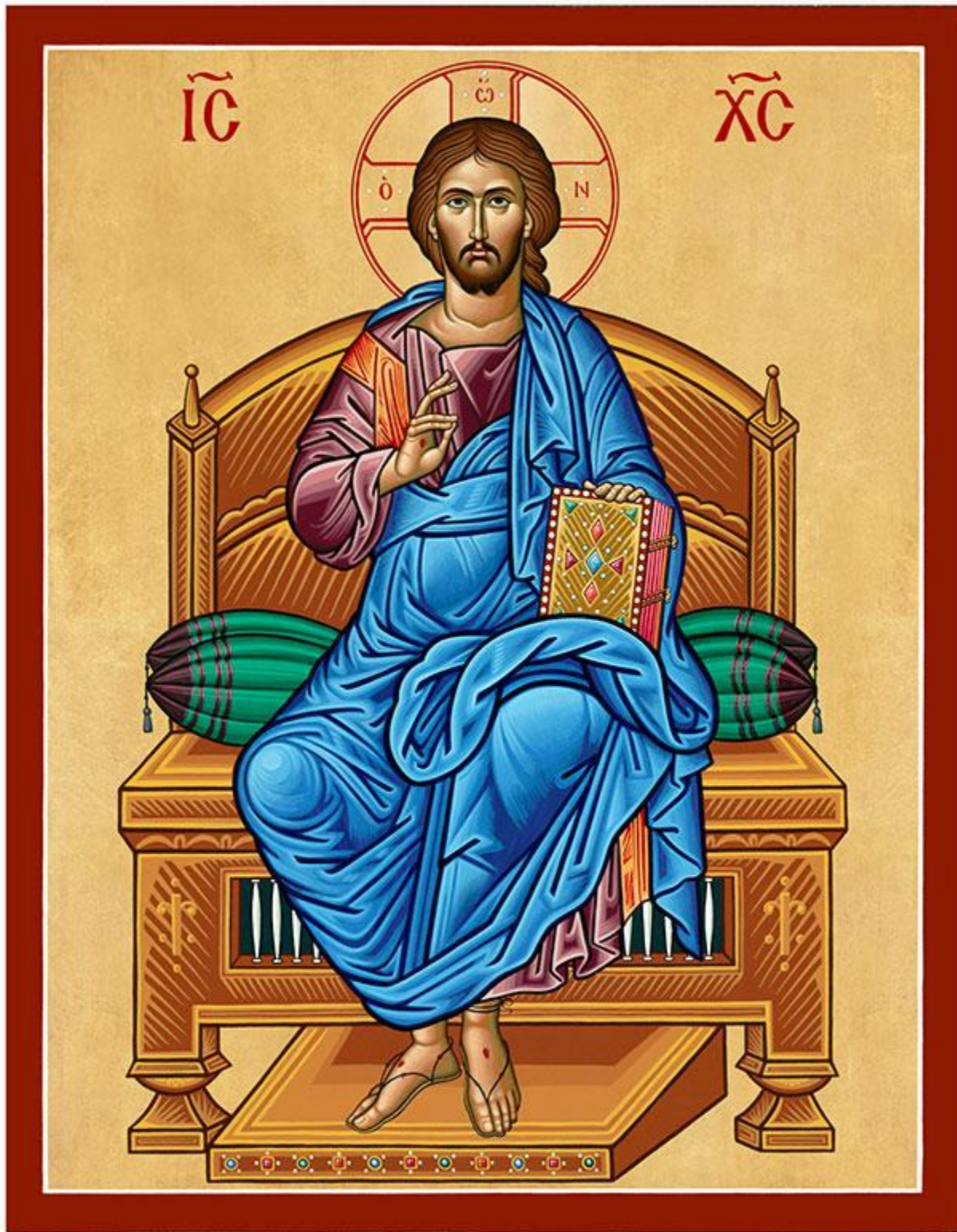


+The Divine Service+

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany | February 23, 2025 | 8AM



He Is Kind to the Ungrateful and the Evil

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 | 403 O Savior of Our Fallen Race

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 37:1-5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

*Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.*

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!

