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Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes
of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: **he turned to me and heard my cry.**

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: **out of the mud and mire;**

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: **and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: **a hymn of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: **and put their trust in the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: **who makes the Lord his trust.**

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: **are the wonders you have done.**

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: **from the great assembly.**

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

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People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

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My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: **he turned to me and heard my cry.**

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: **out of the mud and mire;**

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: **and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: **a hymn of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: **and put their trust in the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: **who makes the Lord his trust.**

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: **are the wonders you have done.**

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: **from the great assembly.**

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(please stand)

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Serving us Today – January 15, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters:	Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

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O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
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He will impart

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O Christ, my joy forever.
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My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

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People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

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Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

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“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

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We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(please stand)

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

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Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
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Reader:	Sharon Sattler
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Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



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**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
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And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
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Strength to my fainting heart;
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While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

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BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
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Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
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May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

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People: And also with you.

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People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Serving us Today – January 15, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
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Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters:	Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
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Greeters:	Kathy Giardinelli

Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



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Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



**... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6**



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: **he turned to me and heard my cry.**

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People: **out of the mud and mire;**

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: **and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: **a hymn of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: **and put their trust in the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: **who makes the Lord his trust.**

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: **are the wonders you have done.**

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: **from the great assembly.**

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

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SALUTATION

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People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
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The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: To do your will, O my God, is my desire.

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: he turned to me and heard my cry.

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: out of the mud and mire;

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: and gave me a firm place to stand.

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: a hymn of praise to our God.

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: and put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: who makes the Lord his trust.

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: are the wonders you have done.

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: from the great assembly.

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

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People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
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Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

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The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes
of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: **he turned to me and heard my cry.**

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: **out of the mud and mire;**

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: **and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: **a hymn of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: **and put their trust in the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: **who makes the Lord his trust.**

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: **are the wonders you have done.**

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: **from the great assembly.**

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.
People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**
Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,	And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Serving us Today – January 15, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters:	Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

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Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
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Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

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“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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INTROIT

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People: To do your will, O my God, is my desire.

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People: from the great assembly.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**
Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,	And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Serving us Today – January 15, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters:	Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Sue Parker
Treats:	Vonda Petmecky
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
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Reader:	Sue Parker
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Greeters:	Kathy Giardinelli

Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
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Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
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O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

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People: and gave me a firm place to stand.

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People: from the great assembly.

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(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,	And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

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Musician: Vickie Lautner
AV: Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader: Sharon Sattler
Ushers: Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters: Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
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John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



**... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6**



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTROIT

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People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

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People: **out of the mud and mire;**

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People: **and gave me a firm place to stand.**

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People: **a hymn of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: **and put their trust in the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: **who makes the Lord his trust.**

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: **are the wonders you have done.**

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: **from the great assembly.**

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

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People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
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The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
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Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: To do your will, O my God, is my desire.

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: he turned to me and heard my cry.

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: out of the mud and mire;

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: and gave me a firm place to stand.

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: a hymn of praise to our God.

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: and put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: who makes the Lord his trust.

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: are the wonders you have done.

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: from the great assembly.

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.
People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**
Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,	And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(please stand)

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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As He, our Morning Star.

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No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
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Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
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Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,
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Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
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Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

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People: **he turned to me and heard my cry.**

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People: **out of the mud and mire;**

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: **and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: **a hymn of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: **and put their trust in the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: **who makes the Lord his trust.**

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: **are the wonders you have done.**

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: **from the great assembly.**

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

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SALUTATION

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People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(please stand)

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

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John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

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Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

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**... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

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All you who thirst
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Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: To do your will, O my God, is my desire.

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: he turned to me and heard my cry.

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

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People: from the great assembly.

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.
People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**
Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,	And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Serving us Today – January 15, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters:	Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Sue Parker
Treats:	Vonda Petmecky
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
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Greeters:	Kathy Giardinelli

Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

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People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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People: **out of the mud and mire;**

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: **and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: **a hymn of praise to our God.**

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People: **and put their trust in the Lord.**

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People: **who makes the Lord his trust.**

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People: **from the great assembly.**

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

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(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
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OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
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my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(please stand)

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Serving us Today – January 15, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
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Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters:	Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: **he turned to me and heard my cry.**

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: **out of the mud and mire;**

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: **and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: **a hymn of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: **and put their trust in the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: **who makes the Lord his trust.**

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: **are the wonders you have done.**

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: **from the great assembly.**

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**
Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
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All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

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(please stand)

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Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes
of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: To do your will, O my God, is my desire.

