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Divine Service Setting One ~ LSB 151
February 1, 2026

As We Gather: Grace Alone

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1–7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1–16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. “For they were overthrown in the wilderness” (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24–10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

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 'Salvation unto Us Has Come'

LSB 555 verses 1-5



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
pure de - sires spir - it the of the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our

world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

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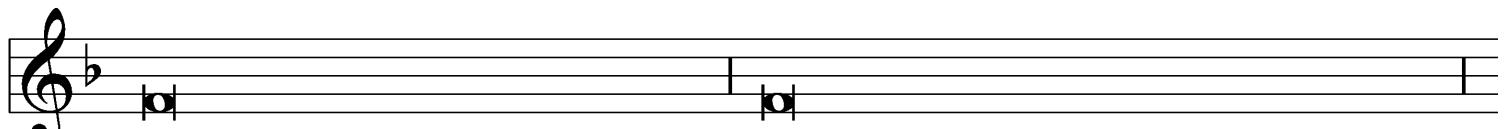
Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

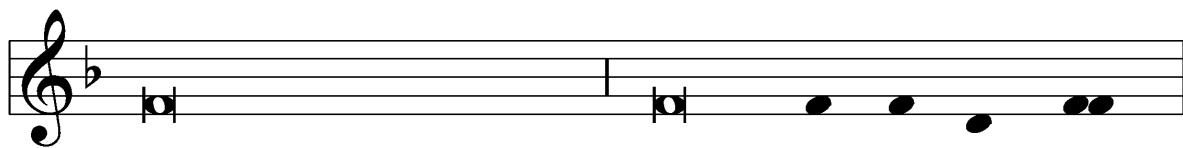
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.



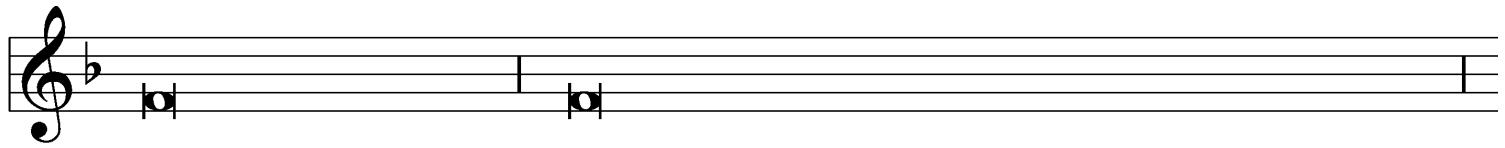
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



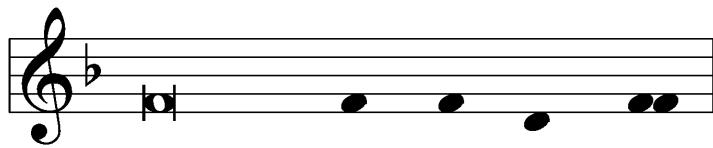
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



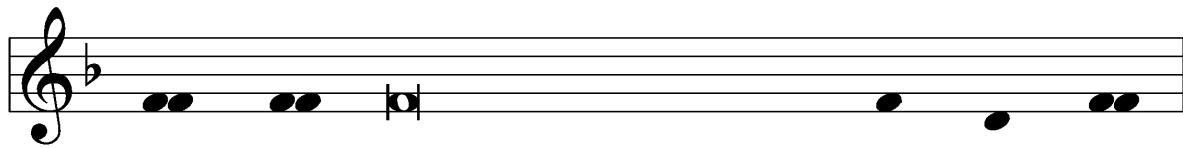
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Septuagesima



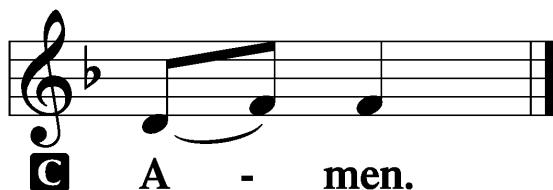
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5–6a



The cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD.
From his temple he heard my voice.

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.

For you save a humble people,
but the haughty eyes you bring down.

[You have] equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,
and sing to your name.

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.

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the snares of death confronted me.