**For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

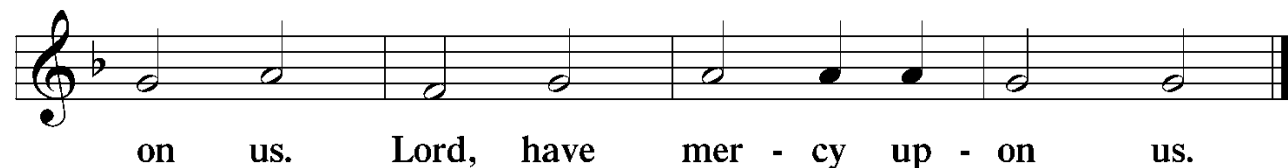
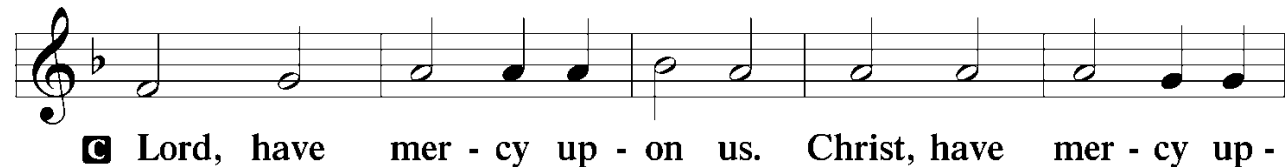
**Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.



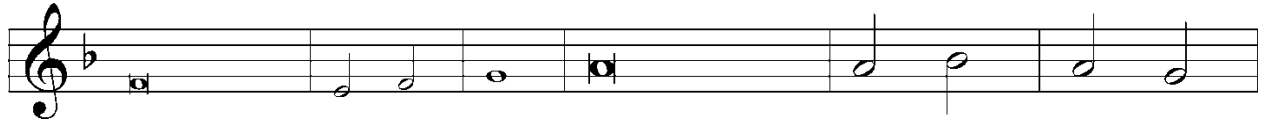
*Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.*

Kyrie

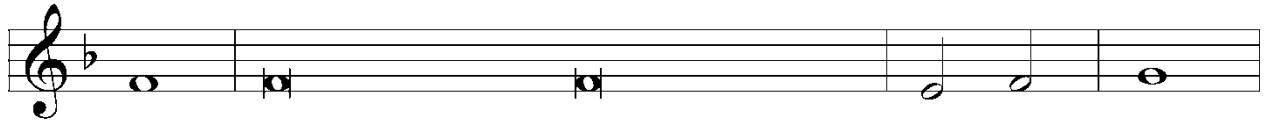


Gloria in Excelsis

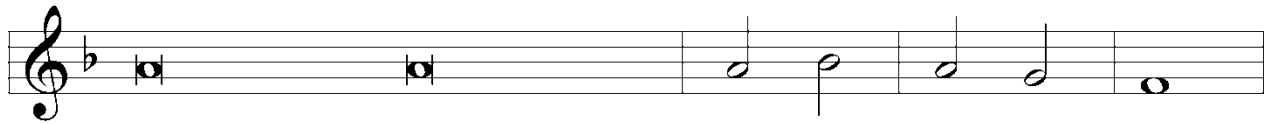
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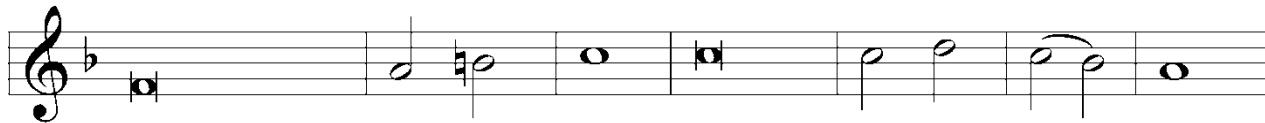
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



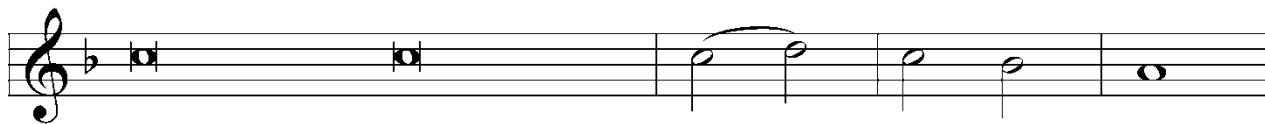
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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



