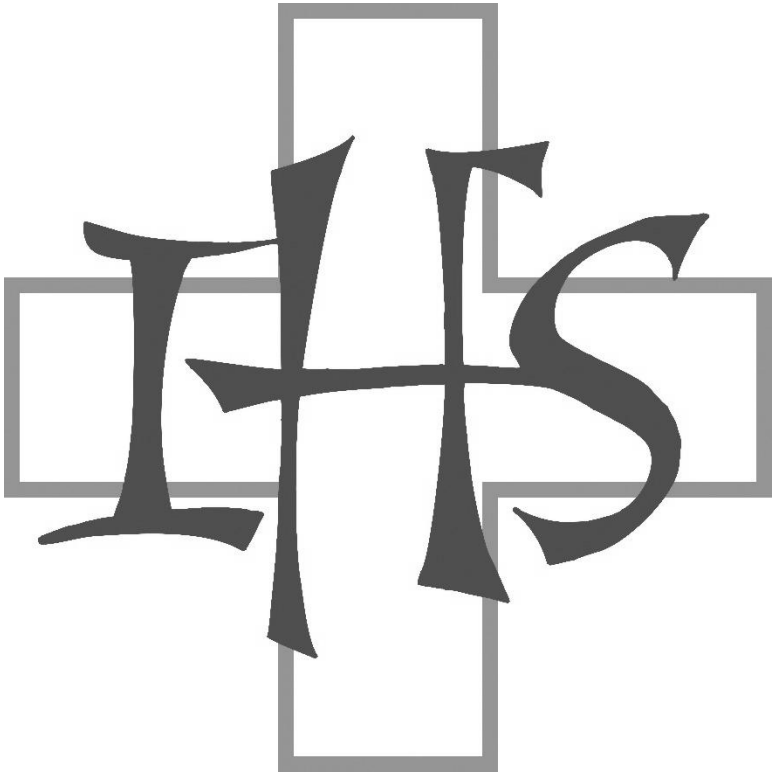


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

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



How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Psalm 36:7–9

Order of Worship

January 19, 2025 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 36:5–9; antiphon: Song of Solomon 2:4

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O
LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

*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.*

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, Setting Three

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

LSB 498 sts. 1–2, 4–7



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make
2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed
5 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And Your



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
a - bid - ing peace be - stow; With You as our pro -



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - atc.
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.

△7 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- L** 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.

- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- L** 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

- L** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

- 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.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 128

Spoken responsively

¹Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!

²**You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.

⁴**Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.**

⁵The LORD bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

⁶**May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!**

Kyrie

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



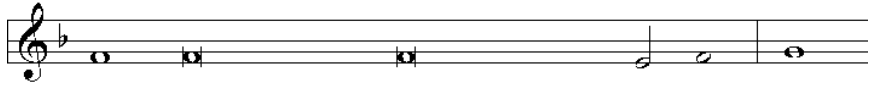
Gloria in Excelsis

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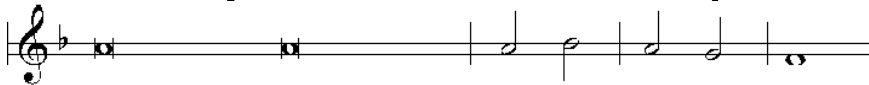
L Glory be to God on high:



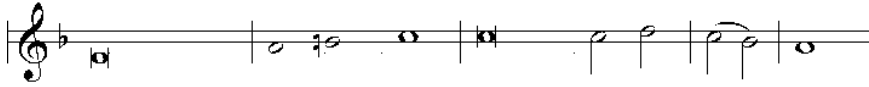
C and on earth peace, good - will toward



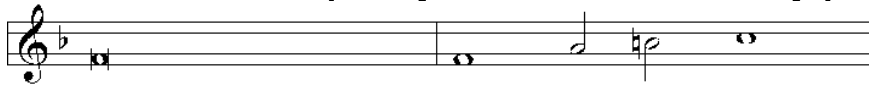
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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