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

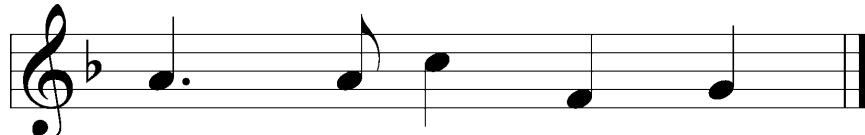
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Hymn ‘Salvation unto Us Has Come’

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.

LSB 555 verses 6-10

Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
 Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!”
 No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
 And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
 And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
 The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
 No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone
 And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
 With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
 The proof that faith is living.

△10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
 All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav’n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
 Your blessed name we hallow.

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Sermon

‘Love for the Loveless’

Matthew 20:1-16

Please stand as you are able.

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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For joy at those who enter Christ's salvation, from every nation and in all hours of life, that with them we may praise our Master's holy generosity, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church of God, built on Christ and ordered according to His will, that her pastors may know His Holy Word thoroughly, and her people wait patiently on His heavenly provision, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all Christian homes and for the endurance that comes from the Holy Spirit; and for husbands and wives, parents and children, that they may be disciplined and self-controlled in their duties, run their course in this life, and continue to the end in the holy Christian faith, ready to receive the imperishable wreath of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the nations of the world, that our almighty God would suppress evil and injustice in every place and establish His peace, so that the poor would be comforted and suffer no lack, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and suffering, *[especially _____]*, that our Great Physician would bring them healing, hope and peace at the last, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who commune this day, that though we are entitled to nothing and deserve only wrath, we would be bold to ask for everything by grace in Christ; that God would grant us repentant hearts, trusting faith in His promises and unity of confession; and that we would be strengthened through the forgiveness of sins for a life that abandons sin and idleness and lives in joyful service to our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we who have come to faith in the later hours of this world may follow the examples of the saints who labored before us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That working in faith and hope through love, we may receive with thanksgiving the generous wage from our gracious Master, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

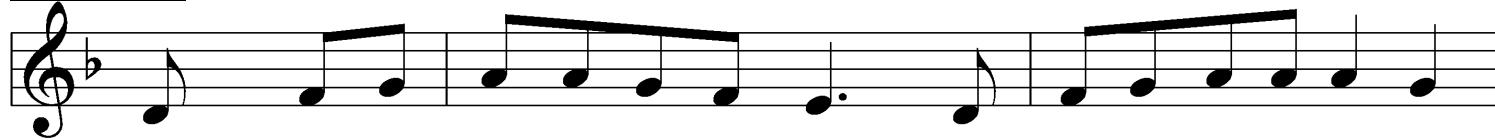
P Lord God, heavenly Father, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray. Grant that we would look to You for every blessing and to Your Son for our salvation. Deliver us from all adversity, and preserve us in faith until the last. To You alone be all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy 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 +

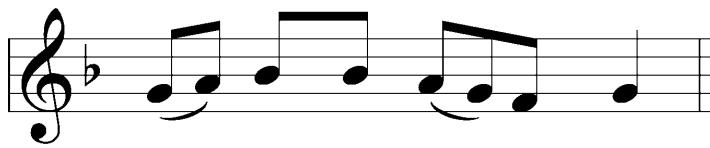
Preface

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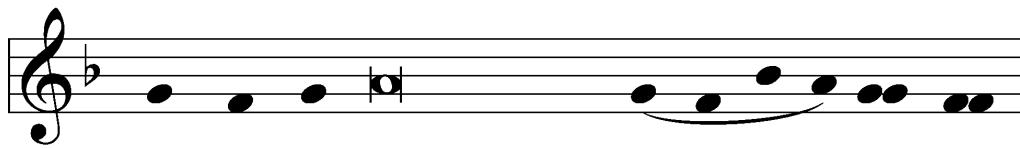
P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



