



Mosaic depicting the calling of Peter and Andrew, Basilica of Saint Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna, Italy, 6th century

# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service 3

January 21, 2024

## Scripture of the Day

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

Mark 1:14–20

## A Prayer before Worship

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

**Prelude (8:30):** “We Saw His Glory”, E. Mauersberger (Text: *John 1:14 and LSB 873 st. 1*)

**Prelude (11:00):** “Two Little Eyes”, S. Ford

*Please stand and face the Processional Cross.*

### Processional Hymn: Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

LSB 409



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your  
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -  
of - f'ings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,  
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,  
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - jice to live, See Your glo - ry  
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in  
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of



and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.  
 for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.  
 bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

Text: Basil Woodd, 1760–1831, alt. Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen  
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## Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**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.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

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

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

*Psalm 32:5*

*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.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.


Confession  
 Absolution

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

Choral Anthem (11:00): “Jesus, Our Good Friend”, C. Greene

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



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

### Gloria in Excelsis

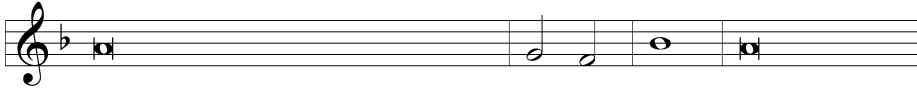
*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



Glory be to God on high: 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;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



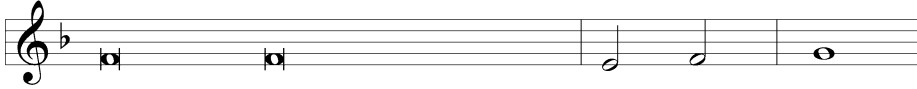
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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 Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



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



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A-men.

*Sit*

## Canticle: Song of Jonah *Jonah 2:2–9*

*The first refrain is sung by the Choir only. Verses in italics are chanted by the Choir. The Congregation joins for the following refrains. All chant the Gloria Patri.*

*Refrain*

I called out to the LORD, and He  
an - swered me, and He an - swered me.

*Chant Tone*

- P** I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and He | answered me;\*  
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and You | heard my voice.
- A** *For You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood sur- | rounded me;\*  
all Your waves and Your billows passed | over me.*
- C** Then I said, “I am driven away | from Your sight;\*  
yet I shall again look upon Your holy | temple.”

### *Refrain (All)*

- P** The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep sur- | rounded me;\*  
weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the | mountains.
- A** *I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me for- | ever;\*  
yet You brought up my life from the pit, O- | LORD my God.*
- C** When my life was fainting away, I remembered | the LORD,\*  
and my prayer came to You, into Your holy | temple.

### *Refrain (All)*

- P** Those who pay regard to vain | idols\*  
forsake their hope of | steadfast love.
- A** *But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to You; what I have vowed | I will pay.\*  
Salvation belongs | to the Lord!*
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

### *Refrain (All)*

## The Old Testament Reading *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 7:29–31*

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia



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

*Alleluia!*

## The Holy Gospel *Mark 1:14–20*

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



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

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” <sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.





## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

*Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:6  
Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3  
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1  
Colossians 1:16*

**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.**

*Romans 10:9  
John 3:16; Matthew 16:16  
John 1:2  
John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1  
Colossians 2:9  
John 1:2  
John 10:30  
Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3  
Matthew 20:28; Galatians 4:4-5  
John 3:13, John 6:38  
Luke 1:34-35  
John 1:14  
Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18  
John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53  
1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6  
Acts 1:9  
Acts 7:55  
Matthew 26:64  
Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12  
2 Peter 1:11*

**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.**

*John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38  
Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:3  
John 15:26  
Mt. 3:16-17; Lk. 2:14  
Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21  
1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22  
Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38  
1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4  
Psalm 106:48*

*Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.*

# Hymn of the Day: O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839 sts. 1, 3-5



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - jice.  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

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*Sit*



That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in your mercy.

**C** Hear our prayer.

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**Offertory**

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

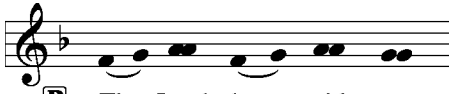


## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### About Receiving the Lord's Supper at Bethany

As we receive the Lord's Holy Supper according to His institution, we receive the salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal won for us on the cross. Also, we believe that when a person communes at an altar, one confesses unity with the teachings of that church. Therefore, if you are not in fellowship with the teaching of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain from communion until you have had opportunity to speak with one of the pastors about Christ's bodily presence and the forgiveness of sins given in this meal. However, all are welcome to receive a blessing, for the forgiveness of Jesus is still yours. Please indicate this as your intention by crossing your arms over your chest when the pastor comes by.

