+ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS + Divine Service Setting One ~ LSB 151 January 4, 2026

As We Gather: Jesus Is the Perfect Israel

Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1–7). God made a great nation of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the Lord. Therefore, the New Israel came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13–23), that the prophecy might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my Son" (Hos. 11:1). Jesus brings to perfection what old Israel could not. He is the faithful Israel, the embodiment of the people of God. He offers His perfect and holy life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12–19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ's sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His glory.

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.

ExhortationLSB 151

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution LSB 151

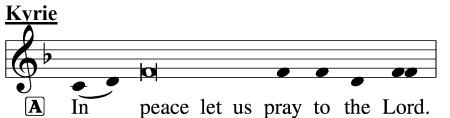
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

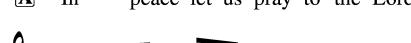
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



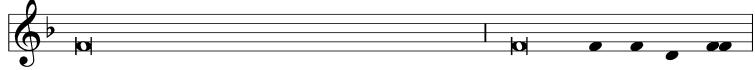
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C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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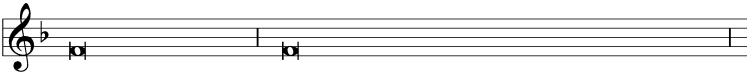


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

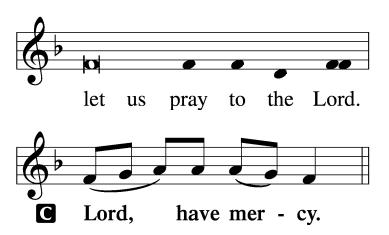


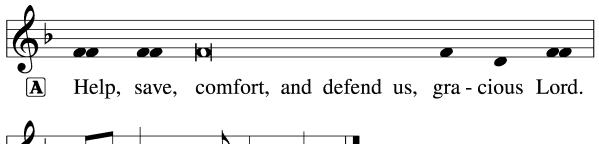


C Lord, have mer - cy.



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









P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Christmas 2

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 46:1–7

¹So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here am I." ³Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, ⁷his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

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

<u>Epistle</u> 1 Peter 4:12–19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

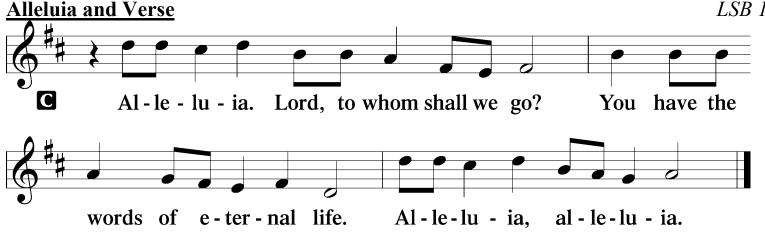
"If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

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

Please stand as you are able.





Holy Gospel *Matthew 2:13–23*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

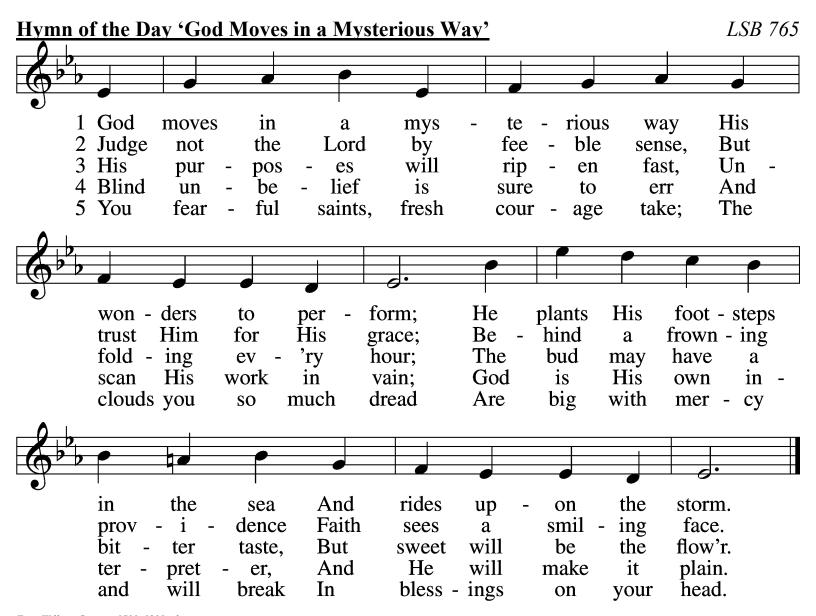
¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.



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Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

Apostles' Creed

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.