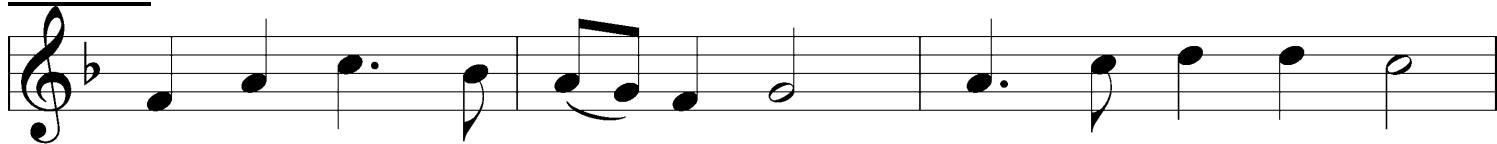
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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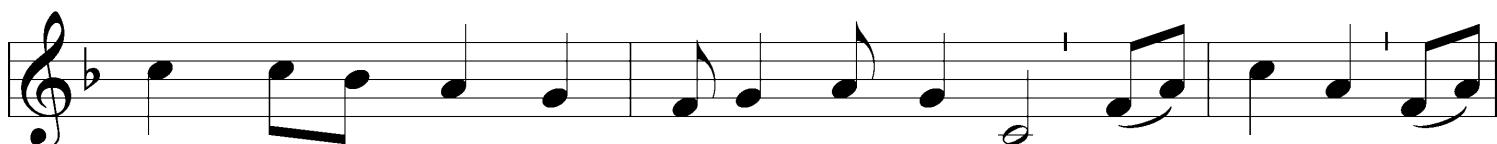
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, 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

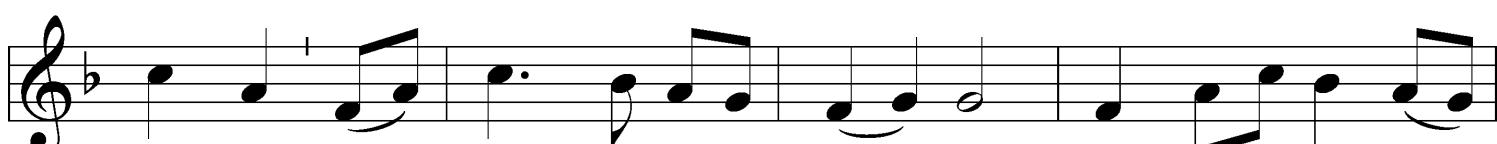
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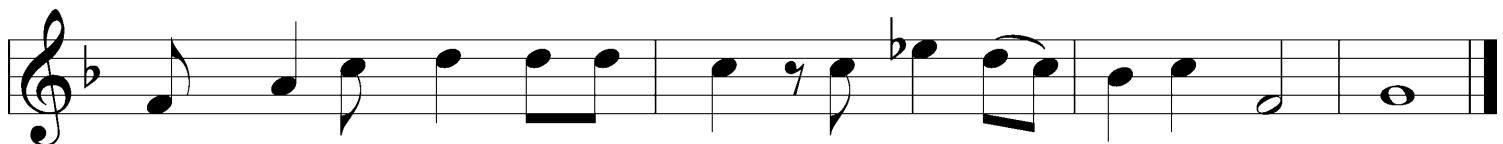
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



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 \ddagger 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 \ddagger 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.

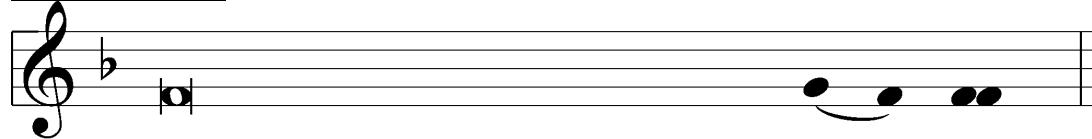
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.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

Lord's Prayer

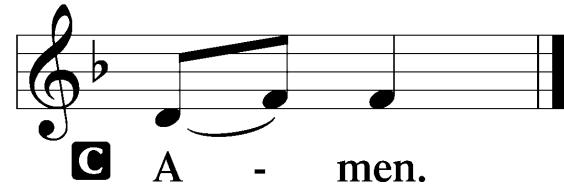
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

