

SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 18, 2026  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
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10:30 A.M.  
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*“Behold!  
The Lamb of  
God  
who takes away  
the sin of the  
world!”*

JOHN 1:29



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 18, 2026

### **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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - O God, You have called me from the darkness of my sin to the light of holiness in You. By Your Word and Spirit, work in me true repentance, faithfulness, and love to You, my Lord; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - People often speak about a person's calling in life.

<sup>2</sup> They are describing a unique purpose or vocation according to

interests and talents. Often, trying to determine a person's "calling" or "destiny" is defined by some innate ability or giftedness found within ourselves, something we were born with or somehow born to do.

Today we hear of God calling otherwise ordinary fishermen Andrew and his brother Simon Peter. They were called by God through John the Baptist to follow the Messiah, the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. They were called to be disciples and eventually to be sent on Christ's mission as apostles. The prophet Isaiah says even the Savior, the servant of the Lord, was called from the womb by God, "that Israel might be gathered to Him," and called "as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:5–6). Saul of Tarsus was "called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," and Saul, now named Paul, reminds the church at Corinth and us that we are "called to be saints" (1 Corinthians 1:1–2). This calling differs from merely surveying interests or abilities within us; it comes to us from outside of ourselves, from the living God, our creator and Redeemer. This calling comes from God to everyone. It is the call of salvation, the divine call that transforms us from sinners into saints. Therefore, this calling depends not on anything within us but solely and totally on the grace and mercy and love of God.

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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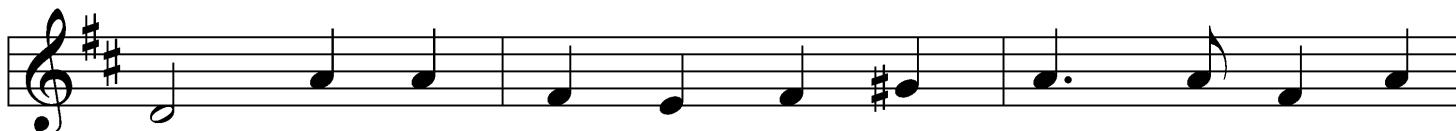
**PRELUDE** (*a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship*)

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

*The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*

LSB 399



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly

birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.

2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly  
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter  
 △ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,  
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was  
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it  
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -  
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.  
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.  
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**      *Psalm 19:1-4a, b; antiphon: v. 14*

**P** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

**C** **The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.**

**P** Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

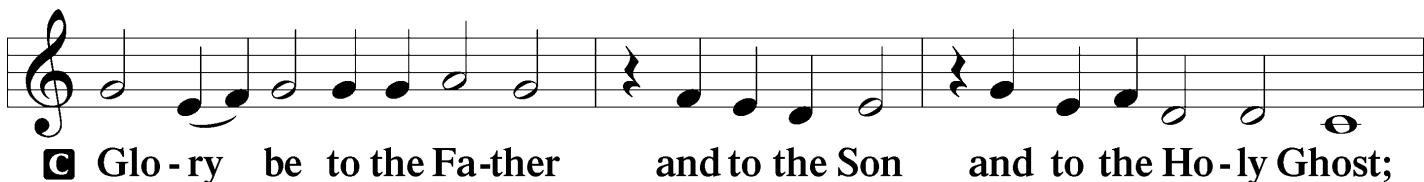
**C** **There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.**

**P** Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

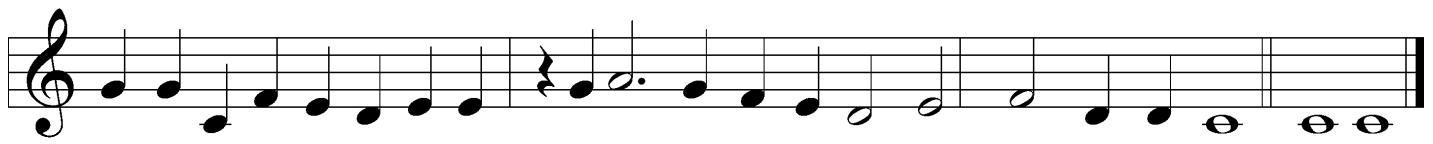
**C** **In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,**

