

+The Divine Service+

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany | February 16, 2025 | 10:15AM



Blessed Is The Man Who Trusts In the LORD

When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

The Holy Baptism *of Maddex Kristian Amweg*

The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

The Exorcism

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:

- P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

- P** Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Maddex according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:

Lord’s Prayer

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.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P Maddex, do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Maddex, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Maddex Kristian,

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor anoints the newly baptized with oil while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C **Amen.**

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C **Amen.**

The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5; antiphon: v. 7

*I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.*

Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.**

You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

**Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!**



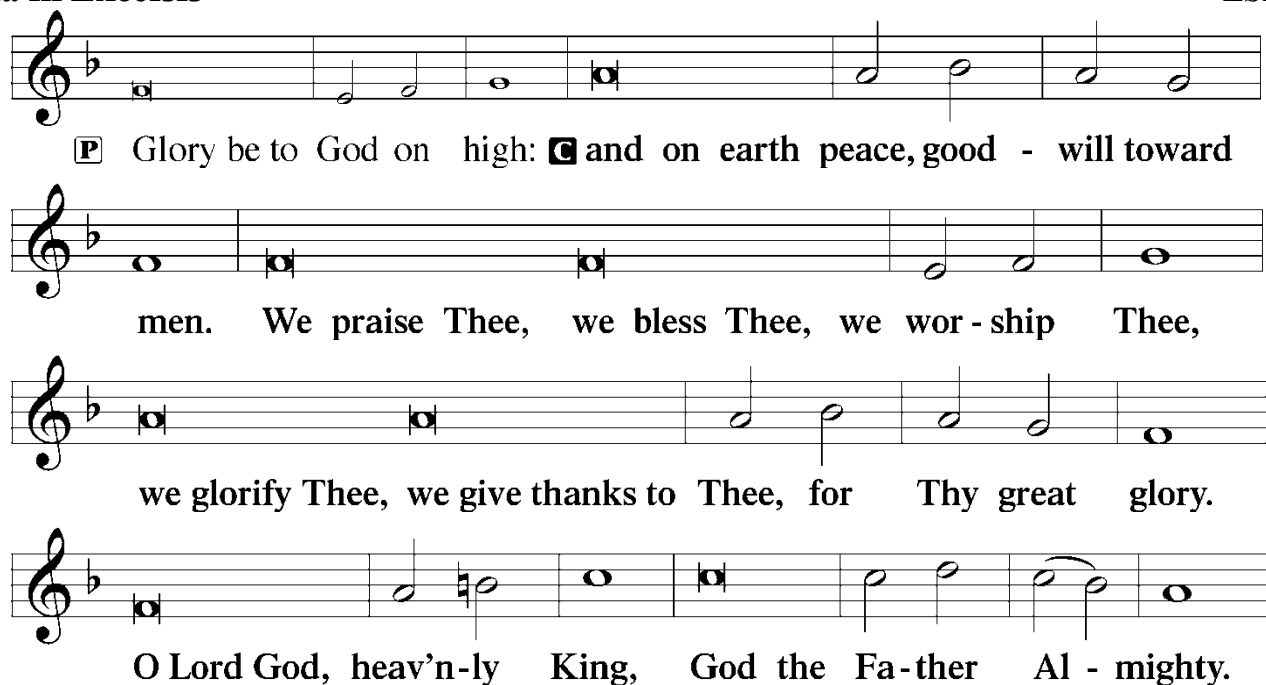
*I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.*

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis

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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.

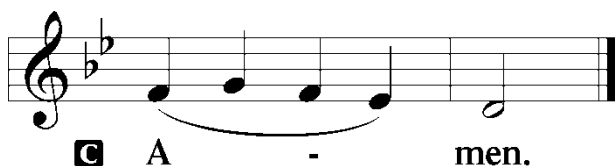
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5–8

⁵Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶He is like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–20

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

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The Gospel Procession | 872 Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star

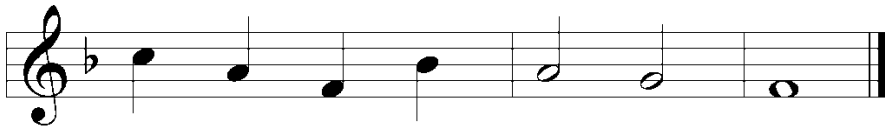
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Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed (*omitted at 10:15 service*)

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Sit

Hymn of the Day | 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting! **C** Amen.