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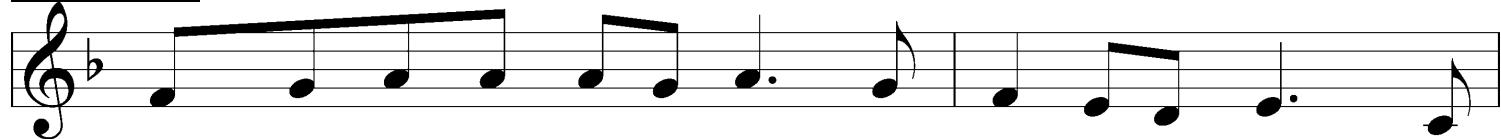
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



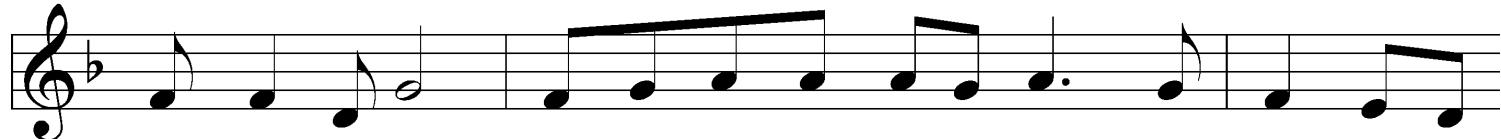
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Agnus Dei

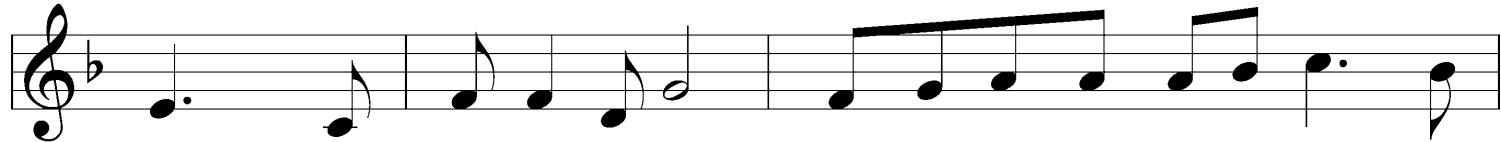
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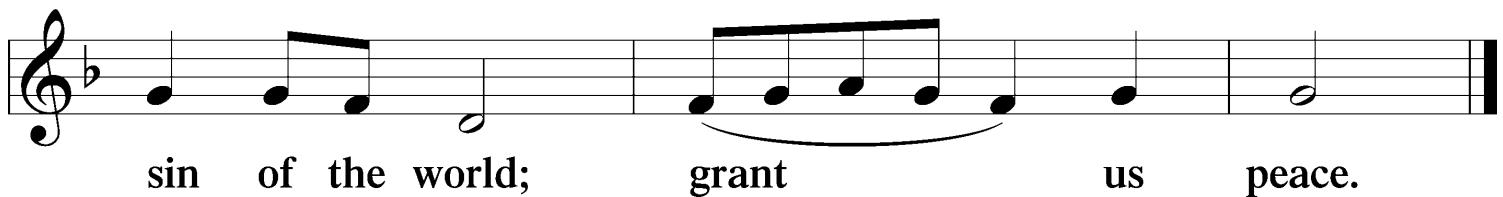
C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



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



Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn 'From Eternity, O God'

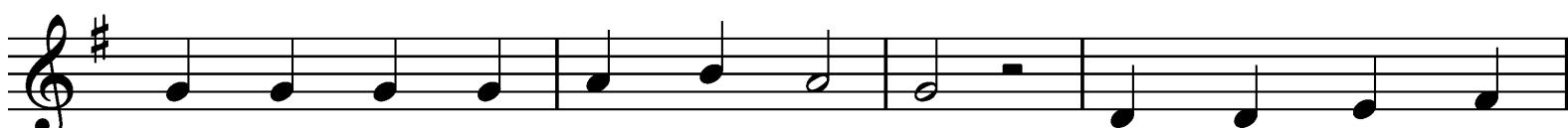
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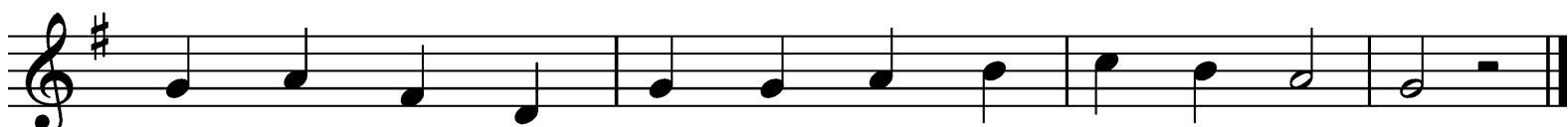
1 From e - ter - ni - ty, O God, In Thy Son Thou
 2 Though a - live, I'm dead in sin, Lost to all good
 3 Drive a - way the gloom - y night Of my hearts' per -
 4 Oh, cre - ate a heart in me That in Thee, my