**P** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

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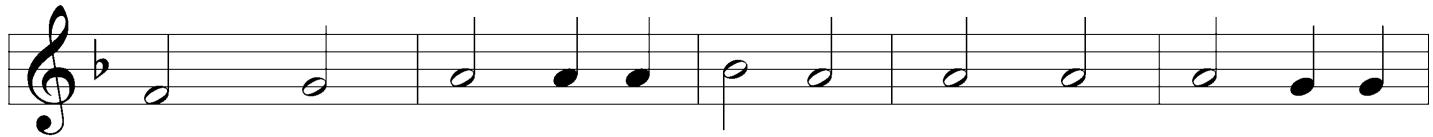


**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



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

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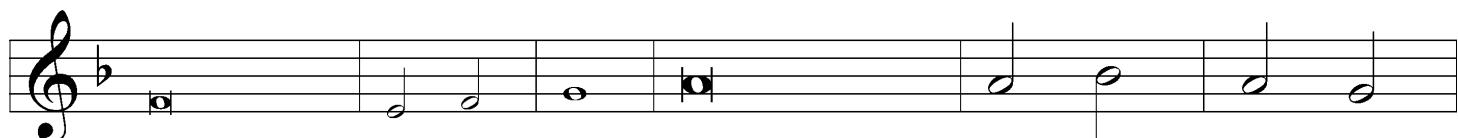


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

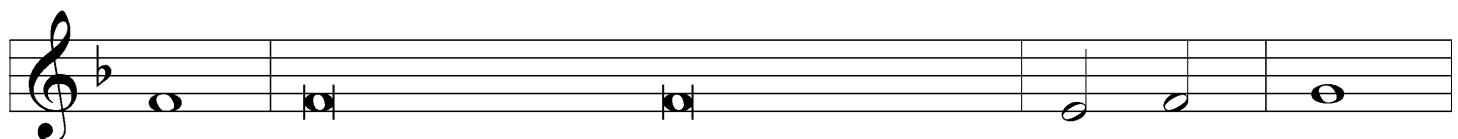


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

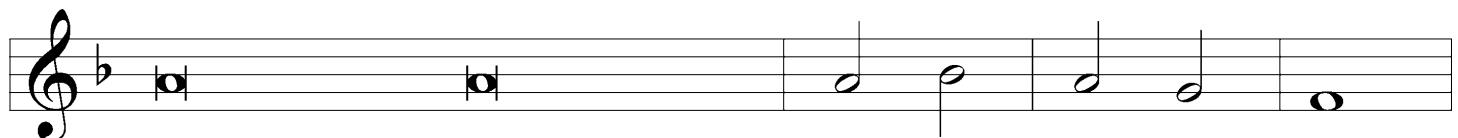
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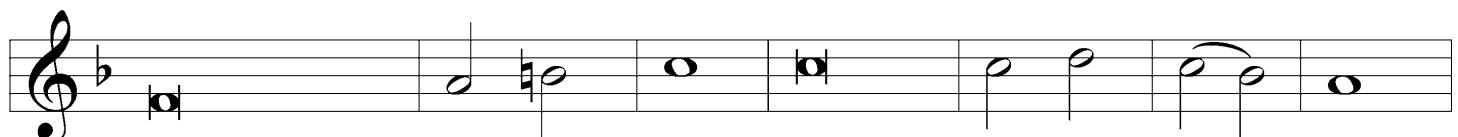
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



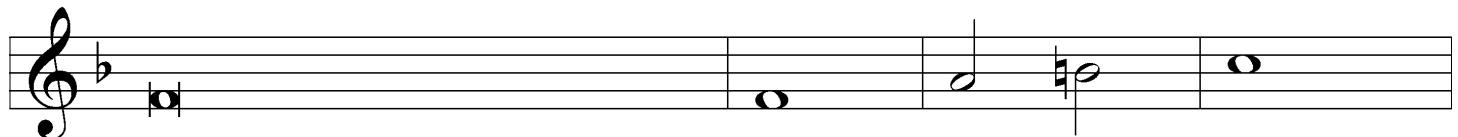
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



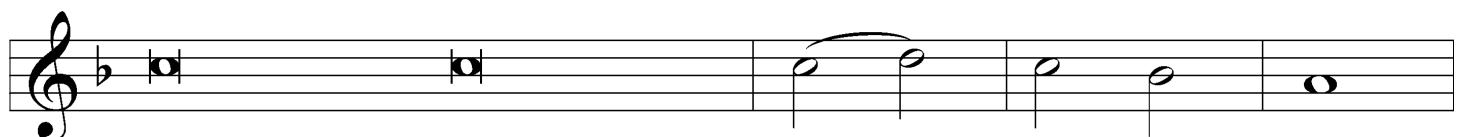
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

