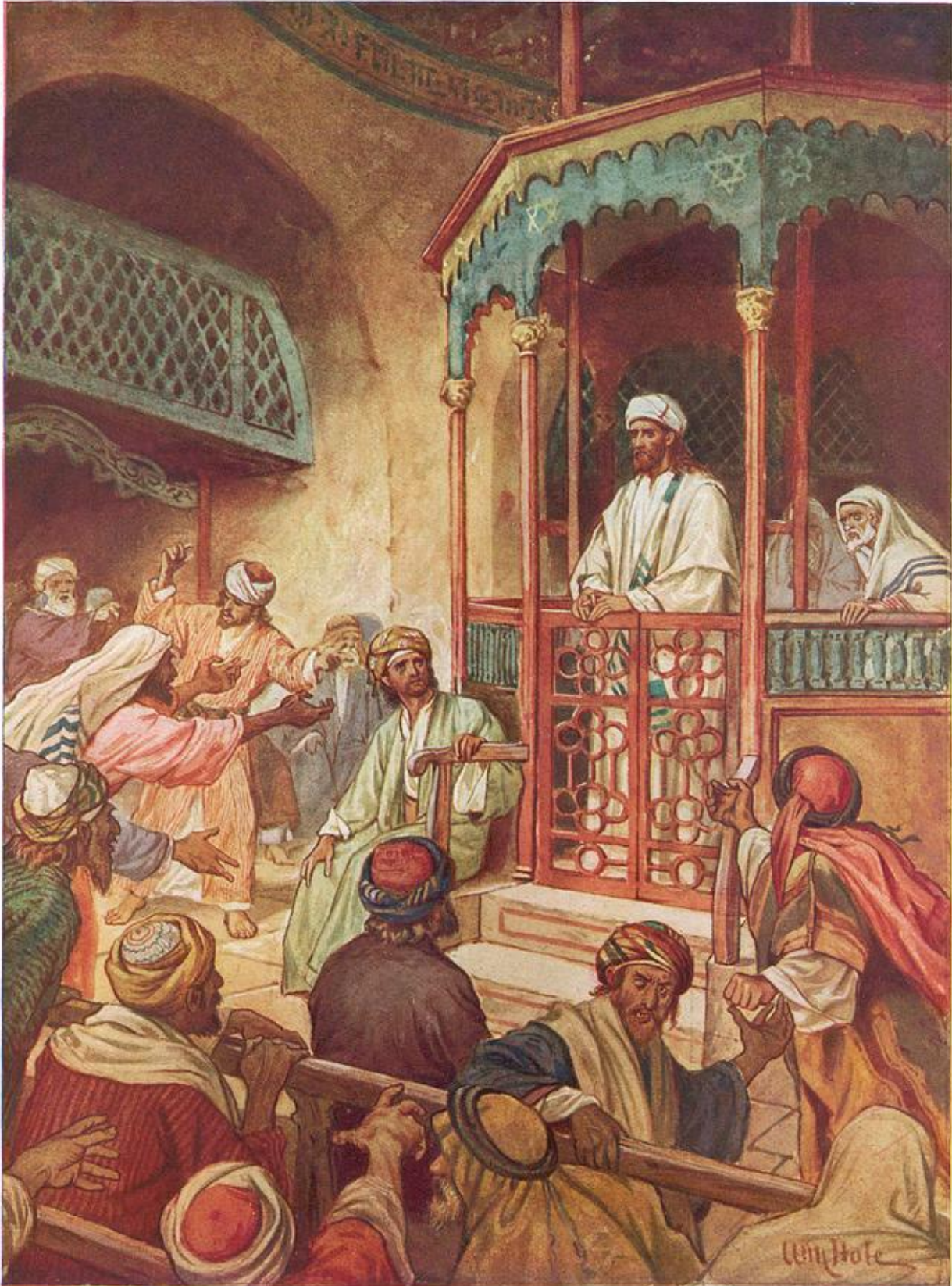


+The Divine Service+

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany | January 26, 2025 | 8 & 10:15AM



Jesus Preaches In Nazareth's Synagogue

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 150 years, Christ's holy Word has been preached and his blessed Sacraments have been administered here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome. We are delighted to have you join us. Please sign the guest registry in the narthex and introduce yourself to one of the pastors today. They would be happy to speak with you.