Stand
Offertory

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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.

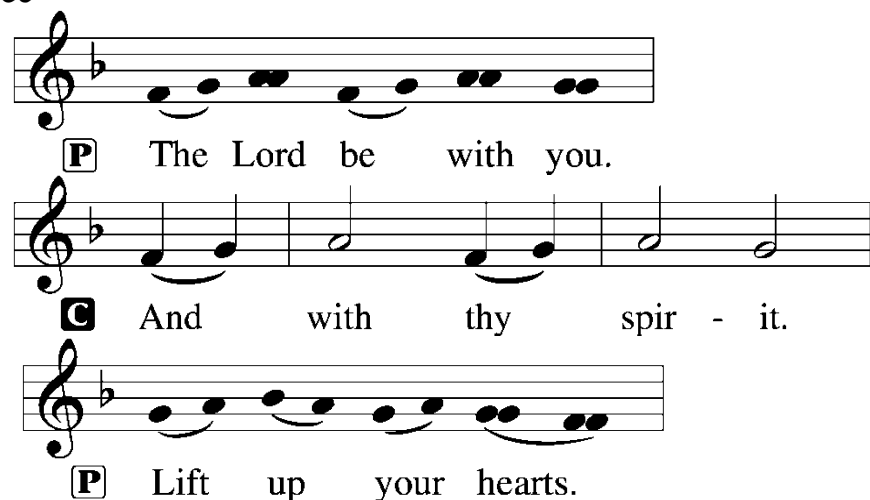
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The Offering

Stand
The Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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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 meet, 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

LSB 195



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.

The Words of Our Lord

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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."

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

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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C 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



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Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Distribution Hymn | 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

Distribution Hymn | 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Stand

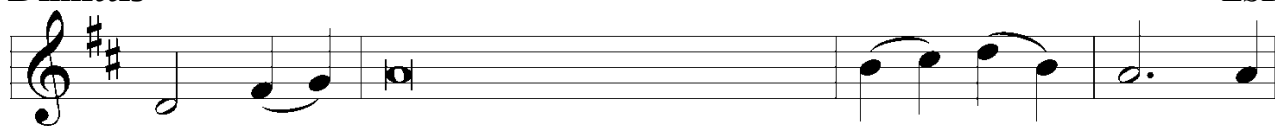
The Dismissal

[P] The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

[C] Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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[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

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

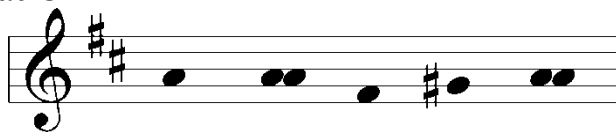
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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



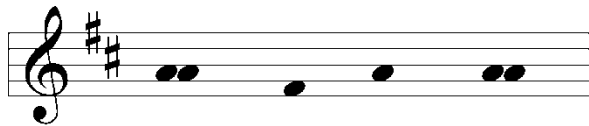
P The Lord be with you.



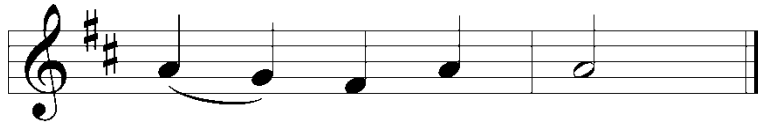
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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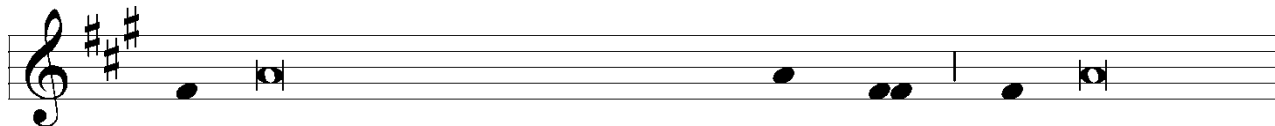
A Bless we the Lord.



