FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 2021 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service

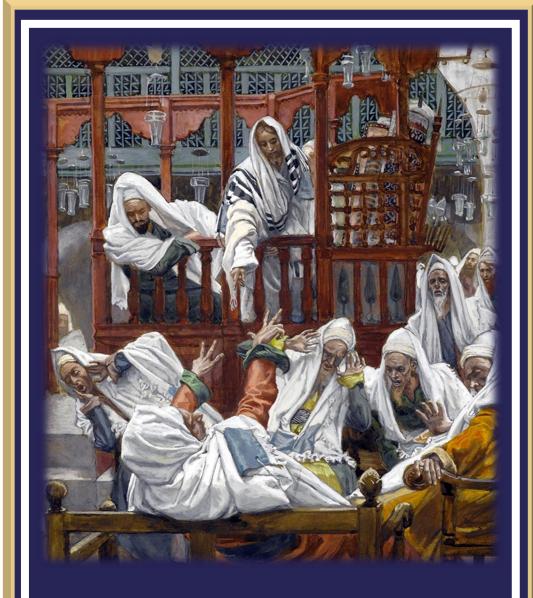
10:30 am Adult Bible Class Sunday School

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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"But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

(Mark 1:25-26)

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

- A Prayer Upon Entering Church Lord of all, by Your hands all things were made. In Your Word is power over order and chaos, light and darkness, life and death. Grant Your Spirit that I become an instrument of Yours by Your grace, humbly serving You through the perfect Prophet and Savior of this world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- AS WE GATHER In today's Gospel from Mark 1, we are reminded of Jesus' divine authority in His teaching to the people and also in His power over evil spirits. This power and authority was foretold by prophets such as Moses, pointing to the One who would fulfill all things as the long-awaited perfect prophet and Savior. In that power and

authority, Christ has won our victory through His death and rising, and we are blessed with freedom in that faith to be used to His glory in service to others.

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WELCOME

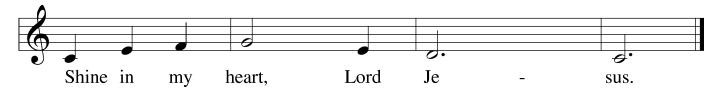
PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)



OPENING HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light LSB411





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▲ INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

▲ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

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

and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

▲ INTROIT *Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10*

- P Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him.
- C Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- P Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- C I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him.
- C You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.
- P Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him.

▲ GLORIA PATRI

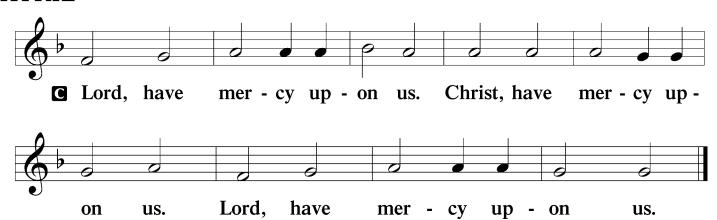


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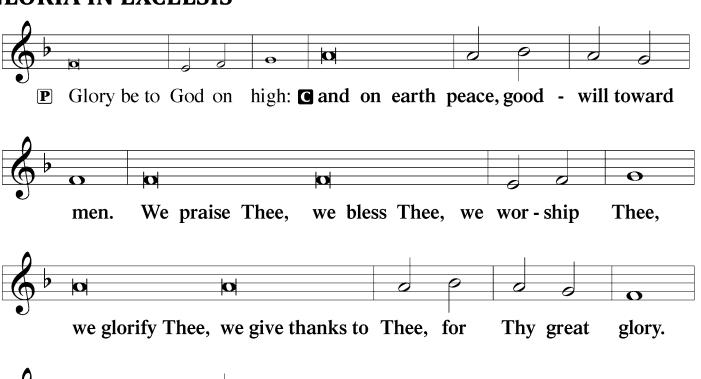


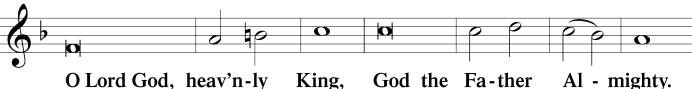
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