Holy Communion.

WE CONFESS the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The Sacrament is offered to baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Christian faith, and who are members of our congregation or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If it has been over a year since the last time you communed, or if you are a visitor today, please speak to one of our pastors before receiving Holy Communion. Thank you.

Prayer Before Worship.

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house,
and the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand
elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of wickedness. Ps. 84:10

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.



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

Processional Hymn | 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

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.

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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

C Amen.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13

*You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.*

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

that he looked down from his holy height;

from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners,

to set free those who were doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,

and in Jerusalem his praise,

when peoples gather together,

and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.



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



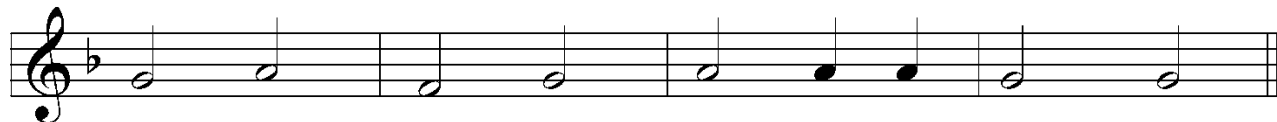
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.*

Kyrie



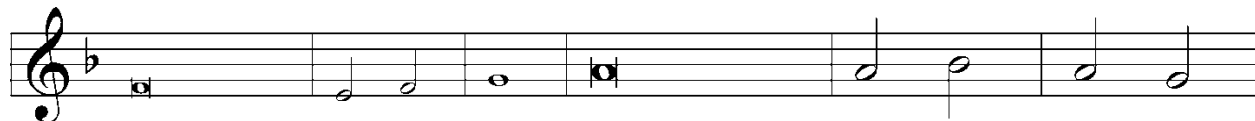
☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

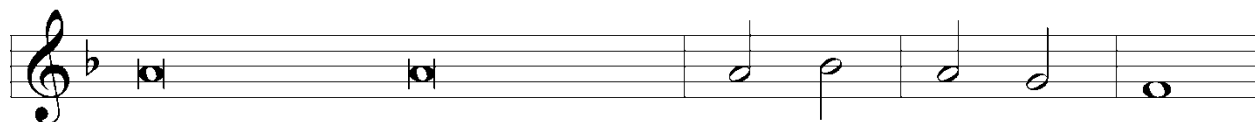
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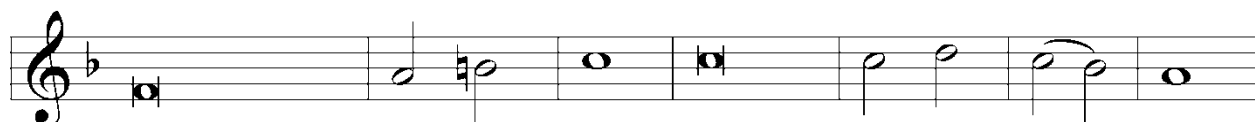
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



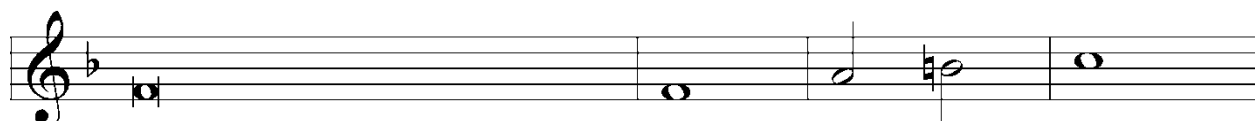
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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