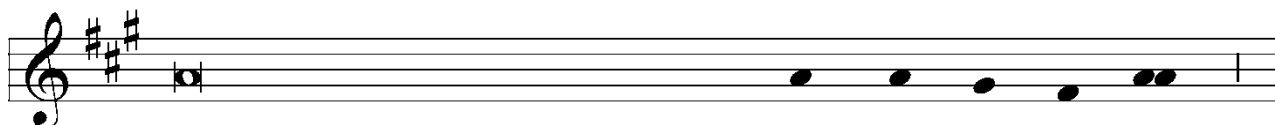
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

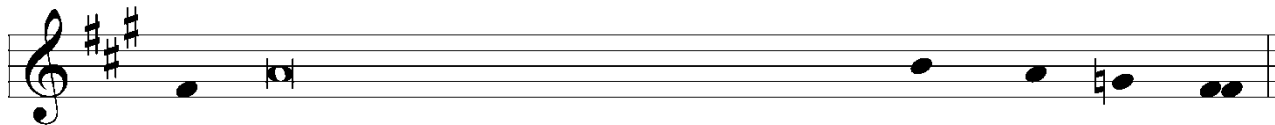
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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 | 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

The Beatitudes and the Woes

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 6:17-26

In today's Sermon from Luke 6, our Lord Jesus teaches there is more to his kingdom than meets the eye. Things are not always as they appear! You would not think that a poor person, or a hungry person, or a grieving person, or a hated, persecuted person would be blessed. But the Lord Jesus says, Don't judge a book by its cover! He shares his cross with everyone he loves. Therefore, Christians will often find themselves in the world in sad circumstances. This is not evidence of God's *hatred*. The cross and suffering is actually evidence of God's *love*. God uses all the sad circumstances of life to train us in patience, prayer, hope for the end, and faith.

When Jesus comes on the Great Last Day, the Christian's sorrow will be turned to joy. That's why the Christian, even though he or she is sad now, is truly *blessed* now. That is what Jesus calls the poor, hungry, sad, and hated Christian: *blessed*. In Christ's kingdom, things are often not at all as they seem. It's counterintuitive, but when Christians are called to suffer for Jesus' sake, they ought to *rejoice* (Luke 6:23). Their suffering marks them out as belonging to Jesus. And, they have Jesus' promise that in the end, he will save them from all their troubles.

In the same way, worldly people often *appear* to be doing way better than Christians in this life. Often we see unbelievers living it up—having the time of their lives. We might think, “If God loves me, why are the heathen living in such carefree bliss, and why am I suffering?” Here is the word that Jesus has for the unbelieving rich: *woe*. *Woe to you*. Woe is a word that means ‘great sorrow or distress.’ Woe is a warning word. It means that trouble is coming—watch out!

Why? Because those who are having the time of their lives now, but then will die apart from faith in Christ, will find themselves consigned to flames of eternal torment, like the Rich Man in the Parable (Luke 16:19-31). A famous sham-pastor wrote a book called, “Your Best Life Now.” Truly, those who die apart from faith in Christ will indeed have Their Best Life Now, because nothing will be good for them in the hereafter! Christians know that their Best Life is NOT lived in the present, but is waiting for them in the life of the world to come.

So, what Jesus has to say to us in today's Gospel is encouragement. It's much what a coach says to his athletes. “No pain, no gain.” “You're hurting now, but think about how good it's going to feel when we hoist the trophy in the air when we win.” And so Jesus says to you and me: “Suffer with me here, today. But know there is a crown of victory laid up for those who are willing to die with me here. The resurrection awaits them. Heaven itself awaits them.”

This life is hard because it involves dying to self, dying to sin, renouncing worldly pleasures, and following in the footsteps of the Savior. If our Father in heaven had a cross for Jesus, he has a cross for you too. Jesus bids you come and die with him. No one gets out of this life unscathed. But the good news is, poor Christians have the kingdom of God waiting for them. Hungry Christians have full, satisfied bellies waiting for them. Sad Christians have their loved ones waiting for them. Persecuted Christians have a heavenly reward waiting for them. A coach might tell his athletes, “Keep your eyes on the prize.” The Lord Jesus so comforts us today.

Announcements

St. Paul

The Baptism of Maddex Amweg takes place in the late service today. Maddex is a friend of the Bluhm family and has been joining us for worship over the last several months. Pastor Yeager was delighted when Maddex asked to be baptized, and took Maddex through some introductory catechesis as preparation for his Baptism. We rejoice with Maddex, together with his parents Matthew and Tiffany, and his sponsor, Kyle Bluhm, on this his Baptism Day. God be praised for the gift of adoption into his heavenly family by water and the Word!