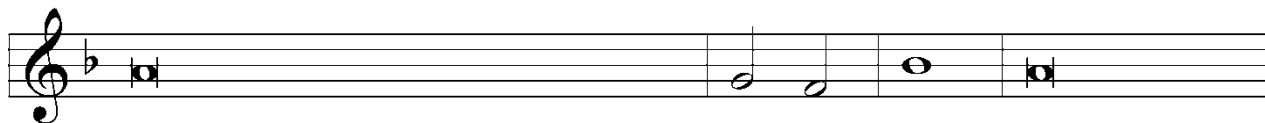
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



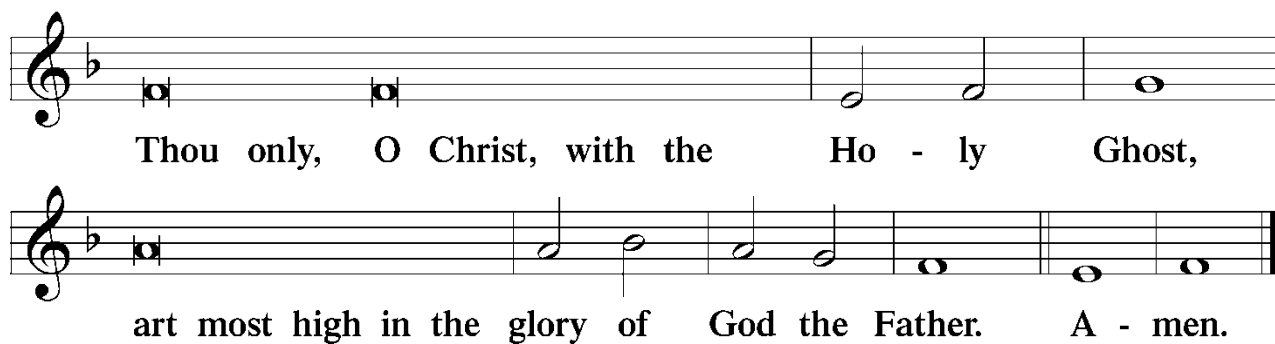
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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

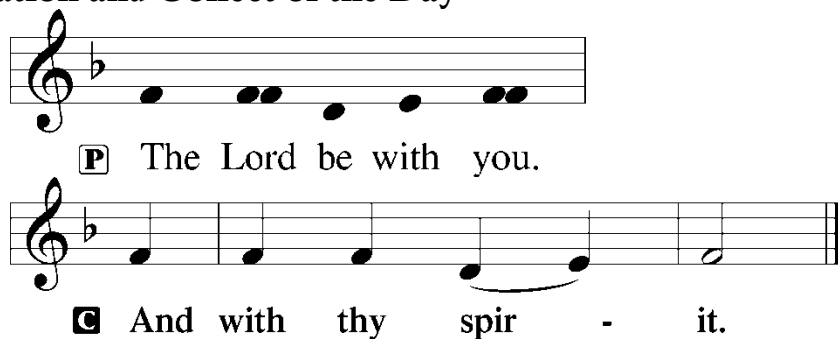


on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



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

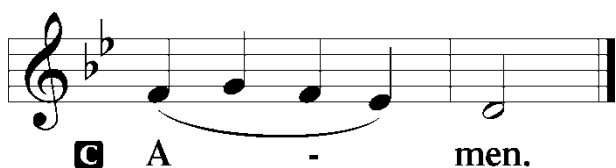
Salutation and Collect of the Day



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

P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3–15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks,

your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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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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.

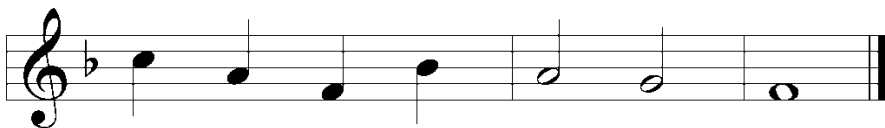


Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

back cover of hymnal

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

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

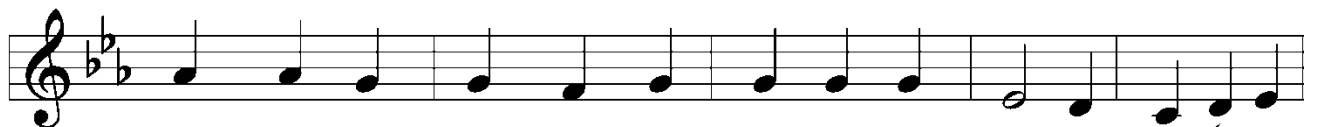
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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



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.