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



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



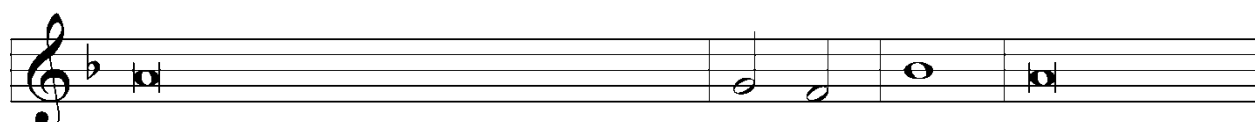
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



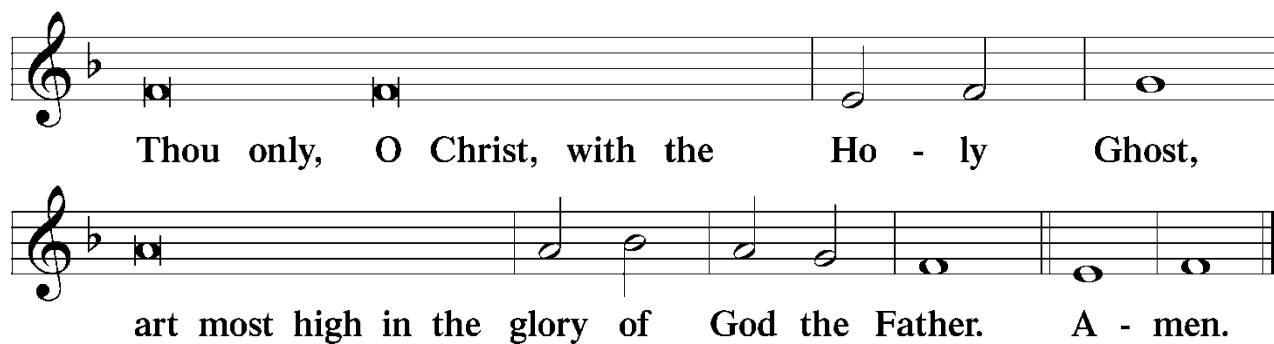
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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