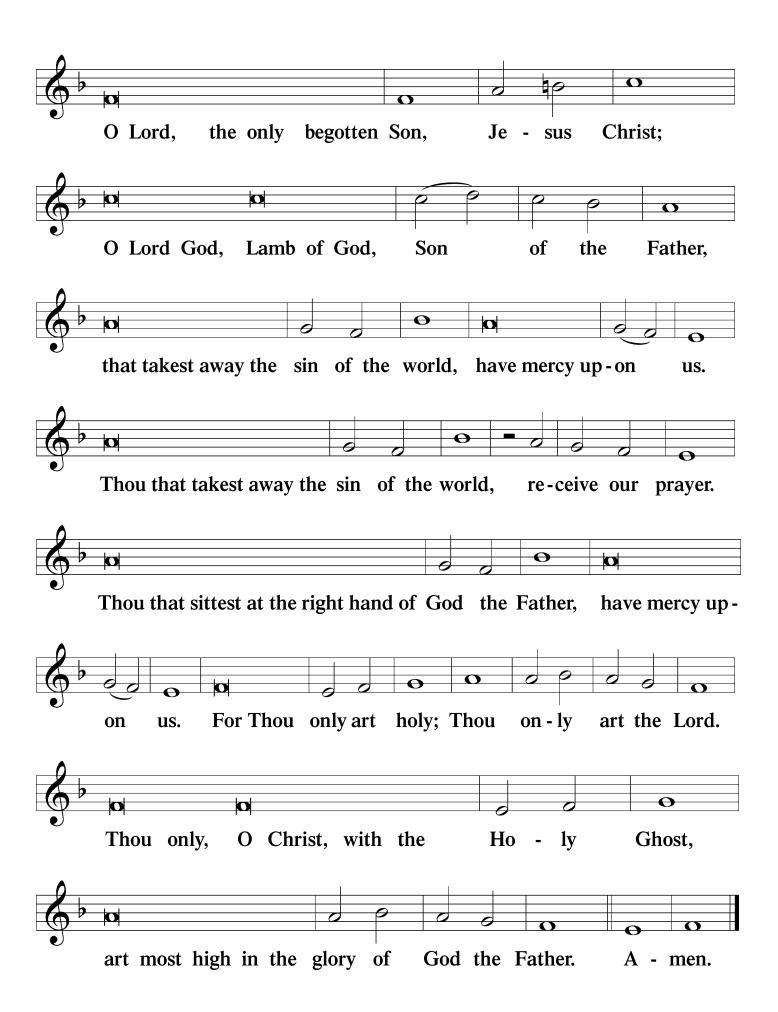
▲ KYRIE



▲ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS







▲ SALUTATION



P The Lord be with you.





▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READINGDeuteronomy 18:15–20 (A new prophet like Moses)

15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, 16 according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear

again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' 17 "And the Lord said to me: 'What they have spoken is good. 18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. 19 And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

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

PSALM Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 3

- P His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.
- C I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.
- P The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.
- C His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.
- P He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- C He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
- P He has declared to His people the power of His works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- C The works of His hands are verity and justice; all His precepts are sure.
- P They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

- He has sent redemption to His people; He has \mathbf{C} commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good P understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever. His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 **EPISTLE**

(In our freedom, not causing others to stumble)

1 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. 2 And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him. 4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. 7 However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. 9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. 10 For if anyone sees you who have

knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? 11 And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? 12 But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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

▲ HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

(Jesus teaches with authority and shows His power over unclean spirits.)

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



21 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. 22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" 26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. 27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this?

What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." 28 And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



▲ NICENE CREED

All: 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.



Your heart will leap for gladness
When from the realms of sadness
They come from near and far.
Your eyes will wake from slumber
As people without number
Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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SERMON "The insipid, lifeless teaching of man vs. the astonishing, life-giving, teaching of God" (Mark 1:22)

OFFERING (Please place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.