Sit
The Offering

Stand
The Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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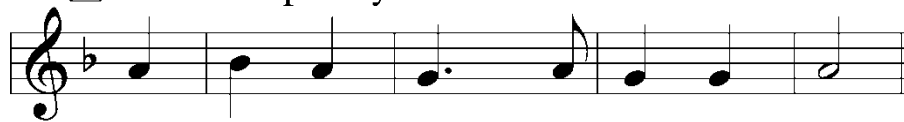
P The Lord be with you.



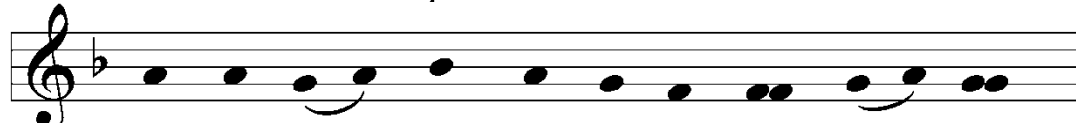
C And with thy spir - it.



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.

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

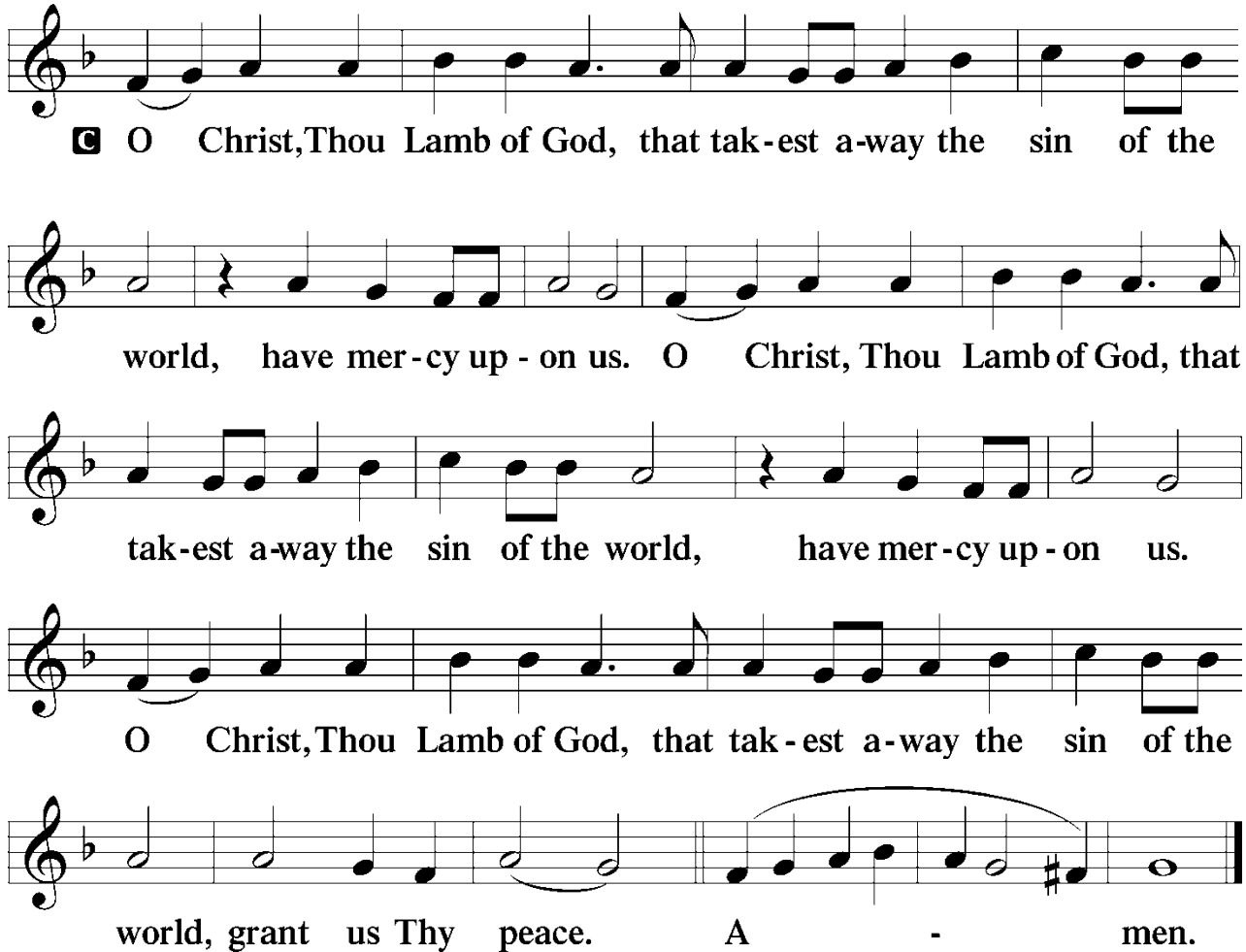
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.