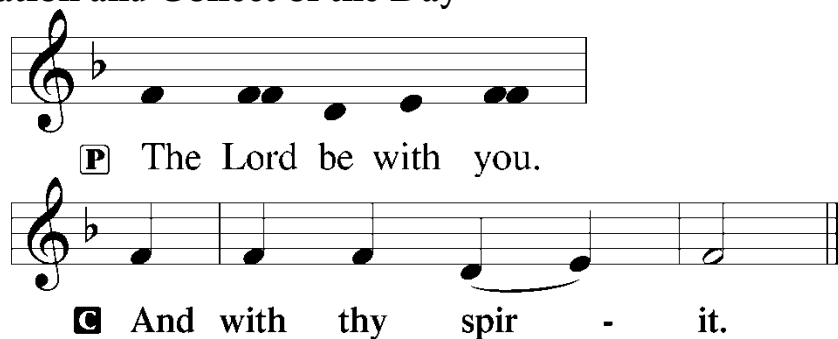


on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

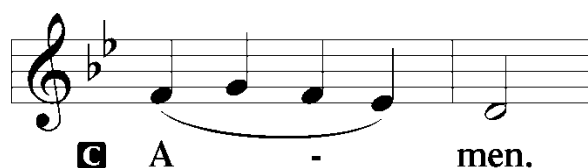
Salutation and Collect of the Day



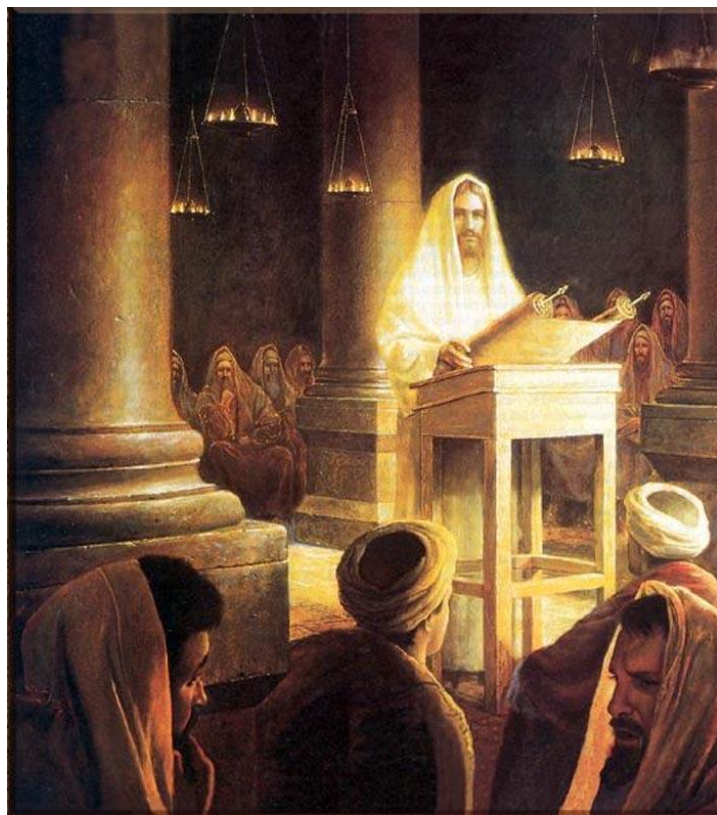
P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

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.



C A - men.



Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in

the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

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

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

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1 Come, Thou bright and Morn - ing Star, Light of Light with -



out be - gin - ning; Shine up - on us from a - far



That we may be kept from sin - ning.

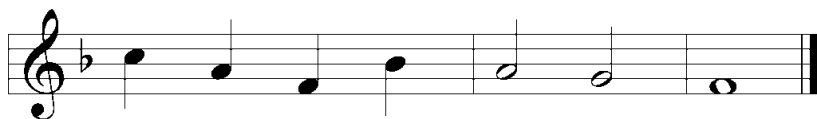


Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16-30

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed (omitted 10:15)

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Sit

Hymn of the Day | 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

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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■ 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.

Sit
The Offering

The Rite of Confirmation

*10:15AM: The Confirmation of adult catechumens Dorothy Buono, Kyle Hemsoth, and Jeff Stout.
At 8AM, the service continues with the Prayer of the Church.*

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up

your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P 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?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I 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.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, 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.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P *[Name]*, 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.

R *Amen.*

The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, the following collect is prayed.

Stand

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C **Amen.**

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



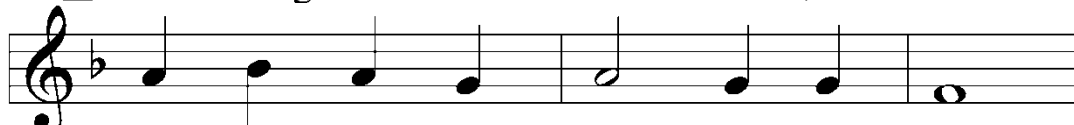
P Lift up your hearts.



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

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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

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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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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

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 | 397 As with Gladness Men of Old

Distribution Hymn | 400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Distribution Hymn | 401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born

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

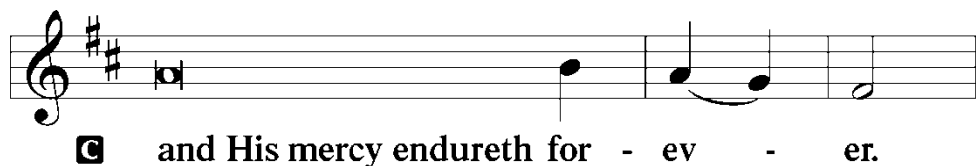
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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple 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