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



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



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



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



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

*[Psalm 136]*

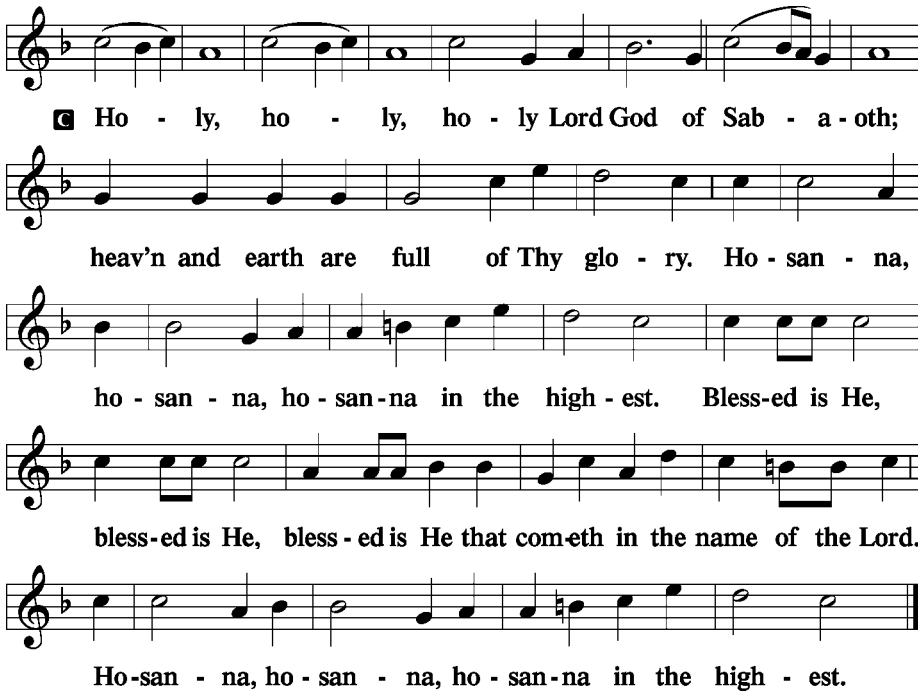


**G** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**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 com - eth 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.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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

*John 20:19*



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



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**G** 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.

*Sit*

## A Prayer for Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### Distribution Hymn: What Is the World to Me

LSB 730



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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## Distribution Hymn: O God of God, O Light of Light

LSB 810



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'  
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in  
4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of  
wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions  
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our  
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,  
saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night  
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!  
earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



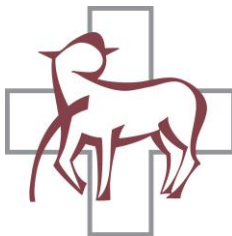
The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry  
Rang out the song, "Good - will to men!" Sung once by first - born  
So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your  
For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.  
sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.  
King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.  
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

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*Stand*





## Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

### Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29-32*

**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 without end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

*Psalms 107:1*

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

**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.

**Salutation and Benedicamus**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**A** Bless we the Lord.

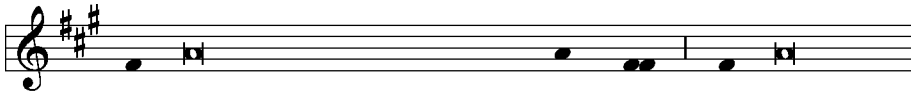
*[Psalm 103:1]*



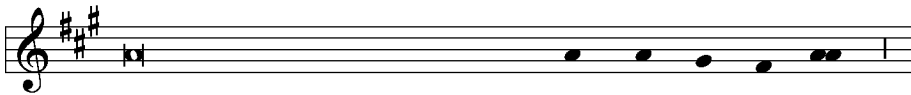
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

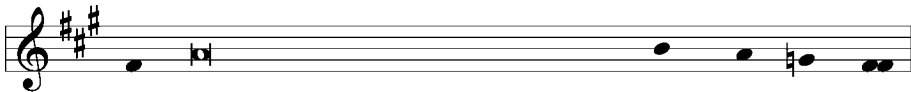
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**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 ✠ give you peace.



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



## Hymn to Depart: O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 523



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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**Postlude:** MUNICH (“O Word of God Incarnate”), S. Johnson