didst e - lect me; There - fore, Fa - ther, on life's road
 things by na - ture. Ho - ly Ghost, change me with - in,
 - verse re - flec - tion; Quench all tho'ts that are not right,
 God, be - liev - eth And o'er the in - i - qui - ty



Gra - cious - ly to heav'n di - rect me; Send to me Thy
 Make of me a new - born crea - ture; For the flesh works
 Hold my rea - son in sub - jec - tion; Grant that I from
 Of my sins most tru - ly griev - eth. When dark hours of



Ho - ly Spir - it That His gifts I may in - her - it.
 ru - i - na - tion And can nev - er gain sal - va - tion.
 Thee, with yearn - ing, Wis - dom al - ways may be learn - ing.
 woe be - tide me, In the wounds of Je - sus hide me.

5 As a branch upon a vine
 In my blessed Lord implant me;
 Ever of my Head divine
 To remain a member grant me.

Oh, let Him, my Lord and Savior,
Be my Life and Love forever!

6 Faith and hope and charity
Graciously, O Father, give me;
Be my Guardian constantly
That the devil may not grieve me;
Grant me humbleness and gladness,
Peace and patience in my sadness.

7 Help me speak what's right and good
And keep silence on occasion;
Help me pray, Lord, as I should,
Help me bear my tribulation;
Help me die and let my spirit
Everlasting life inherit.

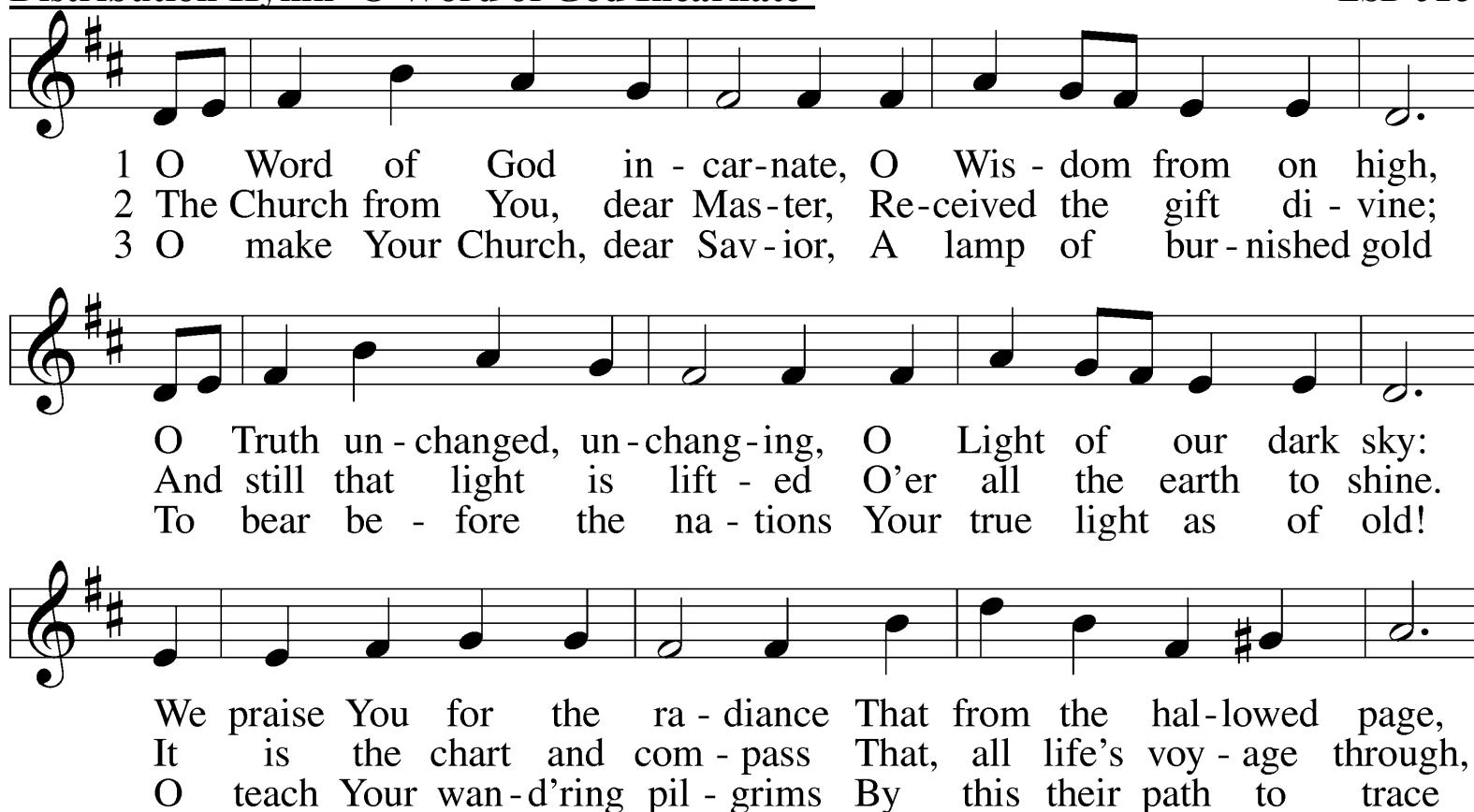
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Distribution Hymn 'O Word of God Incarnate'