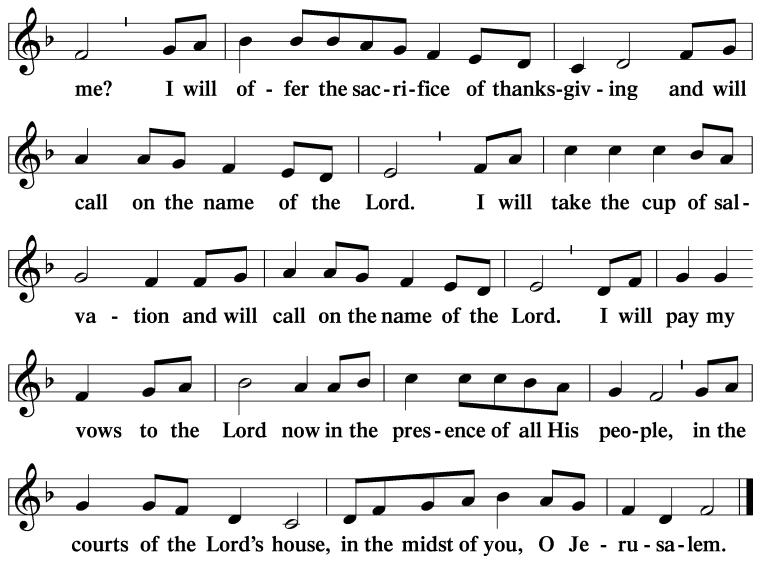
Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the joy of Christ's birth, through whom the divine image is restored to mankind; for the joy of Holy Baptism, in which God bestows this image upon us; and for the joy of adoption as His sons and daughters, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the work of pastors and missionaries, that the seeds they sow would bring forth the harvest of our Lord Jesus; that they would endure fiery trials for Christ's name; that they would shine the light of His Gospel into the hostile darkness; and that they would rejoice in tribulation to share the sufferings of the Lord who suffered for us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For all Christian homes, that the Word of God would dwell richly therein just as Christ Himself once dwelt in the home of Mary and Joseph, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For our government, especially Donald, our president; _______, our governor; and all our leaders, that they would work toward the common good of all people as found in God's Law written on our hearts and in the righteous decrees of our Lord especially to protect the unborn and those who cannot speak for themselves, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
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- P For all who approach God's holy altar today, that He would grant them grace to receive this sacramental mystery worthily, the New Testament of our divine Redeemer, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For those persecuted for the cause of Christ; and for strength in time of trial and perseverance in grace in the day of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P O Lord God, heavenly Father, You allowed Your Son, Jesus Christ, to become a stranger and sojourner in Egypt for our sake and led Him safely home to His fatherland. Mercifully grant that we poor sinners, who are strangers and sojourners in this perilous world, may soon be called home to our true fatherland, the kingdom of heaven, where we shall live in eternal joy and glory; 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.

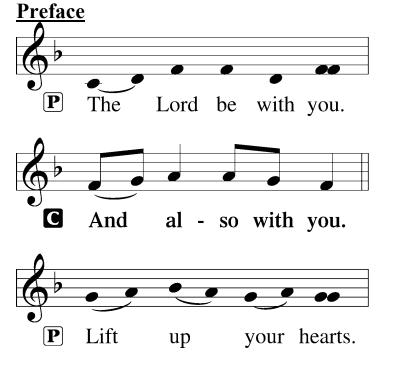
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).



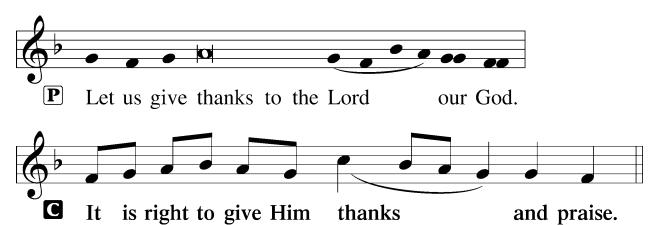




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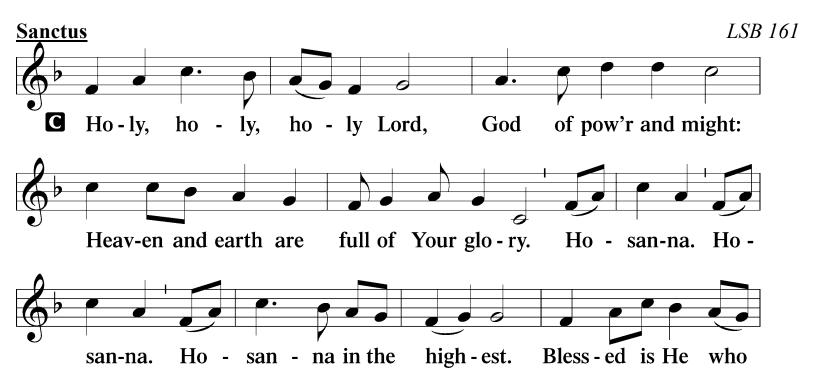






Proper Preface (Full)

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





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 allavailing 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.