## A Prayer after Worship

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

## Those Serving You Today

**8:30**

**Preacher and Celebrant:** Rev. Seth Clemmer

**Assisting Pastors:** Rev. Stephen Schumacher, Rev. Emmett Bartens

**Organist:** Kantor Jonathan Swett

**Musical Ensemble:** Bethany Men's Choir

**Live Stream Tech:** James Blasius

**Acolytes:** Jonah Swett, Gia Singer

**Sacristans:** Dwight Bowman, Rich Fick, Rick Krock, JR Wilson

**Ushers:** James Franken, Brent Hawley, Rich Witkowski, volunteer needed

**Communion Care:** Sue Dumford

**11:00**

**Preacher and Celebrant:** Rev. Seth Clemmer

**Assisting Pastors:** Rev. Stephen Schumacher, Rev. Emmett Bartens

**Organist:** Kantor Jonathan Swett

**Musical Ensembles:** Bethany Early Childhood Students, Bethany Men's Choir

**Acolytes:** Annie Campbell, Charlotte Wolfgram

**Sacristans:** Tom Mueller, Bill Quinn, Mark Wolfgram, volunteer needed

**Ushers:** AJ Aurilio, Chad Baganz, Jonathan Knussman, volunteer needed

**Communion Care:** Sheila Bell

The flowers adorning our Lord's altar today are placed to the glory of our Triune God by Al Barnickel in celebration of the 20th birthday of his son, Blake.



# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## Why was it so important for Jesus to be born as a man?

Jesus had a big job ahead of Him when He was born! If you really think about it, Jesus was born to die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. But before He died, He lived a perfect life under God's Law. That means that during His entire life, Jesus never sinned. Not even once! As a man, Jesus took the place of mankind under the Law and fulfilled it. That means that for every time we failed to keep the Law, Christ succeeded!

## Why was it important for Jesus to be true God?

It would take more than an ordinary man to suffer and die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus had to be true God so that He could live a perfect life and fulfill the requirements of the Law, die a perfect death on the cross, and rise from the dead victorious over sin, death and the devil! All of this He did in obedience to the Father and out of complete and total love for us. Through faith, the Holy Spirit delivers all of the great things Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection!



**Parents:** Review the Ten Commandments with your child (Ex. 20:1–17). Discuss the commandments and be sure to point out just how often we fail to keep them. Remind your child that because of Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross, in faith we have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.



## Prayers

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- Laura Altergott, spiritual health and financial challenges
- Jack Baggs, spiritual health and financial challenges
- Eric Burnell, for good test results & successful treatment
- Aiden Goldbeck, infant heart and neurological issues
- Betsy Goldbeck, recovering
- Esther Mosher, pneumonia
- Jack and Morgan Reid, safety as they travel in New Zealand
- Thamary Robert, ill health
- Stewart Simpson, healing
- Linda Felton, friend to the Corderos, declining health and cancer
- Amy Gibson, sister-in-law to Nate Teske, recovering from surgery
- Martha Janey, sister to Barb Witkowski, cancer
- Ruth Leff, sister to Linda Landry, breast cancer
- Joe LaMartina, husband to Maria LaMartina, back and knee healing
- The family to Richard Groth, who was called to glory on January 12

Those who are shut in or in need of ongoing care:

John Coniglio, Roger and Charlene Fiene, Marilyn Groth, Bruce Janken, Alberta Kobialka, Solomon and Thamary Robert, Nancy Skibinski, Chuck and Monika Werner, David and Ann Zielke

Mothers with child:

Jaimie Bartens, Emily French, Susan Keller, Sarah Lieb, Brittany Linnemeyer (daughter-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer), Kelli Lynch (niece to Sue Sreniawski), Brooke Schmidt (niece to Becky McBroom)

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month:

Chuck and Monika Werner

Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families:

Quinn Parlier, Jacob Wilson, Andrew Bear (nephew to Beth Hawley), Matthew and Michael Hinze (sons to Don Hinze), Peter Johnson (son to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Savanna Lugay (daughter to Joe and Bethany Lugay), Conor L. McGavern (nephew to Becky McBroom), Aaron Mock (nephew to Debbie Kokaska), Kyle G. Schmidt (nephew to Becky McBroom), Scott Slown (husband to Jennifer Slown), Nicholas Camm-Williams (friend to Nada Salvino)

## This Week at Bethany

- January 21, 6:30pm – Youth Fellowship and Bible Study
- January 23, 1:00pm – Bible Reading Group
- January 23, 3:40pm – Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
- January 24, 9:00am – Women's LifeLight
- **January 24, 11:00am – Midweek Divine Service**
- January 24, 7:30pm – Praises Ring! Rehearsal
- January 25, 7:00pm – 20something
- January 25, 7:00pm – Evening LifeLight
- January 25, 7:00pm – Proclaim Rehearsal
- January 26, 12:00pm – Knitters and Crafts Group
- January 27, 6:30pm – Open Mic Night

## Looking Further Ahead

- **January 28, 8:30am and 11:00am – Divine Service**
- January 28, 10:00am – Bible Study, Sunday School, and Confirmation Class
- January 28, 12:00pm – Fellowship Society
- January 31, 6:45pm – Board of Elders
- February 1, 9:00am – Bethany Guild
- February 3, 8:00am – Lay Theology Conference
- February 10, 8:00am – Men's Bible Breakfast
- **February 11, 9:30am – ONE Divine Service, Church Family Sunday**
- February 11, 11:00am – Bible Study, Sunday School, and Confirmation Class

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