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal-lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan-d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
 Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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Please stand as you are able.

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

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.

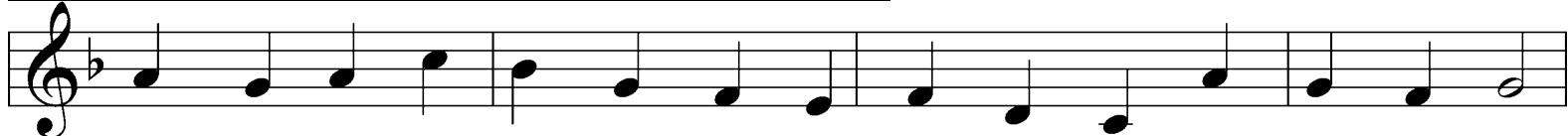
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C A - men.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn 'Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling'

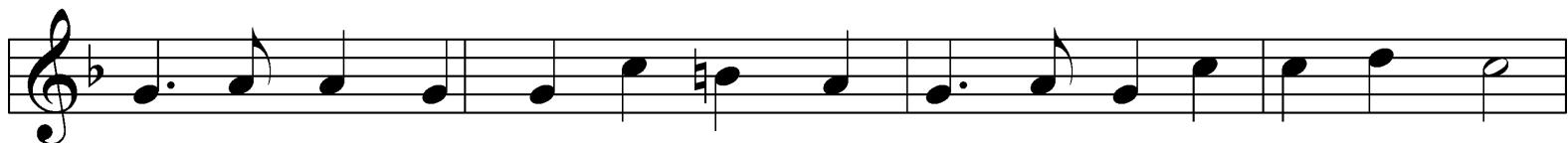
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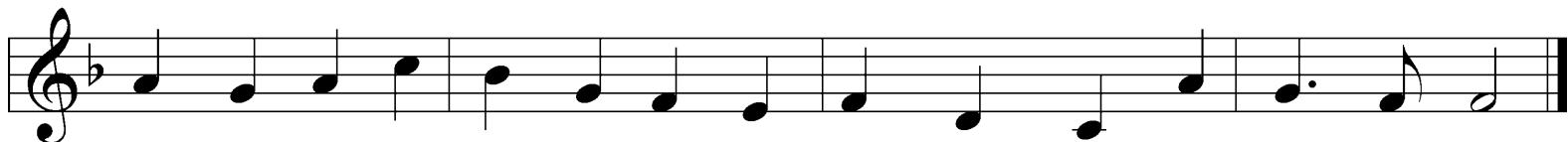
1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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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.