The Family of Anita Spiegel invites you to a celebration of Anita's 85th birthday next Sunday, **February 23rd from 1:30-4:30PM** in the fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be available. This invitation is for all the members of St. Paul. Join us for Anita's celebration!

Noodles. The Ladies Aid will be making noodles from **March 2-5th**. If any volunteers would like to help, we will need assistance with setup and take down on Sunday and Thursday. *We are looking for donations of 10lb. bags of flour—these can be left in the kitchen (thanks!).* All in the congregation are invited to come and lend their time to making noodles. Join us!

Easter Flower Order Forms are available in the narthex. Please turn in your Easter flower orders by noon on Sunday, March 9th. Questions, call or text Kelly Todd 260-466-7494.

Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI) will take place Tuesday evenings **Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18 2025 from 7-9:15PM** at Wyneken this year. Four courses are open to the public. Brochures with more information available in the narthex. The fee is \$10/course. Free to college, high school, and elementary students. Bring your own Bible. Enroll with your parish rep (Darrel Ehlerding) or at 6:30PM on the first night of classes, January 28th. Join us as we grow in Christ.

Come and join us for Bible Class hour. We are currently studying the book of Galatians. Not only are we being fed God's Word, but refreshments as well! Most importantly we want you there to learn but if you are interested in sharing your favorite goodies or just supply donuts, that's great! If interested, you can sign up on the calendar on the serving counter in the Fellowship hall. If you are new, and have no idea what to do, you can ask just about anyone who attends Bible Class. If you are hesitant because of the cost involved, donation money is available to cover the cost you incur. We look forward to seeing you! "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!"

Collection for the Hope Clinic. We love babies! And we love their moms and dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are asking you to purchase new baby items for the Hope Clinic. We are hosting a Church-wide baby shower, so that we can bless those who have chosen life for their child. The following are new items that are always needed:

Baby equipment: cribs/mattresses, pack n' plays with bassinet, swings, bouncer seats, highchairs, baby gates, strollers, car seats/booster car seats, high back booster seats, potty chair or ring, baby monitors.

Baby care items: baby wash/shampoo/lotion, formula (especially Enfamil), baby food, laundry

soap, infant care kits (clippers, medicine dispenser, suction bulb, etc.), crib and pack n' play sheets, baby wash cloths and hooded towels, baby bathmat/tubs.

Supplies: diaper bags, bottles, teething and baby toys, diapers (newborn, 4, 5, 6) and wipes, pull ups, sippy cups/baby tableware, clothes/coats (newborn thru 7T), toys/boardgames (newborn to age 5), backpacks/school supplies, children's books (infant to age 5).

For our mothers, we need new or gently used maternity clothes and Instant Pot Cookers. Items not needed at this time are burp cloths, hats, diapers in sizes 1 and 2, baby powder/oil.

Laverne Borne will have totes in fellowship hall for items and will be glad to take your donation to the Hope Clinic. The Baby Shower ends March 31, 2025. Thank you!!

Youth

Sunday, February 23; 2-6 p.m. – Ice Skating and Coney Island (Middle and High S. event)

We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 25 to carpool to Headwaters Park Ice Skating Rink. After skating for a while, we will then head to Coney Island for some life-changing hot dogs, coney-dogs, cheese dogs, chili, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, baked beans, and, of course, pie. We plan to be back to Bingen by about 6 p.m. Parents, please consider serving as a chaperone, and let your pastor know if you're able. Cost for youth is \$15. Chaperones are free as always.

Wyneken

Eucre Tournament. Let the games begin! The Wyneken Association is excited to host a Euchre Tournament at Friedheim's Family Life Center, **March 8th**. Doors open at 6 pm, tournament play begins at 6:30 pm. \$25 per player (cash or check only event) spectators welcome and free, adults only please. Food and adult beverages available for purchase. For additional fun and funds, throughout the evening there will be a \$1 penalty for anyone who is set. Bring your dollar bills! Wanting to advertise your business? We are looking for event (\$500) and table (\$150) sponsors, player spots included with both options! All proceeds go toward the parking lot project. Contact Lin Gormann (260)223-0716, Karrie Furhmann (260)223-2198, Tami Stoppenhagen(260)223-2203, Brittany Schreiber(260)241-6599, or Matt Gallmeyer(260)414-4066 for more information and tickets!