☐ 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 | 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Distribution Hymn | 704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Distribution Hymn | 698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

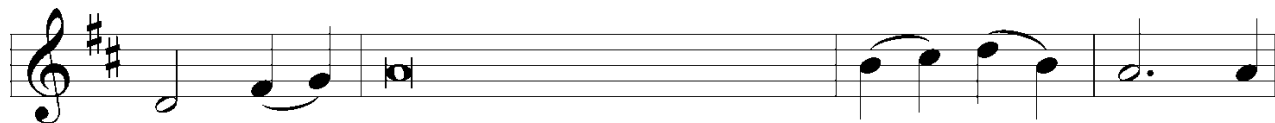
*Stand***The Dismissal**

☐ 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.

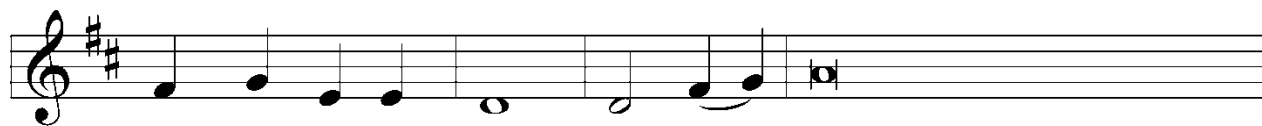
C Amen.

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,



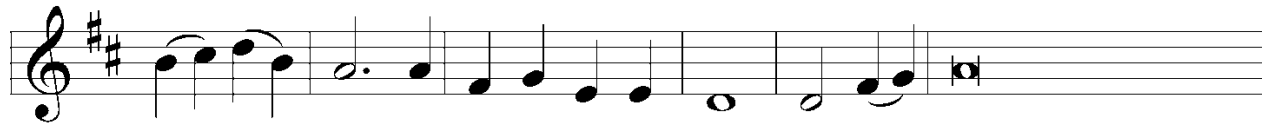
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



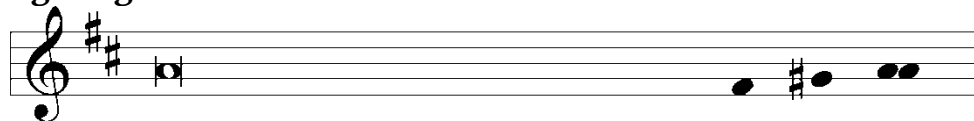
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



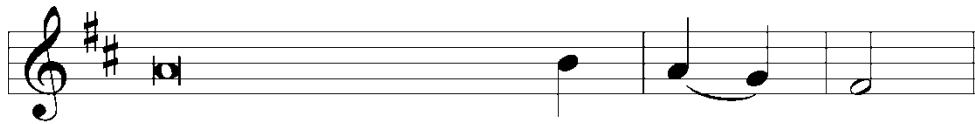
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