Clarification on Individual Cups for Communion: The Individual Cups in the middle of the tray during the Lord's Supper have a lighter color to them, as they are a few drops of wine mixed with water. The practice is to dilute the wine for those who have wine allergies or wine sensitivities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Koepp.

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. Congregation members, please place your offering inside the envelope that has been designated for you. Thank you.

Lent Meals sign-up is out on the entryway table.

Sunday School: We are looking for Sunday School teachers for 2025-2026. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

2nd Plate Mission for today is designated to LCMS Office of International Mission – Cody & Aurelie Mock. There is a second offering plate available as you enter the sanctuary.

February calendars are on the entryway table.

Sunday School: Today, we will study “The Fall and a Promise.” The slithery serpent caused Eve to doubt God’s Word with one simple question: “Did God actually say . . .?” (Genesis 3:1). Seeking to gain wisdom, Eve and Adam rebel against their Creator. Suddenly aware of their condition before God, they vainly attempt to hide their sinful exposure. With sin comes punishment that is just; yet our heavenly Father does not leave humankind without hope. Instead, he promises One who will come to rescue His people from the jaws of death and Satan. As a family, discuss the importance of God’s promise of the Savior.

Stewardship: *Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.”* Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His generosity.

Building Healthy Families: Experiencing a private concern that you don’t want to talk about with your friends or family? Don’t look for help online. There you may find “answers,” but they’ll be from a faceless post or AI-generated source that provides simplistic solutions or platitudes that aren’t consistent with teachings of the historic faith that have guided and sustained generations long before the internet gave influencers a platform. LFS has mental health, marriage and family, grief and loss education and support, unplanned pregnancy and adoption counselors available to you via confidential telehealth link no matter where you live. At LFS you’ll find real people who are experienced helpers – equipped to provide confidential, sound counsel – who share your Lutheran Christian faith. Why struggle alone or scroll online when real help is available? Call us – it’s why we’re here! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Quote: “You may have a messy story. Your family may have a dysfunctional past. Your past (or present) may be filled with greed, sexual immorality, or other idols. But Jesus won’t let that stop Him from reaching out to you with the message of His unconditional love. You might be far from good, but you are not too far gone for God.” *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Feb. 8th: Hear "Type C" based on 1 Corinthians 2:12 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In the Bible, the Holy Spirit meets us, gives us the mind of Christ, and leads us back into the world as children of God. ~ ***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: Tragically there are many people who do in fact sacrifice the fruit of their bodies for the sins of their soul (Micah 6:7), killing their own children to undo or cover up the sinful choices they've made. How foolish is the so-called "wisdom" of the world (1 Corinthians 1) that calls death life! And though the Lord could rightly bring an indictment against His people for this evil (Micah 6:2), He instead shames the "strong" and "wise" among us by sacrificing His only begotten Son to cover the sins of the entire world (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). In Christ crucified, all who believe will inherit the kingdom of heaven, and those who mourn the wanton destruction of life will be comforted forevermore (Matthew 5:3-4).

SANCTIFYING YOUR EXERCISE ROUTINE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...

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KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), we're continuing our study through the book of Genesis! This week we'll cover chapters 11-13. Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we look at the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels! Don't forget to join us on The Coffee Hour this week (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT) — we'll be introducing the all-new online edition of the Book of Concord from CPH, sharing this month's Searching Scripture feature, and bringing you Episode 5 of our latest history series, "The Battle for the Augsburg Confession." Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

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BABY ITEMS NEEDED: NEWBORN - 12 MONTHS (3 - 6 MONTHS MOST NEEDED), DIAPERS, WIPES, BOTTLES, HOODED BATH TOWELS, WASH CLOTHS, BURP CLOTHS, BREAST FEEDING ITEMS, TOYS IN GOOD CONDITION, BABY SWINGS, CAR SEATS, BATH TUBS, OTHER BABY EQUIPMENT, MATERNITY CLOTHES.