Now the hear-ing Now the pow'r Now the ves-sel brimmed for pour - ing



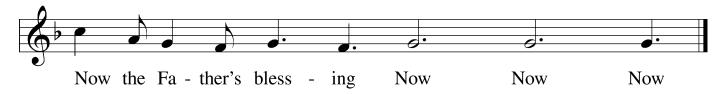
Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed-ding Now the songs Now the heart for-giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e-piph - a - ny



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▲ SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" [through use of American Sign Language]

▲ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church of God and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of the Holy

Scriptures, both Law and Gospel, in which we see our sin and see Your love in our Savior. As Christ is true Prophet and Savior of this world, give us faith to continue to hear His voice and find comfort in His work of salvation. Bless the proclamation of the Word, and raise faithful servants who will share Your commands and the forgiveness that comes through Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Ever-giving Lord, grant continued faith by Your Holy Spirit through the hearing of Your Word that we be fed and nourished. Produce in us good fruit for the sake of selves and others, that we not cause others to stumble but to walk firmly in Your ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All-powerful Lord, at whose Word and authority even unclean and evil spirits submit and obey, hinder the work of Satan in our lives that Your kingdom and victory be known to all. Give Your peace and presence to those who suffer any affliction, [including . . .]. Enable us to be a blessing to those in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

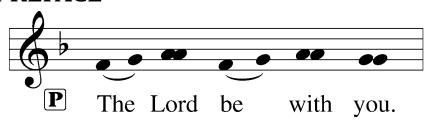
C hear our prayer.

(Additional petitions may follow.)

- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

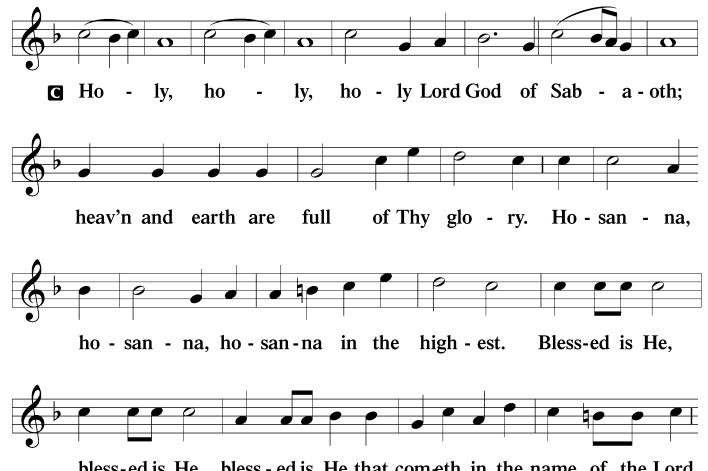
▲ PREFACE





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



bless-ed is He. bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



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

▲ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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. Amen

▲ LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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.





▲ 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."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