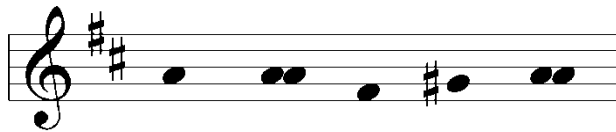
Post-Communion Collect

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



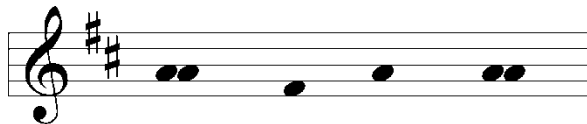
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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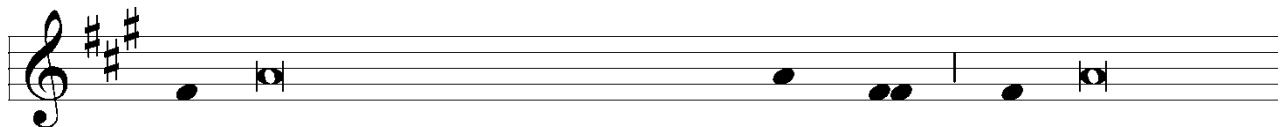
A Bless we the Lord.



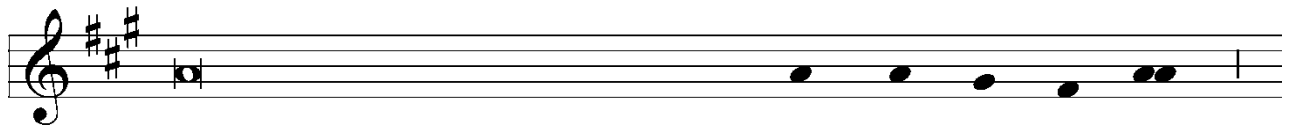
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

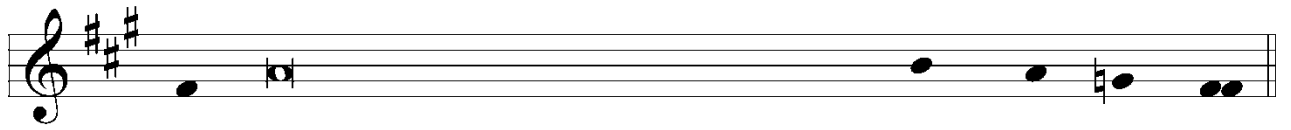
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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 | 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



THE CALLING OF PETER AND ANDREW.

Love Your Enemies. Do Good to Those Who Hate You

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 6:27-38

What is the rationale for such a command? The Lord Jesus gives it in verse 25: “...and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.” In other words, when our Lord calls us to a love that extends even to the enemy—even to those who hate us and revile us—he is calling us to the love *by which he himself loved us and the world*. Christ died for sinners who hated him. He prayed for the forgiveness of those who nailed him to the cross. He never met hatred in kind but always sought to overcome it with love. This is the higher love displayed in Christ that the world simply does not know or comprehend. But we Christians know and comprehend it, because we know and believe in Christ Jesus. And, when the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, that is, when he calls us to saving faith in Christ, he works the same love of Christ in our hearts. He conforms us to the image of the Son of God. To put it simply, *we will love this way because Christ our Savior loved us this way*. His love becomes our love.

Compare the readings for today, especially the Old Testament and the Gospel reading. In the Old Testament, Joseph showed love to his enemies: those who threw him into a pit and sold him into slavery. In Joseph’s case, his enemies happened to be his own brothers. When we get to the end of that long narrative that sees Joseph taken from the pit, to Potiphar’s house, to prison, to Pharaoh’s house, and finally, to the management of the grain in Egypt during the famine, we see clearly the hand of God in all of it. We see how God was using the evil Joseph suffered to bring about the salvation of the very brothers who hated him. And Joseph, too, is granted the wisdom to see how God’s hand was working in all of it. Joseph said to his brothers, “**God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God.**” Joseph looked back over the story of his life which involved the hatred of his brothers and saw how God was working it all for good. Joseph is such a wonderful type of the life of our Savior himself. Joseph suffered at the hand of his brothers, and God used that suffering to make him the ‘savior’ of his brothers. All of this so wonderfully foreshadows Jesus. Jesus was crucified by his enemies. But that unjust and cruel death was the means by which God brought about the salvation of the world.