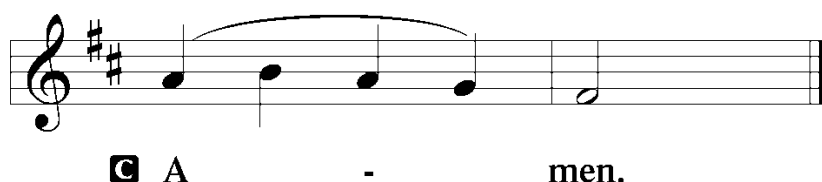
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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

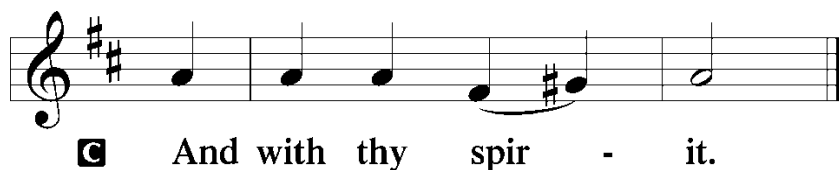


Post-Communion Collect

- 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.

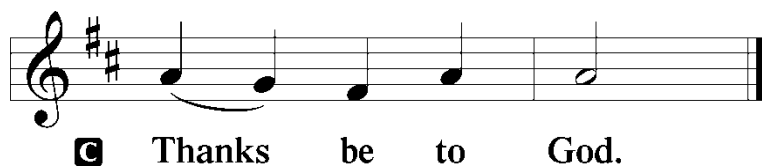
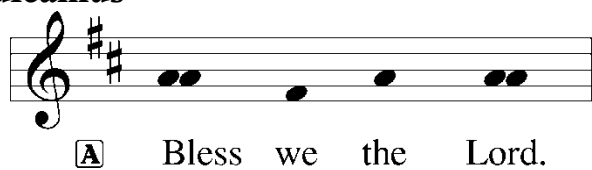


Salutation



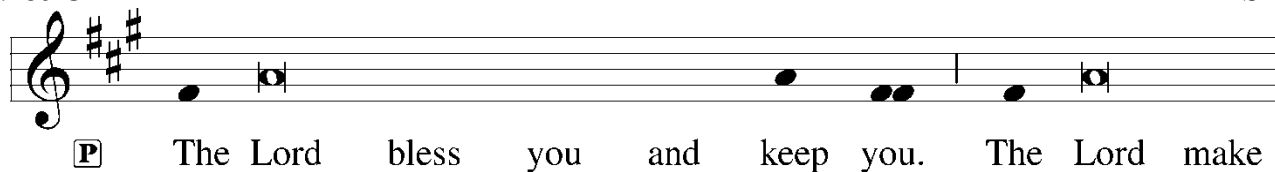
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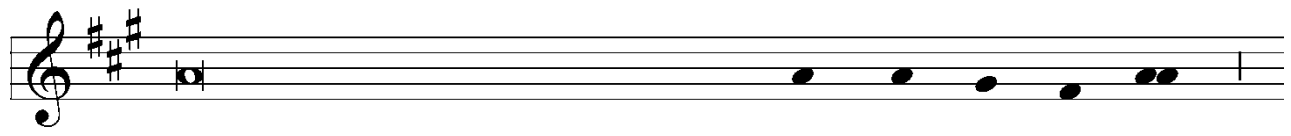
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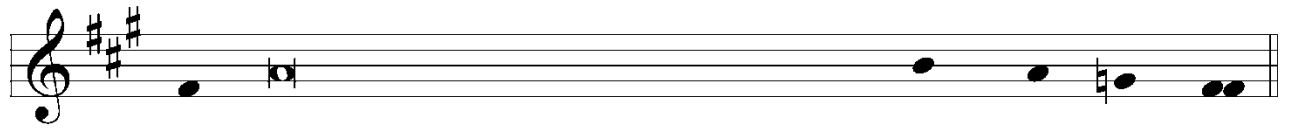
Benediction

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



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



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart | 658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior



The Lord Jesus Preaches in Nazareth

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 4:16-30

Our Lord's ministry was a ministry of teaching. Like all the prophets before him, Jesus was a teacher of the Word of God. At the heart of our Lord's teaching was the message of the Gospel: the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins. Jesus came to announce the forgiveness that is available to all men through his saving blood. The forgiveness that our Lord preached was a full and free forgiveness: a forgiveness that was not founded upon human works and merit, but upon his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead. The crowds came to Jesus because they were finding in him a message they were not hearing from the teachers of the law: a message of grace. Jesus preached a salvation that came through God's mercy and love and not through human doing. Many heard Jesus and believed in him. And through faith, this forgiveness was theirs, along with all the treasures of life and salvation.