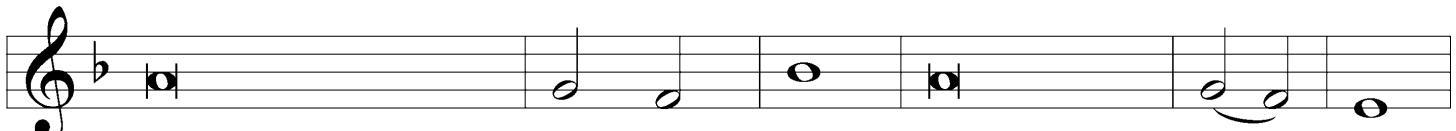


O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

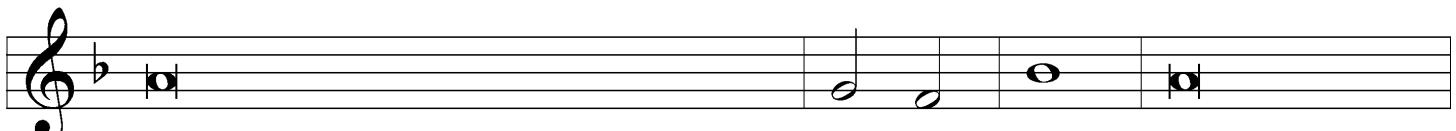




that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



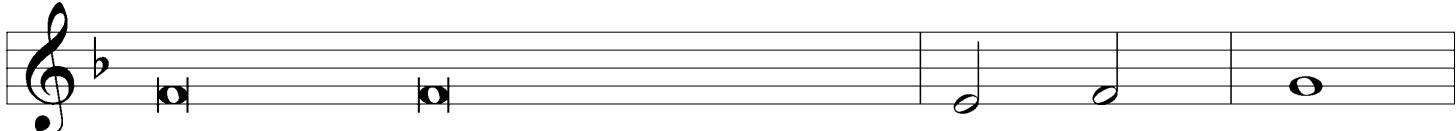
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

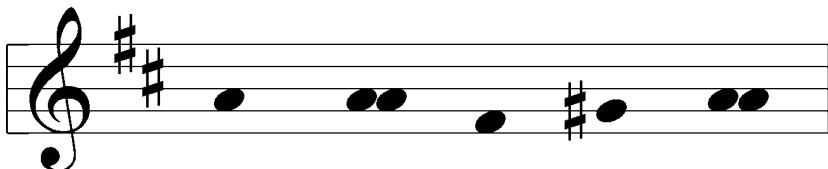


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

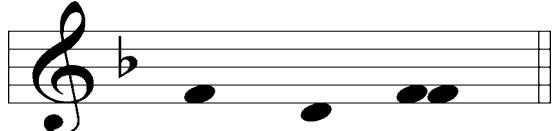
## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



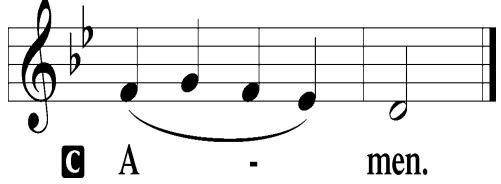
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

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P Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Isaiah 49:1-7*  
(The servant of the Lord)

- 1 "Listen, O coastlands, to Me, and take heed, you peoples from afar! The Lord has called Me from the womb; from the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name.
- 2 And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft; in His quiver He has hidden Me."
- 3 "And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
- 4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; yet surely my just reward is with the Lord, and my work with my God.'
- 5 "And now the Lord says, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and My God shall be My strength),
- 6 Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'
- 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, to Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors, to the Servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship,

because of the Lord who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel; and He has chosen You."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 40:1–11; antiphon: v. 3*

P He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.

C **I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry.**

P He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps.

C **He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.**

P Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, and does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

C **Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.**

P Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; my ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

C **Then I said, “Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.**

P I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."

C **I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness in the great assembly; indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O Lord, You Yourself know.**

P I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great assembly.

C **Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O Lord; let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.**

P He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.

**EPISTLE***1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

(God's calling)

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,  
2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:  
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**ALLELUIA**

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL***John 1:29-42a*

(Jesus calls the first disciples.)