District/Community

Zion Friedheim is hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, February 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in their Family Life Center. To donate blood, you must be 16 years of age or older and you must bring identification with you to the drive. To register for a time, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter ZFLC to schedule an appointment. Create a flurry of hope! By giving blood from January 27 through February 28, you can receive a \$15 e gift card (rcblood.org/flurry). In addition to the blood drive, there will be a soup/dessert luncheon with the free will offering being used to help fund the Women's Retreat in the fall of 2025.

All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Bethlehem, Ossian Gym. **Saturday, February 22, 2025,** 6AM-10:30AM. Free will donation. Sponsored by Beth. Luth. PTL.

40 Days for Life- Spring Campaign. Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on **Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30 PM** in front of Planned Parenthood for a brief prayer and message to begin our 40 Days for Life spring campaign. Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at the Right to Life office on 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4th to April 13th. For more info please visit www.ichooselife.org/40days or call 260-471-1849.

Craft for a Cause. Saturday, March 1 7AM-7PM at Bethlehem Luth. Church, Ossian. Ladies, pack up your crafting supplies and join us for 12 hours of fellowship, food, and crafting fun!! Registration includes: ½ of an 8' table workspace with padded chair, breakfast, lunch and dinner, goodie bags, progressive bingo for prizes, snack and beverage station. Early bird discount: register by Feb 1 for only \$30, \$35 after Feb 1. Please direct inquiries to deannrene@outlook.com or 616-894-0144. Mail form (in narthex) and check payable to Women of Bethlehem to Bethlehem, c/o Deann Oliver, 6514 E 750 N, Ossian, IN, 46777.

The Spring LWML Prayer Service will be held at Zion – Decatur, on Saturday, March 1. Registration begins at 8:45 and the Prayer Service, “Blessed Are They” Matthew 5: 1-12, begins at 9:00 AM. Following the service there will be a short business meeting, fellowship, and lunch served by the ladies of Zion. An Ingathering for The Hope Clinic, a nonprofit medical pregnancy resource center in Adams County, will be collected. Needed items: Diapers size 3,4,5; Pull -Ups Boys 3T,4T; Pull-Ups Girls 2T, 3T,4T,5T; New clothing for girls and boys sizes 2T thru 7T. They also have a wish list on Amazon.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 16	8AM The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany—Matins 9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15AM The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany—D.S. 11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction
Tuesday, February 18	9:30AM Early Bird Bible Class—St. John, Bingen
Wednesday, February 19	7PM Choir Practice 7PM Divine Service
Thursday, February 20	1PM St. Paul hosts the Divine Service at Woodcrest 7PM Ladies Aid business meeting
Sunday, February 23	8AM The Seventh Sun. after Epiphany—D.S. 9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15AM The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany—Matins 11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction 1:30PM Anita Spiegel Birthday—fellowship hall reserved 2PM Youth event: Ice Skating and Coney Island

Prayer of the Church

- +**Those who rejoice:** Maddex Amweg and his family on the occasion of his Baptism.
- +**Sick and recovering:** Betty Becker, Helen Bulmahn, John Brown.
- +**Wyneken:** our teachers, Julie Smith, students, staff, and childcare.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Chloe Johnson, Kelly Skove, Karley Walker, Danielle Meshberger.
- +**The Homebound:** Marge Merriman; Larna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Cedarhurst Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays:** Dan BLeeke, Gene Bulmahn, Brittney Gallmeyer, Eve Yeager, Oakley Elwer, Tori Miller, Laverne Borne, Bobby Keuneke, Anita Spiegel, Rob Keuneke, Brian Gallmeyer, Theresa Haines, Leroy Werling, Sam Albert, Evelyn Todd.

Acolytes 2/16

8AM Jase Ehlerding

10:15AM Chase Baker

Attendance

7PM 2/5: 14

8AM 2/9: 80

10:15AM 2/9: 75

Stewardship

Offering 1/26: \$7,502.97

Online: \$1,047.02

Total F.T.W.: \$8,549.99

vs. weekly goal (of \$9,675): -\$2,172.03

Y.T.D.: -\$12,624.85



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