The whole Bible is God’s word. But the New Testament is better than the Old Testament. In the Old Testament, we pray for our enemies’ *destruction* (and indeed, there is nothing wrong with a prayer for God to bring his justice to bear in the world!). But in the New Testament, we pray for our enemies’ *conversion*. We want God to bring even those who hate us to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. We want to share heaven with those who persecute us. When God calls us to suffer at the hand of our enemies we can even rejoice, knowing that our Father in heaven will use the suffering to show the love of Christ to our enemies. We forgive those who hate us in the glad confidence that we too were once the enemies of God—we too were once those poor, miserable sinners *for whom Christ died*. We remember that the love of our Savior is a love shown precisely to the unworthy and the undeserving. And when we do as Jesus has done, it becomes clear that the Gospel has had its way with us. God grant it for Jesus’ sake!

Announcements

St. Paul

The Family of Anita Spiegel invites you to a celebration of Anita's 85th birthday TODAY, **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!

Ice Skating and Coney Island (Middle and High S. event) TODAY: Sunday, February 23; 2-6 p.m. We will meet in the Wyneken 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 Wyneken 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.

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!

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Divine Service at **7PM, March 5th**. Midweek Lenten services will continue for five weeks thereafter and will be preceded by a supper at 5:45 (no supper on Ash Wednesday). As it is part of good Christian piety to take on the disciplines fasting, prayer, and almsgiving with increased rigor during Lent, please make plans to attend the midweek services, as the hearing of God's Word *promises* to bear fruit. Join us!!

Lenten Suppers. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for Lenten suppers, which will be offered starting Wed, March 12. If you or a group of individuals from the Church would like to host one of these suppers, we would be thankful! We only ask that the suppers be SIMPLE (budget-friendly for you and, appropriate to the penitential nature of the Lenten season).

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.

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, March 2; 3-8:30 p.m. – Prepare Meal for Ronald McDonald House. We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 2 to carpool to the Ronald McDonald House where we will prepare and serve a meal. The Ronald McDonald House, located inside Parkview Regional Medical Center, gives families with a hospitalized child a home base. A comfortable bed with fresh sheets, pizza night, a special secret playhouse for young siblings, a hot cup of coffee, and lots of space to be together. Ronald McDonald House volunteers and staff become the care team for a family during their stay, offering support services and encouragement throughout their journey.

Saturday, April 5; 6-9:30 p.m. – P.F.W. Men's Volleyball Match (RSVP Required by March 23). We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 to carpool to P.F.W. and watch the Mastadons take on Ball State. The cost is \$5, and please RSVP by March 23, so we can get the group rate.

Wyneken

Euchre 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

Right to Life of NE Indiana 4th Annual Spring Banquet will be held at the Mirage **April 12th, 2025**. Come celebrate our 51st year of defending innocent human life! Keynote speaker Super Bowl Champion Matt Birk. \$400/table of 8. Doors open at 5:30PM and the program begins at 6:30PM. Space for the banquet is already ½ sold out, so get your tickets now!! For online table and sponsorship registration please contact phoebe@ichooselife.org or visit <https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/spring-banquet>.

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 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

Tuesday, February 25

9:30AM Early Bird Bible Class—St. John, Bingen

Wednesday, February 26

7PM Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

7PM Vespers

Saturday, March 1

7AM Craft for A Cause—Bethlehem, Ossian

9AM LWML Prayer Service, Zion, Decatur

Sunday, March 2

8 and 10:15AM Transfiguration—Divine Services

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction

**Help needed, set up tables for noodles after service*

Prayer of the Church

- +**Sick and recovering:** Betty Becker, Helen Bulmahn, John Brown, Jeff Bulmahn.
- +**Wyneken:** our teachers, Tricia Day, 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:** Ed Albert, Janine Albert, Maddie Vitatoe, Riley Nower, Mike Wesley, Addy Butcher, Jim Melton, Nichole Fick.

Acolytes 2/23

8AM Jon Miller

10:15AM Charlie Faurote

Attendance

7PM 2/12: *no Church—snow event*

8AM 2/16: 75

10:15AM 2/16: 80

Stewardship

Offering 2/2: \$5,979.52

Online: \$584.52

Total F.T.W.: \$6,564.04

vs. weekly goal (of \$9,675): -\$3,695.48

Y.T.D.: -\$16,320.33



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