CONFIRMATION MEMORY WORK FOR FEBRUARY 4

5th & 6th Grades

Lord's Prayer: Introduction and Meaning

7th & 8th Grades

Sacrament of the Altar: *What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?*

Any questions please see Lucas B.

DARTBALL SCHEDULE 2026
(ALL GAMES BEGIN AT 7 P.M.)
HOME TEAM LISTED FIRST

MONDAY JANUARY 5TH
WILLIAMSBURG 2-GRINNELL
MARENGO-WILLIAMSBURG 1
LINCOLN-BYE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9TH
GRINNELL-WILLIAMSBURG 2
WILLIAMSBURG 1-MARENGO
LINCOLN-BYE

MONDAY JANUARY 12TH
WILLIAMSBURG 2-MARENGO
GRINNELL-LINCOLN
WILLIAMSBURG 1-BYE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH
MARENGO-WILLIAMSBURG 2
LINCOLN-GRINNELL
WILLIAMSBURG 1-BYE

MONDAY JANUARY 19TH
MARENGO-GRINNELL
LINCOLN-WILLIAMSBURG 1
WILLIAMSBURG 2-BYE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23RD
GRINNELL-MARENGO
WILLIAMSBURG 1-LINCOLN
WILLIAMSBURG 2-BYE

MONDAY JANUARY 26TH
LINCOLN-WILLIAMSBURG 2
WILLIAMSBURG 1-GRINNELL
MARENGO-BYE

MONDAY MARCH 2ND
WILLIAMSBURG 2-LINCOLN
GRINNELL-WILLIAMSBURG 1
MARENGO-BYE

MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND
MARENGO-LINCOLN
WILLIAMSBURG 2-WILLIAMSBURG 1
GRINNELL-BYE

MONDAY MARCH 9TH
LINCOLN-MARENGO
WILLIAMSBURG 1-WILLIAMSBURG 2
GRINNELL-BYE

MONDAY MARCH 16TH-MAKE UP NIGHT IF NEEDED

SUNDAY MARCH 22-TOURNAMENT AT LINCOLN 1 P.M. START

2026

IOWA PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE



THU, FEB 5 | IOWA STATE CAPITOL

Join the Movement | 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Iowa State Capitol

EVERY life is precious! Join the Iowa Coalition of Pro-Life Leaders at the Iowa State Capitol for a day of prayer, education, and advocacy.

Learn to Lobby | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM | Room TBD

Your voice matters. Veteran lobbyists will equip you with practical tools to confidently engage legislators and advocate for life-affirming policies.

Exhibitors & Pro-Life Resources | 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM | Rotunda

Connect with pro-life organizations from across Iowa offering resources, information, and meaningful ways to get involved.

Prayer Rally for Life | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Rotunda

Invited speakers include: Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds, Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird, Iowa Representative Jon Dunwell, and other governmental, faith, and pro-life leaders.

Lobby Your Legislators | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Meet with legislators to encourage, pray with, and advocate for life-affirming legislation, including: Life at Conception, Black Market Abortion, and support for mothers through the MOMS Bill.

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Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)
For the Week of January 25, 2026
Attendance 61

Calendar of Events for This Week

Today 8:00am Elders Meeting
 9:00am Septuagesima
 10:30am Council Meeting
 10:30am Sunday School
 Bible Study after Council Meeting
 Greeter: Christinson
 Usher: Joel R. Koepp
 Servers: Julie M. & Kathy S.
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Thatcher & Elsie
 Elder: Joel M.

Wednesday 4-5:30pm 7th/8th Grades Confirmation
 5:30-7pm 5th/6th Grades Confirmation

Thursday 10:30am Iowa Prayer Rally for Life at State Capitol
 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sunday 9:00am Sexagesima
 10:30am LWML
 10:30am Sunday School / Bible Study
 11:30am Board of Education Meeting
 Greeter: Eichenberger
 Usher: Keith T.
 Servers: Robin M. & Sue F.
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia & Sophia
 Elder: Derek J.