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: he turned to me and heard my cry.

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: out of the mud and mire;

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: and gave me a firm place to stand.

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: a hymn of praise to our God.

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: and put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: who makes the Lord his trust.

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: are the wonders you have done.

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: from the great assembly.

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(please stand)

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

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And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
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People: Amen

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Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

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Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: To do your will, O my God, is my desire.

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: he turned to me and heard my cry.

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: out of the mud and mire;

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: and gave me a firm place to stand.

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: a hymn of praise to our God.

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: and put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: who makes the Lord his trust.

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: are the wonders you have done.

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: from the great assembly.

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

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People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(please stand)

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

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John 1:41, ESV

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Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

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People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

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Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

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People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

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People: Amen.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(please stand)

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Serving us Today – January 15, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
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Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters:	Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
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Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
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O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

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BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

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People: from the great assembly.

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Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**
Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
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OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Serving us Today – January 15, 2023

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Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
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Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters:	Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



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Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: To do your will, O my God, is my desire.

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: he turned to me and heard my cry.

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: out of the mud and mire;

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: and gave me a firm place to stand.

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: a hymn of praise to our God.

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: and put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: who makes the Lord his trust.

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: are the wonders you have done.

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: from the great assembly.

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

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People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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People: **Amen**

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(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

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All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

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People: And also with you.

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People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

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People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

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THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

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Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



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Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: **he turned to me and heard my cry.**

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: **out of the mud and mire;**

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: **and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: **a hymn of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: **and put their trust in the Lord.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: **who makes the Lord his trust.**

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: **are the wonders you have done.**

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: **from the great assembly.**

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.
People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**
Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,	And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

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People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

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I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: To do your will, O my God, is my desire.

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: he turned to me and heard my cry.

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: out of the mud and mire;

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: and gave me a firm place to stand.

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: a hymn of praise to our God.

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: and put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: who makes the Lord his trust.

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: are the wonders you have done.

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: from the great assembly.

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

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People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**
Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,	You take the sin of the world away;
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(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

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“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: To do your will, O my God, is my desire.

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;

People: he turned to me and heard my cry.

Pastor: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

People: out of the mud and mire;

Pastor: he set my feet on a rock

People: and gave me a firm place to stand.

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth,

People: a hymn of praise to our God.

Pastor: Many will see and fear

People: and put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: Blessed is the man

People: who makes the Lord his trust.

Pastor: Many, O Lord my God,

People: are the wonders you have done.

Pastor: I do not conceal your love and your truth

People: from the great assembly.

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord;
People: **may your love and your trust always protect me.**

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

Pastor: I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation.

People: **To do your will, O my God, is my desire.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

(God's Servant is to be light for the nations.)

1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." 5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not leave us to vainly deal with our sin, but sent Your Son, our Savior, to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. You have called us together in His name; grant us true faith as we receive His body and blood in this Sacrament. Unite us with people of faith in all times and places, and gather us together in the great marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

[If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.]

OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Serving us Today – January 15, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters:	Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
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Treats:	Vonda Petmecky
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



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Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



**... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6**



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

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Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
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“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

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People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

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People: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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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.

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OFFERING SONG:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

Serving us Today – January 15, 2023

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Coffee:	Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
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AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters:	Anthony & Pam Sansone

Serving us Next Week – January 22, 2023

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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **98** | Sunday School: **40**
Afternoon Bible Study: **13**



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Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



*... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 1 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study - Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room on Chapters 19-22 as we conclude our study of the Book of Revelation led by Dennis Parker.

Planning meeting for the **Wacky Witnessing Olympics** is happening this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Join Kathy Giardinelli in the foyer of the FLC if you would like to be part of the planning team for this fun multi-generational event happening on February 5th.

Construction at the Sanctuary is moving full speed ahead after the holiday break!

HVAC and Electrical progressing forward

Trenching has begun installing the fire water line from the Sanctuary to tie in at the Dietz-Elkhorn Road entrance. Weather permitting the entrance should be reopened by Monday.