Now you might think that such a preacher like Jesus with such a Gospel-filled message would be well-received. You might expect that the people of his hometown would have welcomed him with open arms. Jesus is back in Nazareth again, fresh from his Baptism, a hometown hero. He's already done miracles in Capernaum, the next town over. People are all talking about him. And now he is back in the synagogue on the Sabbath, in Nazareth, preaching his first sermon. Again, you might expect the Nazarenes would have received Jesus with open arms.

But that's not what happens. He's sees them talking amongst themselves. He knows they are ready to throw proverbs in his face: "Physician heal yourself!" As if they said, "You know all these tricks you've been pulling in other towns? Why don't you do one here, to prove to us, you are who you say you are. The Messiah? Unlikely!" As if Jesus is a dancing monkey.

That's not faith. That's rejection. Jesus says, "I am not going to do a miracle here. You know why? Because you don't believe in me. But here is what I am going to do. Remember Elijah, Old Testament? That prophet Israel rejected? Remember how God sent him to that widow in the town called Zarephath to save her from the famine? Remember how she wasn't a Jew, but a Gentile? I am going to do that. Remember Elisha? Also a prophet? Also rejected by Israel? Remember how God gave him to save that enemy commander, Naaman, by having him wash in the Jordan River, like Baptism, to cleanse him of his leprosy? That's what I will do too."

In other words, Jesus says, "I am going to preach the Gospel to your enemies. Because the salvation that I have come to bring is for the whole world: not only the Jew, but also the Greek." So often in our Lord's ministry, we see this irony: that the very people Jesus came to—who shared his blood, his family ties, and genealogy—God's own Israel, turned their backs to him in unbelief, while so many who were far off away God—Gentiles—would hear his message of salvation, and believe in him. And that is why people of Nazareth tried to throw him off a cliff. Because Jesus did not meet their expectations. Jesus came, and upended their preconceived notions they had about God, and the Messiah—what he would be like and do when he came—Jesus completely turned their expectations upside down.

In Jesus' kingdom, the Gentiles are in. And the people everybody though holiest and closest to God are condemned for their self-righteousness and pride. They refused the love of God that was available to them in Christ. Here, Christ demonstrates here that his kingdom is a kingdom of grace, not works. He shows a love that embraces the unworthy and the undeserving, for it is our Father in heaven's desire that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.



Announcements

St. Paul

Adult Confirmation. Today, we rejoice to receive into our membership by way of confirmation these three catechumens: Dorothy Buono, Kyle Hemsoth, and Jeff Stout. These three individuals have been taking adult catechism over the last several weeks and desire to join our congregation. Today we rejoice, as Dorothy, Kyle, and Jeff will be confirmed and received into the fellowship of this altar and will partake, for the first time, of the Lord's Supper. With Dorothy, Kyle, and Jeff, and their families, we all give thanks to God for the gift of saving faith, and we pray that God would preserve these his children in that faith unto life everlasting!

Ladies Aid meeting will take place tomorrow, **Monday, January 27th at 7PM** in the fellowship hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend this business meeting!

Pulled Pork and Brisket for sale!! 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat—fundraiser. The 8th grade class is once again selling pulled brisket and pulled pork to help offset the costs of their confirmation retreat this year. We are thankful for the generosity of Pastor Mierow and St. Peter, Indy for again providing logistical support for the retreat that keeps our costs lower. Quart bags of cooked, freshly frozen meat will be available for \$15 (pork) and \$20 (brisket). Order forms are available (in bulletins, at Wyneken, at churches, etc.), and we ask they be returned by Sunday, February 2. Meat can be picked up on Sunday, February 9 at your church or as otherwise arranged with an 8th-grader or pastor.