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' 31 I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel,

therefore I came baptizing with water."

32 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. 33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?"

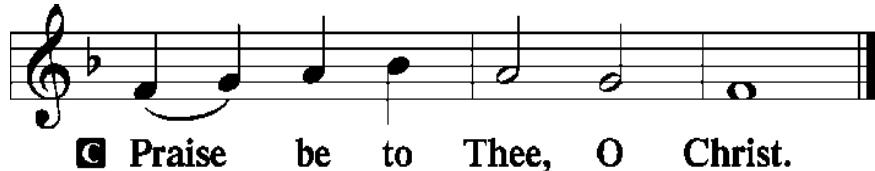
They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"

39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

42 And he brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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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.

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**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Lamb*

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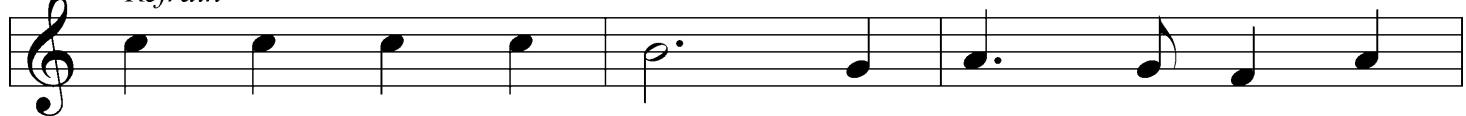


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

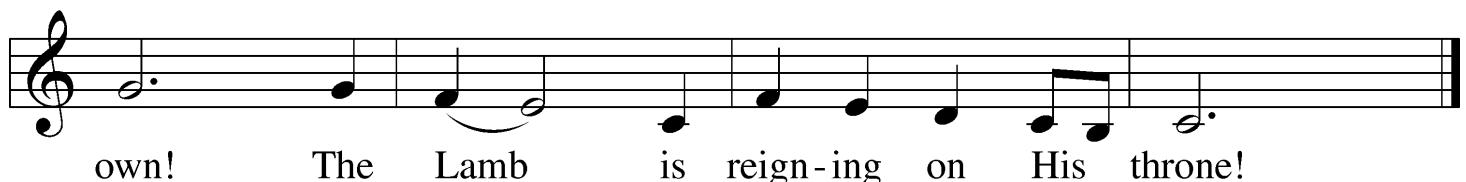


Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

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**SERMON**    ***"THE Key Takeaway of Life for the World!"***    **John 1:29**  
**OFFERING**

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## OFFERTORY

*I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

## LSB 606

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;

He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.

I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;

Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
 He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
 Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* [American Sign Language]

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray. Almighty God, we give You praise and thanks for all Your mercies to us and the whole world, especially for salvation and the call to restored holiness through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Make Your Gospel to sound forth throughout the world, causing many to turn to You in true repentance and faith for their eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless and defend Your whole church, providing pastors and ministers according to Your will, and make it perfect in love and all good works, established in the faith delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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P Preserve our nation in spiritual righteousness and honor. Grant health and protection to all who bear office in our land, that they may know and obey Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

P Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity [especially . . .]. Guard and defend those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Give consolation to those who mourn. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

P Remembering those who have served You in years past and who now rest from their labors, keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

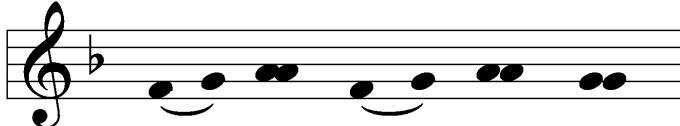
**C** hear our prayer.

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

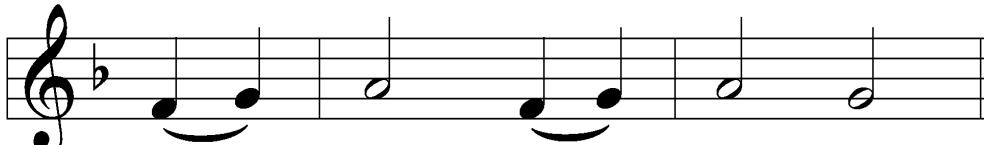
**C** Amen.