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

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.

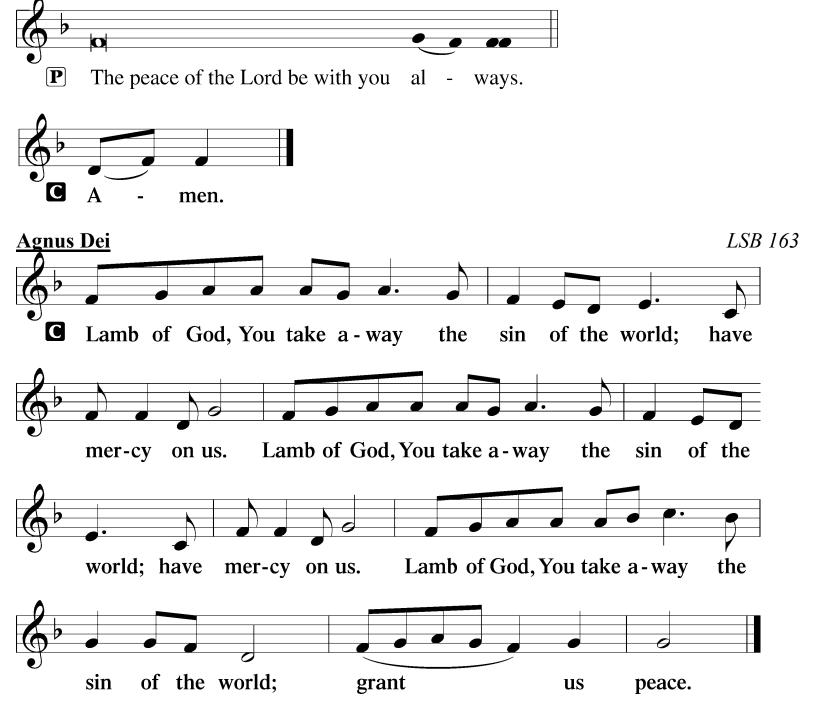
The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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."

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Please be seated.



The Lord prepared thee for all earthly sadness.

The angel host

Can never boast

Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.

6 The world may hold

Her wealth and gold;

But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true treasure.

To Him hold fast

Until at last

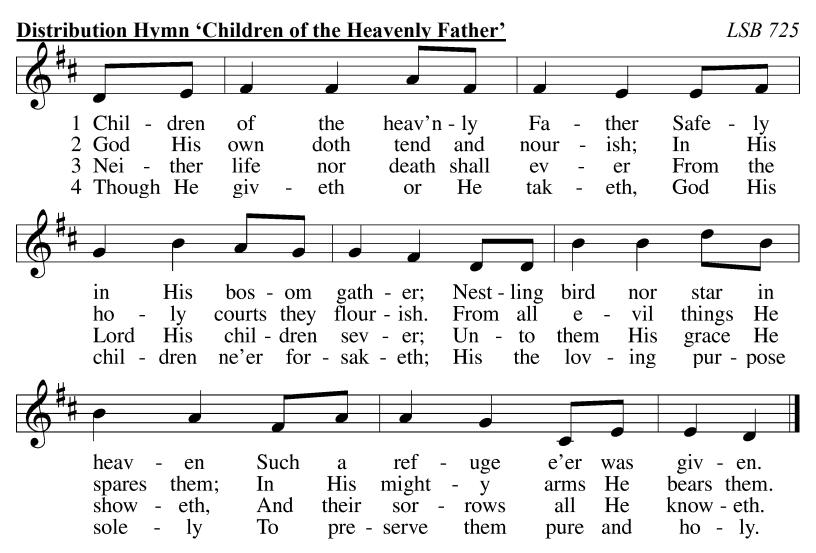
A crown be thine and honor in full measure.

