Thank you!

**Stewardship:** *Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’”* Fulfilling all righteousness is not a task we are up to. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

**Sunday School Lesson:** “A Confident Confession” is the title of today's lesson. Jesus asks His disciples two very direct questions: “Who do people say I am?” and “Who do you say I am?” (Matthew 16:13, 15). Peter's bold confession, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (v. 16), prompts Jesus to commend his words and proclaim this truth as the rock upon which the Church will be built. When Jesus foretells His death and resurrection, Peter objects and becomes a hindrance to Jesus' mission. Jesus rebukes Peter and keeps His focus on the cross.

**Giving statements for 2024 are in your boxes.**

**Building Healthy Families:** Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Our church families are made up of many people with different roles and gifts. With your child(ren), take note of and count the many ways individuals and families are serving. Maybe you observe ushers welcoming people and handing out bulletins, musicians playing and leading our singing, acolytes and crucifers lighting candles and carrying the cross in a procession, or members of the altar guild setting up for the Lord's Supper and caring for the altar area. And don't forget those who clean and tend to the building, so we have a nice space to gather for worship! As a family, consider how you might serve together and ask your pastor or other church leaders how to get involved! ~**Lutheran Family Service**

[www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**A Life Quote:** "From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13), God's began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption." *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota*~

**A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)**

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for Jan. 19th:** Hear "He Made Me a Believer" based on John 2:11 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God makes us believers and the more we believe, the more we become involved in the institutions God made--church, marriage, family, and work. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m.**

**A Life Thought in the Church Year:** With the sacrament of Baptism, the Lord Jesus makes childbirth central to the Christian Gospel. The coming forth of new life always provides cause for celebration because the Savior has sanctified it. Human beings as helpless and dependent as gestating babies have His blessing: "You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).

**EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...** Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Bible & Other Religious Writings; The Small-Town Lutheran Church & Pastor; Church Discipline; Roman Catholic Indulgences and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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**CHANGE TO CLEANING SCHEDULE:** Beginning January 1, 2025, families will no longer be on a yearly cleaning list. Thank you to all the volunteers for your dedication in maintaining our beautiful church.

## **Voters' Assembly**

**Sunday, January 19 after the Divine Service**

**Installation of Officers & Newly Elected Board Members during the service**

If you are not a member and desire to become one:

4.3.1 Definition: Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voters' Assembly.

4.3.2 Reception: Applicants for voting membership shall have received a copy of the constitution and be given time to review it. They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution.

### ***CONFIRMATION MEMORY WORK***

#### **5th & 6th Grade Memory Work**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Article and Meaning*

#### **8th Grade Memory Work**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Article and Meaning*



**Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)**

**January 5, 2024**

Attendance 64

**Calendar of Events for This Week**

Today        8:00am Council Meeting  
              9:00am The Baptism of Our Lord  
              10:30am Sunday School  
              10:30am LWML  
                  Greeter: Cornish  
                  Usher: Lucas B.  
                  Servers: Marrina K./Lindsey W.  
                  Acolyte/Crucifer: Thatcher/Cole  
                  Elder: Darlo K.

Tuesday    9:00am     Winkle: Pastor in Grinnell

Wednesday 4:00-5:15pm Confirmation Grades 5-7  
              5:30-7:00pm Confirmation Grade 8

Thursday   11:00am   Bible Study

Next Sunday 9:00am Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
              10:30am Sunday School  
              10:30am Voters' Assembly  
                  Greeter: Eichenberger  
                  Usher: Keith T.  
                  Servers: Robin M./Julie M.  
                  Acolyte/Crucifer: Sophia/Finn  
                  Elder: Joel M.