▲ Pax Domini



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



▲ AGNUS DEI

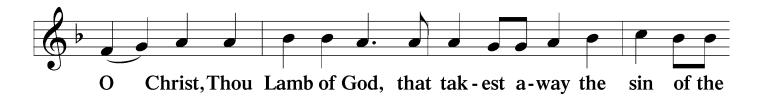


O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



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





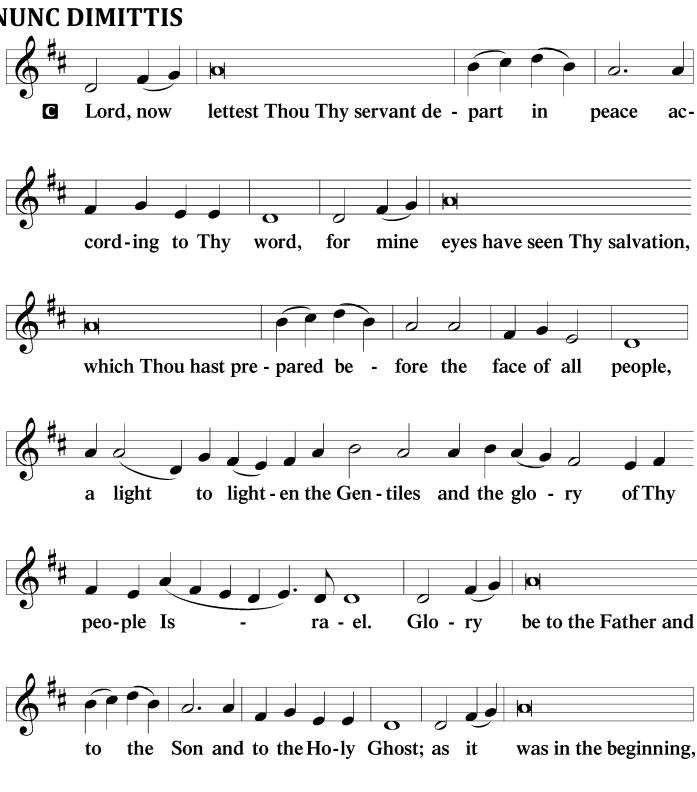


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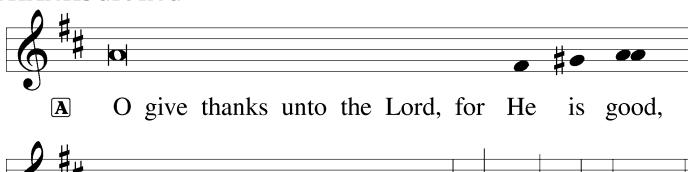
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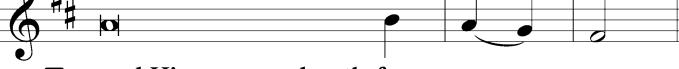


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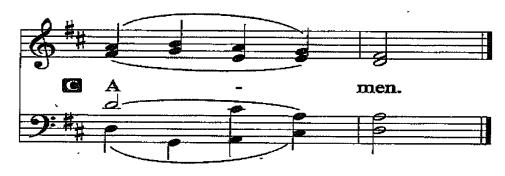
A-men.

▲ THANKSGIVING





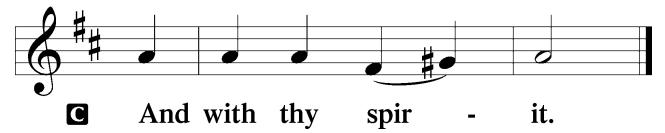
- and His mercy endureth for ev er.
- P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,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

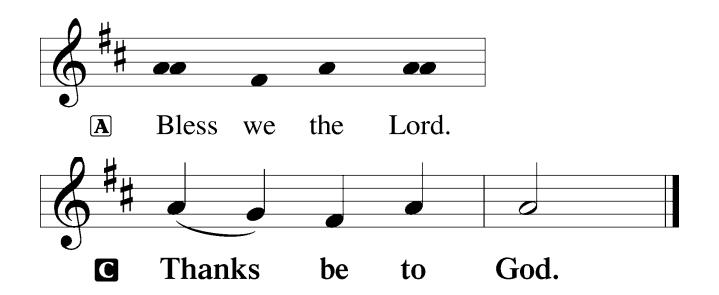


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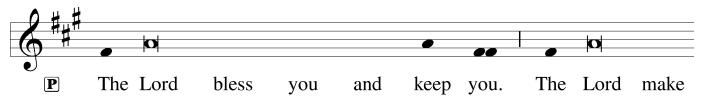


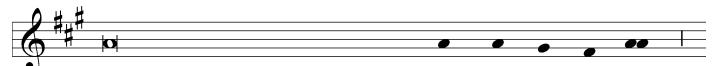
P The Lord be with you.



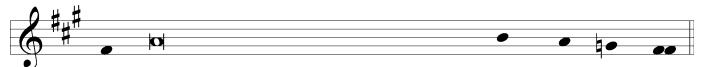


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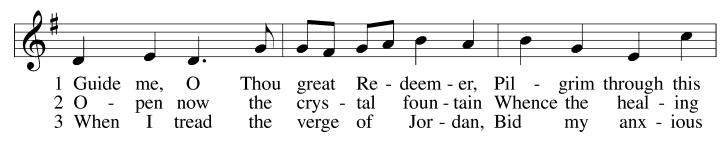
His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to

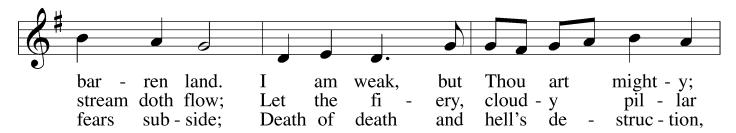


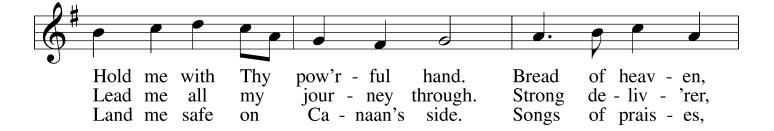
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

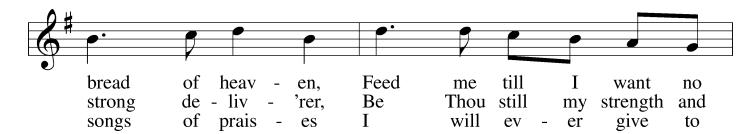


SENDING HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer LSB 918











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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Portals of Prayer for January to March are available in the Narthrex.