Seven of the ten stained glass windows have been spoken for. If you are interested in donating to the stained-glass window fund, please contact Kathy Bibb or David Wendeborn directly.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922)

Go, My children, with My blessing, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; In My love’s baptismal river Go, My children, with My blessing	Never alone. You are My own. I have made you Mine forever. You are My own.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, Here you learned how much I love you, Here you heard My dear Son’s story; Go, My children, sins forgiven,	At peace and pure. What I can cure. Here you touched Him, saw His glory. At peace and pure.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Grow in love and love by serving, Here My Spirit’s power filled you; Go, My children, fed and nourished,	Closer to Me; Joyful and free. Here His tender comfort stilled you. Joyful and free.
I the Lord will bless and keep you I the Lord will smile upon you I the Lord will be your Father, Go, My children; I will keep you	And give you peace; And give you peace: Savior, Comforter, and Brother. And give you peace.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” (LSB 557)

Seek where you may That leads to your salvation. On Christ I build, His Word is sure, He overthrows Through Him I more than conquer.	To find a way My heart is stilled, He is the one foundation. His works endure; All evil foes;
Seek whom you may None can redeem his brother. This man prevailed, Our Servant-King We’re justified The guilty being guiltless.	To be your stay, All helpers failed; The God-man and none other, Of whom we sing. Because He died,

Seek Him alone
Who did your souls deliver.
All you who thirst
In ev'ry need
To ev'ry heart
His blessings without measure.

Who did atone,
O seek Him first,
For grace that fails you never.
Seek Him indeed;
He will impart

My heart's delight,
O Christ, my joy forever.
Nor fortune's tide
You are my Lord;
Shall guide my way
Forever in Your presence.

My crown most bright,
Not wealth nor pride
Our bonds of love shall sever.
Your precious Word
And help me stay

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: It is too light a thing that You should be My servant to raise up the tribes
of Jacob. . .

People: **I will make You as a light for the nations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

“My Faith Looks Up Thee” (LSB 702)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Savior divine.
Take all my guilt away;
Be wholly Thine!

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Now hear me while I pray;
O let me from this day

May Thy rich grace impart
My zeal inspire!
Oh, may my love to Thee
A living fire!

Strength to my fainting heart;
As Thou hast died for me,
Pure, warm, and changeless be,

While life's dark maze I tread
Be Thou my guide;
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
From Thee aside.

And griefs around me spread,
Bid darkness turn to day,
Nor let me ever stray

When ends life's transient dream,
Shall o'er me roll,
Fear and distrust remove;
A ransomed soul!

When death's cold, sullen stream
Blest Savior, then, in love,
O bear me safe above,

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

People: **we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB 637)

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Your Table I Approach” (LSB 628)

Your table I approach; Let not an unrepentant heart	Dear Savior, hear my prayer. Prove hurtful to me there.
Lord, I confess my sins A contrite heart is sure to find	And mourn their wretched bands; Forgiveness at Your hands.
Your body and Your blood, Are taken at Your table, Lord,	Once slain and shed for me, In blest reality.
Search not how this takes place, God can accomplish vastly more	This wondrous mystery; Than what we think could be.
O grant, most blessed Lord, May not about this sacrament	That earth and hell combined Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail For Your true body and true blood,	To thank You day and night O God, my peace and light.

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People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

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All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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People: And also with you.

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People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42a

(Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be

revealed to Israel.” 32 And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian

and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Only Son from Heaven” (LSB 402) *(please be seated)*

The only Son from heaven,
By God the Father given,
No sphere His light confining,
As He, our Morning Star.

Foretold by ancient seers,
In human form appears.
No star so brightly shining

O time of God appointed,
He comes, the king anointed,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
And bring us life again.

O bright and holy morn!
The Christ, the virgin-born,
To open heav’n before us

O Lord, our hearts awaken
In faith to stand unshaken,
That we, through this world moving,
May reap its fullness there.

To know and love You more,
In spirit to adore,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,

O Father, here before You
And Jesus, we adore You,
Before You mortals lowly
O blessed Trinity!”

With God the Holy Ghost
O pride of angel host:
Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,

MESSAGE: “I CAN’T WAIT TO TELL”

John 1:29-42a

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen