The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: Centered in Christ – Called to Serve



Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Psalm 111:1

Order of Worship

January 28, 2024 10:45 AM

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Introit *Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7, 10*

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- · who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service

Invocation for the Epiphany Season

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

L Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

Isaiah 60:1

We have seen His star and have come to worship Him!

Matthew 2:2

L Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Isaiah 60:1

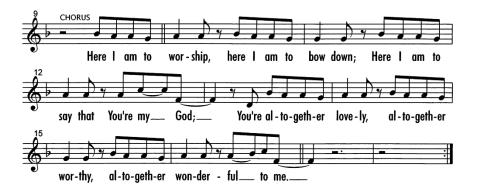
■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.



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Prayer of Confession

- L Heavenly Father, as we come in the name of Jesus, confident that with you there is forgiveness, we ask you to hear the confession of our sins.
- Often we do not follow the guiding light of your Word, but turn to the artificial lights of sin which Satan has placed on our path.
- L Many times our thoughts and words, our intentions and our actions have been sinful.
- We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In our sin, we have fallen short of the glory of God, and have no power to free ourselves from our sinful condition.
- For all our sins those known to us and others, and those known only to you,
- We ask you Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.





cry of our hearts, as we hear our prayer. the



Declaration of Grace

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen!

Psalm Psalm 111

Spoken responsively

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

8they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer

- Let us pray.

 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.
- **G** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

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



Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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

Holy Gospel Mark 1:21–28

- **L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the

Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- **I** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.



Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2, Verse 4, Chorus x2, Ending





Sermon "Who Is This Man?"



Prayers of the Church Family

C Holy Trinity, You are God of gods and Lord of lords. Truly, there is no God but You alone. From You and from Your Son, Jesus Christ, are all things. Reveal the saving knowledge of Christ's truth to us and all the world, that loving You and one another, together we may be known by God.

Response after each petition

- L Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- L Arise! Shine! For your light has come.
- And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Isaiah 60:1

- The Lord bless us and keep us.
 The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and

 → give us peace.
- C Amen.

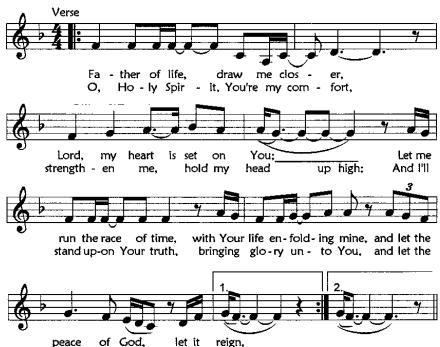


Closing Song

Let the Peace of God Reign

Zschech

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus



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Resources for Meditation this Week

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

4 February 2024

Readings

Isaiah 40:21–31 1 Corinthians 9:16–27 Mark 1:29–39

The Son of God, Christ Jesus, Makes Us a New Creation

The Lord alone "is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth" (Is. 40:28). He "sits above the circle of the earth" and "stretches out the heavens like a curtain" (Is. 40:22). Yet, His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. "He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength" (Is. 40:29). The only begotten Son of the Father, the very Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His body to the cross. As He dies for us there, He also raises us up, a new creation, in His resurrection from the dead. Thus, by the preaching of this Word, He heals "many who were sick with various diseases," and He casts out "many demons" (Mark 1:34, 39). And His preaching continues through those whom He has sent, who are "entrusted with a stewardship" to "preach the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16–17). Thus, we are set free by the Word of Christ, and we exercise our freedom in loving service to others.

Lent, Holy Week & Easter Worship

Please join us in worship this Lent & Easter season



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 pm Worship with Imposition of Ashes



Midweek Lent Services

Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm



Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, March 24th at 8:00 am & 10:45 am



Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm



Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm



Easter Services

Sunday, March 31st at 6:00 am (sunrise service) 8:00 am & 10:45 am