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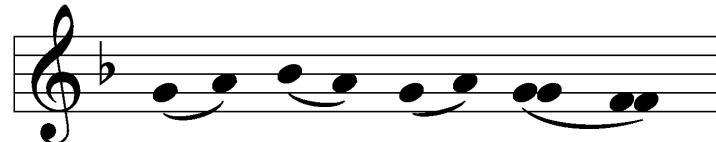
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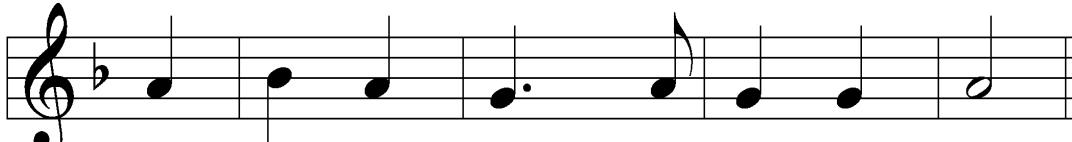
**P** The Lord be with you.



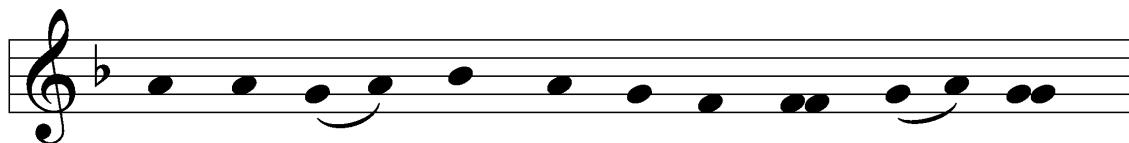
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



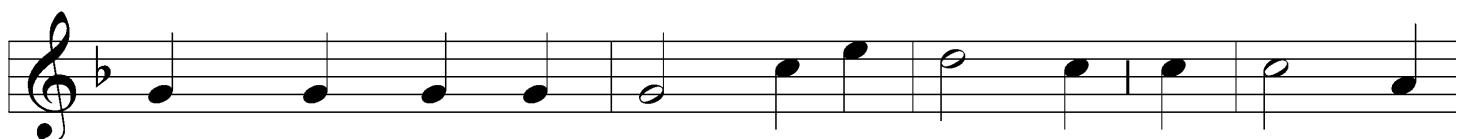
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



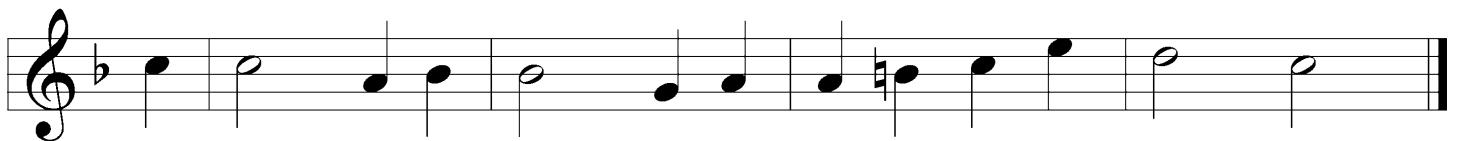
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



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.

## 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.**

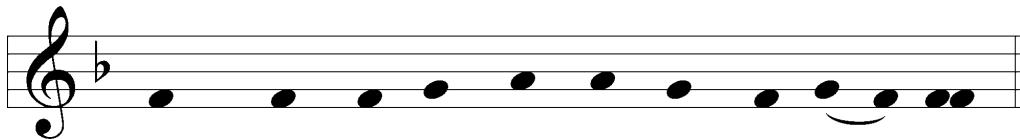


# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

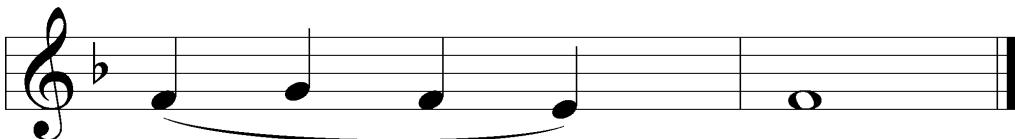
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