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.

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

Join the Middle School text thread. Parents, join the Youth Remind Group for information and updates about events, return times, etc. Simply text @wynyouth to 81010.

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

Wyneken PTL meeting will be held at the school Monday, February 10th at 6PM.

Preschool and Pre-K for next year: As we plan for our early learning program for the upcoming 25-26 school year, we are excited to have your 3 year old or 4-5 year old student join us! We are kindly asking if you have any interest in or are already planning to enroll your little one in the Preschool (age 3 and potty trained) or Pre-K (age 4 by August 1st) program, to please let us know. Please respond to jconrad@wyneken.org and include your child's name, birthdate, and if you plan to be a part of the Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School next year.

Wyneken will host an open house on **January 26th, 2025 from 12-3PM**. This is an opportunity for any new families to visit our school, speak with school personnel, and learn more about the Christ-centered education our school provides. If you know of a family who would be interested in attending, please have them contact the school at 260-639-6177.

Wyneken PTL Gala and Silent Auction. An All-Black affair formal or casual, 5PM on Saturday, February 15th at the Mirage, 1640 Winchester Street, Decatur, IN. Tickets are \$85/person or \$510 for a table of 6. For more information please contact Janine Conrad at 260-402-3481 or wynekenptl@gmail.com.

The Wyneken Childcare Program is growing into our next childcare room! Organizing and storing is always a part of growth. We are building shelving for storage and are in need of some major help. If God has blessed you with the gift of carpentry, we could use donations of lumber and/or help building shelving units for our closets. If this is something you'd be interested in helping with, please contact Jen Conrad or Janine Albert at 260-639-6064 or email childcare@wyneken.org or jconrad@wyneken.org.

District/Community

Indiana District Family Life Ministry Summit. “Redeeming These Days: Marriage & Family in Today’s Society. January 30th, 10-2PM at the Indiana District Office. \$15 includes lunch. Register now at <https://indianadistrictlcms.regfox.com/redeeming-these-days-flm-summit>. Only 60 seats available-no more than two per congregation please. Speaker: Gary Zieroth. Questions, email Ken Schilf schilfmeister@gmail.com.

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 uninterrupted crafting fun!! Registration includes: ½ of an 8’ table workspace with padded chair, continental 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 Lutheran Church, c/o Deann Oliver, 6514 E 750 N, Ossian, IN, 46777.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 26

8AM The Third Sunday after Epiphany—D.S.

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM The Third Sunday after Epiphany—D.S.

11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction

Monday, January 27

7PM Ladies Aid business meeting—fellowship hall

Tuesday, January 28

9:30AM Early Bird Bible Class—St. John Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 29

7PM Choir Rehearsal

7PM Divine Service (5th Wednesday)

Sunday, February 2

8AM The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany—Matins

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany—D.S.

11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction

Prayer of the Church

- +**Confirmation:** Dorothy Buono, Kyle Hemsoth, Jeff Stout are confirmed today.
- +**Sick and recovering:** Betty Becker, Helen Bulmahn, Daniel Brege.
- +**Wyneken:** our teachers, Amber Oedewaldt, 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:** Zack Brune, Blake Bulmahn, Jake Miller, Ben Enterline, Josh Gallmeyer, August Fuelling, Charlie Walters, Kacey Fuelling, Julie Nower, Liam Brege, Jordan Sloffer, Madison Hamilton, Ayla Bowersock.

Acolytes 1/26

8AM Jazper Huff

10:15AM Daniel Vogel

Attendance

7PM 1/15: 17

8AM 1/19: 121

10:15AM 1/19: 88

Stewardship

Offering week 1: \$7,069.00

Online: \$954.20

vs. weekly goal: -\$3,032.00



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