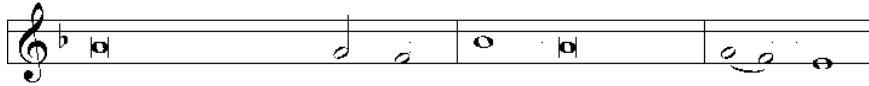
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



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



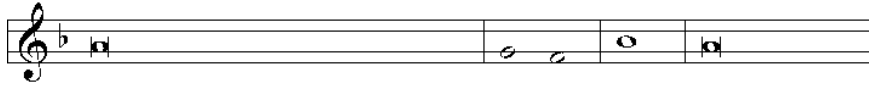
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



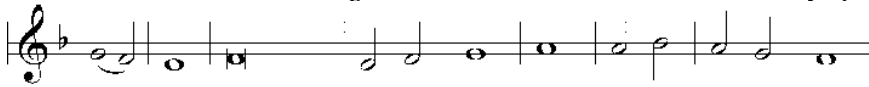
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



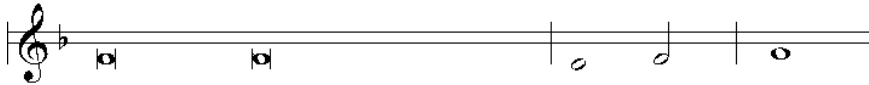
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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

L The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

L Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1–5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190



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

Holy Gospel

John 2:1–11

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

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

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**



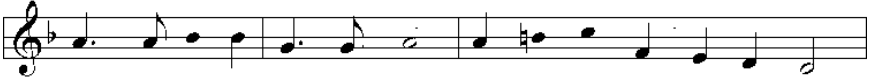
Hymn of the Day

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je-sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man-i-fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man-i-fest in mak-ing whole Pal-sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'n's shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres-ent in Thy ho-ly Word—



Man-i-fest-ed by the star To the sa-ges from a-far,
And at Ca-na wed-ding guest In Thy God-head man-i-fest;
Man-i-fest in val-iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev-il's might;
Christ will then like light-ning shine, All will see His glo-rious sign;
Grace to im-i-tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy-al Da-vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth-le-hem;
Man-i-fest in pow'r di-vine, Chang-ing wa-ter in-to wine;
Man-i-fest in gra-cious will, Ev-er bring-ing good from ill;
All will then the trum-pet hear, All will see the Judge ap-pear;
That we might be-come like Thee At Thy great e-piph-a-a-ny



An-thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest.
An-thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest.
An-thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i-fest.
Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man-i-fest.
And may praise Thee, ev-er blest, God in man made man-i-fest.

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Sermon

"A Wedding Story"

John 2:1-11



Prayer of the Church

- L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

- L** Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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- 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.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- L** Bless we the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

- L** 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 Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - ccense bring;
5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.

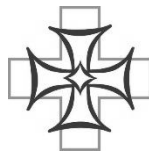


He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.
His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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Resources for Meditation this Week

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

19 January 2025

Readings

Isaiah 62:1–5

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

John 2:1–11

The Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ

When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was *“the first of his signs”* by which He *“manifested his glory”* (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming *“hour,”* when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them *“as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride”* (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that *“Jesus is Lord,”* and they return thanks to Him *“in the Holy Spirit”* (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood.



Readings

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

Luke 4:16–30

The Lord Is Manifested as Our Savior through the Preaching of the Gospel

When Jesus opens His mouth to preach, gracious words flow from His lips. The Scriptures are, indeed, fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4:21–22). For Christ was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord *“to proclaim good news to the poor,” “to proclaim liberty to the captives”* and *“to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor”* (Luke 4:18–19). By this proclamation, Christ releases His people from captivity and gathers them to Himself in His Church. So it was when the Lord released His people from Babylon and returned them to Jerusalem. *“Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people,”* sanctified the whole congregation by the reading and preaching of the Law (Neh. 8:8–9). As the people then were urged to *“eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready”* (Neh. 8:10), so are you anointed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to share in His feast and to serve the fellow members of His Body with His good gifts, *“giving greater honor to the part that lacked it”* (1 Cor. 12:12, 24).