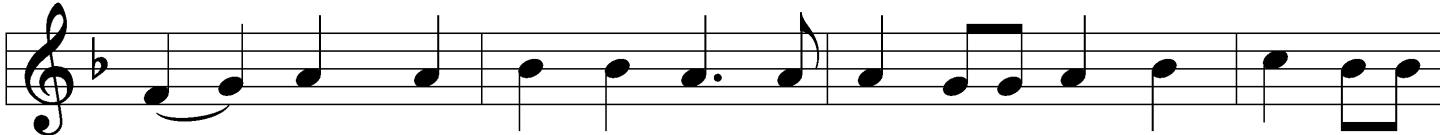


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

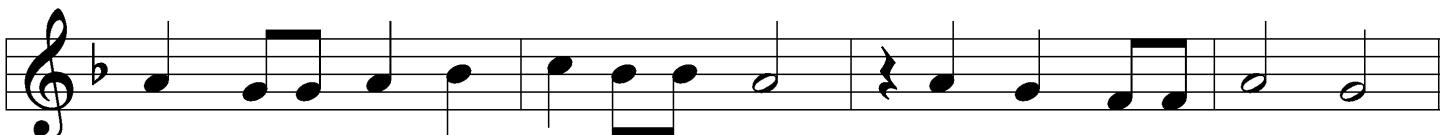
## AGNUS DEI



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



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



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



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please sit*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## **SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING**

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN

## What Is This Bread

## LSB 629

1 What is this bread?  
2 What is this wine?  
3 So who am I,  
4 Yet is God here?  
5 Is this for me?

Christ's body  
The blood of  
That I should  
Oh, yes! By  
I am for -

ris - en from the dead:  
Je - sus shed for mine;  
live and He should die  
Word and prom - ise clear,  
giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,  
The cup of grace  
Un - der the rod?  
In mouth and soul  
I do be - lieve

This life we take,  
Brings His em - brace  
My God, my God,  
He makes us whole—  
That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -  
Of life and love un - til I  
Why have You not for - sak - en  
Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
His ver - y body and His

lease.  
sing!  
me?  
meal.  
blood.

O taste and see—  
O taste and see—  
O taste and see—  
O taste and see—  
O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.  
the Lord is King.  
the Lord is free.  
the Lord is real.  
the Lord is good.

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*Please stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
 C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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.

## BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\ddagger$  give you peace.

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Please sit*

## SENDING HYMN *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* LSB 528 vs. 1-3, 6,7

1 Oh, for a - thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
 6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The  
 7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be

great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an  
 now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and

God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.  
 saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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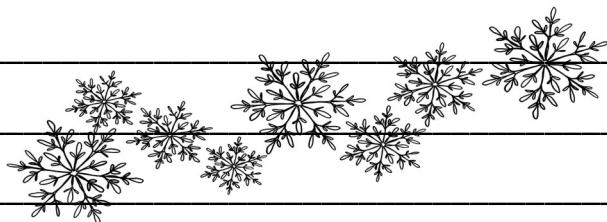
## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## ***Sermon Notes***



## DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > Portals of Prayer for October to December 2025 are available in the Narthex or office.
- > Join us for Sunday School and Bible study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Weber is leading the class.
- > Plastic bottle caps and can tabs ARE still being collected.
- > Family Confirmation Class - Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Adult Confirmation Class - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- > Meet and greet lunch with Concordia softball team and RGV Thunder softball girls team after Bible class at 11:30 a.m., today, January 18th.
- > 4th Quarter 2025 Voters' Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20th.
- > Men's Steak Night/Bible study, Tuesday, January 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Budgeted Need:	\$ 13,441
Actual Giving:	\$ 9,134
Over/(Shortfall):	(\$ 4,307)

For Church Balances, see Treasurer Reports

1/11/2026

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>68</b>
Plate:	\$ 418.00
Envelopes:	\$ 2,641.00
Donation:	\$ 1,000.00
On-Line/Tithely	/\$ 300
Memorial:	
<b>Mildred Twenhafel</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,509.00</b>
Bible Class:	24
	\$ 29.00

## **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

*Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14)  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-25*

## God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross

“The Lord, the Redeemer of Israel,” calls forth “his Holy One” (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, “from the womb” of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also “as a light for the nations,” whose salvation reaches “to the end of the earth” (Is. 49:6). John came “baptizing with water” (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended “from heaven like a dove” and “remained on him” (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and “called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we “are not lacking in any gift,” but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, “guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:7–8).

### Memory Verse Challenge: 1 John 2:2

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>		
<b>January Sunday Servants:</b>		
Elder:	Don Vogel	
Altar Guild:	Pam Terral/Maggie Weber	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	<b>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	
Usher:	Byron Terral	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am