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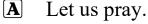
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Post-Communion Collect



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



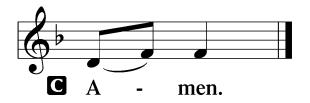
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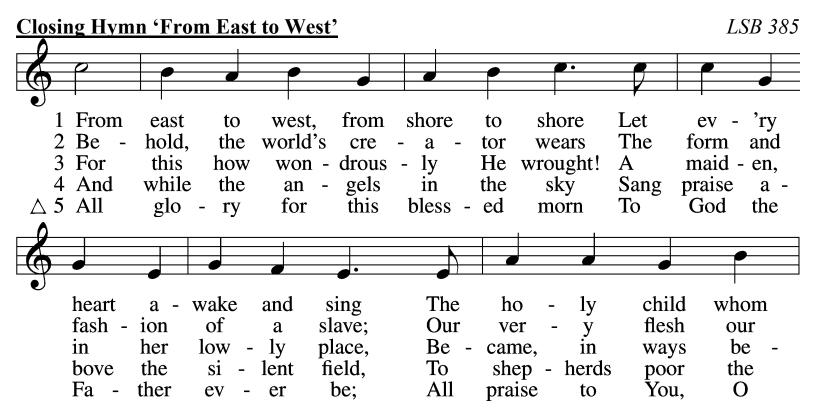
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



Please be seated.





The Mar bore, Christ, the last - ing king. y ev er shares, His fall - en all to mak er save. crea - tures His grace. The of all thought, cho - sen ves - sel yond Shep - herd, Most High, The re - vealed. Lord one great was gin - born, Ho - ly Ghost ter - nal - ly. And

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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 sensitives. 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.

We encourage members to consider electronic giving. It is a secure and convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. We would love for you to get started! Pick up an authorization form on the entryway table and return to the church secretary.

General Fund & Mission Giving: When making gifts for both the general fund and missions, please provide the offerings in two separate checks as the church has separate bank accounts for these funds. Thank you.

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

Stewardship: 1 Peter 4:17 – "For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" The Gospel had freed us from all fear. God the Father loves us to the ends of love, and He has sent His Son to die for us and call us into His kingdom through the rebirth of water and Spirit. Saint Peter views this not as an excuse to sin but as encouragement for godly living. The judgment of the Lord is a real event, and it applies to the household of God. As members of His household, we desire to serve Him.

Building Healthy Families: The beginning of a New Year can bring feelings of anticipation, excitement, and hope as we start with a clean slate, our resolutions to keep. Still looking for ideas that will bring new life to your New Year? How about one of these: read from Scripture 15 minutes every day; go to church every Sunday; set aside 20 minutes at the end of the day to pray; join a Bible Study group; memorize a new Bible verse each week. Don't give up! It takes 6 weeks of doing something repeatedly to make it a habit. Happy & Blessed New Year to you and your family! ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Quote: "Your story might not look as extraordinary as Esther's. It might not be as exciting as David's or as tumultuous as Rahab's or as terrifying as Mary's. But you don't have to be extraordinary for God to work through you. He can accomplish great things through something as unassuming as prayer or as simple as a meal for a new mother." Grace MacPherson ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Jan. 11th: Hear "Solidarity" based on Romans 6:5 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Solidarity is how Christians understand their relationship to Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus, the Son of God, went where we had gone so that we might go where He goes. ~ 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 for January 4 (Christmas 2): God used Joseph, who adopted Jesus as his own son (Luke 2:41), to care for our Lord as He (Jesus) mysteriously lived a perfectly human life as our substitute. Through Jesus, God has now adopted us as His own children and has promised us an eternal inheritance in His kingdom (Ephesians 1:5, 11). Christians should be encouraged to likewise consider and promote adoption as a godly way to preserve and care for the lives of God's precious children and bring them into His kingdom.

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CONFIRMATION MEMORY WORK FOR JANUARY 7

5th & 6th Grades

3rd Article & Meaning

7th & 8th Grades

Baptism: Part IV and Meaning

Voters' Assembly

Sunday, January 18th 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

For the week of December 28, 2025

Attendance 34

Calendar of Events for This Week

Today 8:00am Elders Meeting

9:00am Second Sunday after Christmas 10:30am Children's Christmas Program

Greeter: Wyatt Usher: Joel K.

Servers: Sue F. & Karla C.

Acolyte/Crucifer: Elsie & Thatcher

Elder: Joel M.

Tuesday 8:30am Grinnell Ministerial Association

6:30pm The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)

Usher: Tim B. Elder: Steve H.

Wednesday 10:30am Pastor at District Office

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

Thursday 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sunday 8:00am Council Meeting

9:00am The Baptism of Our Lord

10:30am LWML

10:30am Bible Study / Sunday School

11:30am Board of Education

Greeter: Wyckoff

Usher: Ben L.

Servers: Kathy S. & Robin M.

Acolyte/Crucifer: Sophia & Alivia

Elder: Joel M.