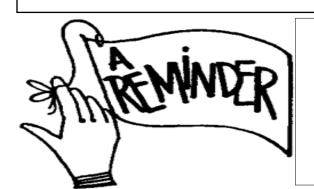
Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You have fellowship with one another and also enrich your spiritual life with the Word. Rev. Goetz is leading the Bible Study.

Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

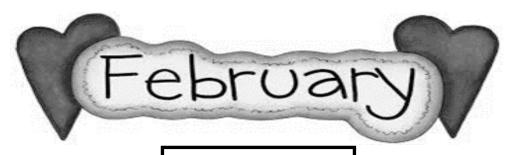
This week's memory verse: 1 Timothy 2:5-6

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time."



Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:00 a.m.



Birthdays

Members

- 2 Nora Galvan
- 3 Elias Perez
- 18 Jaclyn Marchant
- 18 Lauren Marchant
- 22 Rodney Robinson

Winter Texans

- 4 JoAnne Schroeder
- 12 Wanda Klima
- 13 Duane Gunderson
- 13 Bob Burnison
- 28 Harvey Sadlovsky

School

20 Sophia G. Cruz

Anniversaries

Members

None

Winter Texans

2 Del & Elaine Blume



EXTRA EXTRA







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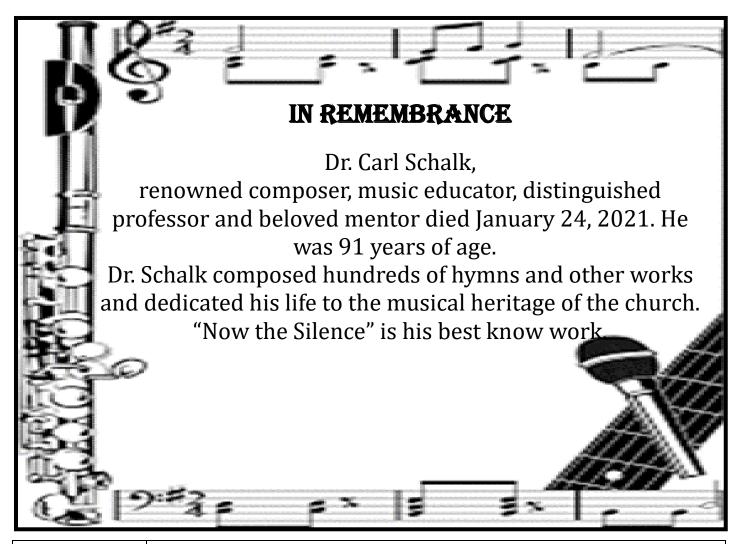
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Mini Bag=\$5; Small Bag=\$8;

Large Bag=\$12; Giant Bag=\$20



| | Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule | | | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| | January Sunday Servants: | February Servants: | | | |
| Elder: | Joe Winston | Earl Neuhaus | | | |
| Altar Guild: | Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez | L. Eilers./S. Wehling | | | |
| Music: | Bonny Winston | | | | |
| This Week | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | | | | |
| Usher: | Don Vogel | | | | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Service | 9:00 am | | | |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am | | | |
| Next Week | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | | | | |
| Usher: | Earl Neuhaus | | | | |
| Sunday: | Holy Worship Service | 9:00 am | | | |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am | | | |

Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin

As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up "a prophet" like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. "To him you shall listen," because the Word of the Lord is "in his mouth" (Deut. 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks "a new teaching with authority" (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters "the synagogue" of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out "even the unclean spirits" (Mark 1:21-27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, "from whom are all things and for whom we exist." Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, "through whom are all things and through whom we exist" (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9-12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.

| 1/24/2021 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday Worsh | nip | 49 | | | | |
| Plate: | | | \$ | 265.00 | | |
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| Henry Rickert | | | | \$ 100.00 | | |
| Total: | | | \$ 2,930.00 | | | |
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| Bible Class: | 23 | | \$ | 24.00 | | |

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Readings :

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 Mark 1:29-39