



*Psalm 62:5-7*

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## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. The bread and wine do not symbolize or represent the body and blood of Christ, but are the real presence, as he says of "This is my body . . . This is my blood."

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

*When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Cor. 11:28), come to His supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest. Please note: For those with special needs, cups in the center of the tray are non-alcoholic. A gluten free host is available from pastor upon request*

For further study, see Matt. 5:23f; 10d2f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### *The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name*

When “*the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time,*” sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, “*Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD*” (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they “*believed God,*” as He spoke to them through His prophet, “*they turned from their evil way*” and were spared “*the disaster that he had said he would do to them*” (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that “*the appointed time has grown very short*” (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for “*the present form of this world is passing away*” (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give “*your undivided devotion to the Lord*” (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, “*the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand*” (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become “*fishers of men*” with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17). (*Taken from the lectionary summaries on the LCMS website*)

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024 – 8:00 & 11:00 am

Divine Service IV LSB 203

+ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** +

(Stand)

*HYMN OF INVOCATION: LSB 688 “COME, FOLLOW ME,” THE SAVIOR SPAKE*



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My  
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,  
soul’s sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - ’ry guile to free,  
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
In suf - f’ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e’er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
of the soul And lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”  
bat - tle’s strain The crown of heav’n - ly life ob - tain.

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

*INTROIT (read responsively)*

Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,\*

**the name of the LORD is | to be praised!**

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,\*

**praise the name | of the LORD!**

Blessèd be the name | of the LORD\*

**from this time forth and for- | evermore!**

The LORD is high above all | nations,\*

**and his glory above the | heavens!**

He raises the poor | from the dust\*

**and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,**

to make them sit with | princes,\*

**with the princes of his | people.**

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

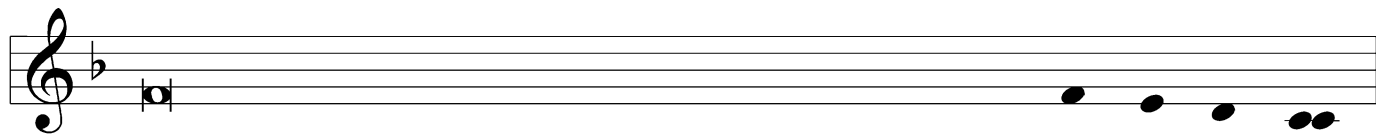
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,\*

**the name of the LORD is | to be praised!**

### *KYRIE*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



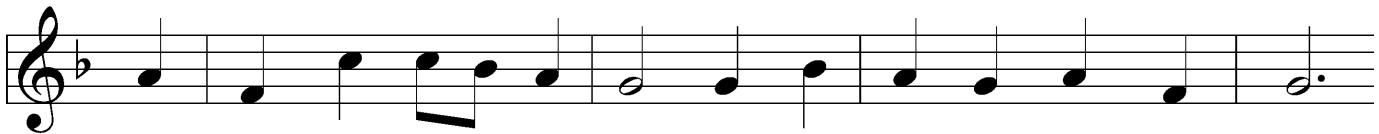
**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message  
that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word  
of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’  
journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey.  
And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And  
the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on  
sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God  
relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not  
do it.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*chanted responsively*)

Psalm 62; antiphon: v. 8



<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul waits in | silence;\*  
**from him comes my sal- | vation.**

<sup>2</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my | fortress;\*  
**I shall not be greatly | shaken.**

<sup>3</sup>How long will all of you attack a man  
to | batter him,\*  
**like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?**

<sup>4</sup>They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.  
They take pleasure in | falsehood.\*  
**They bless with their mouths,**  
**but inwardly | they curse.**

<sup>5</sup>For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,\*  
**for my hope is | from him.**

<sup>6</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my | fortress;\*  
**I shall not be | shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my salvation and my | glory;\*  
**my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.**

<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart be- | fore him;\*  
**God is a refuge | for us.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath;  
those of high estate are a de- | lusion;\*  
**in the balances they go up;**  
**they are together lighter | than a breath.**

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion;  
set no vain hopes on | robbery;\*  
**if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken;  
twice have I | heard this:\*

**that power belongs to God,**  
<sup>12</sup>and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast love.

For you will render | to a man\*  
**according | to his work.**

## *EPISTLE*

1 Corinthians 7:29–35

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

<sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and his interests

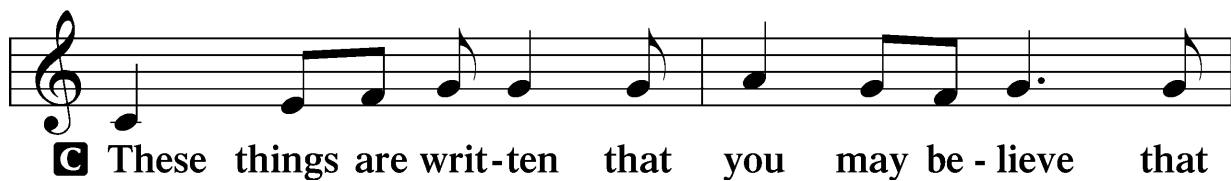
are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup>I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Stand)*

### *ALLELUIA AND VERSE*



### *HOLY GOSPEL*

Mark 1:14–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### *APOSTLES' CREED*

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

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

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

(Sit)

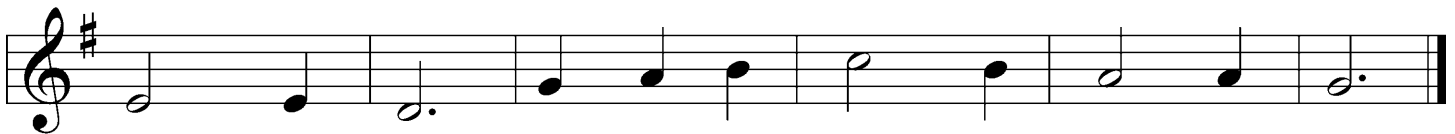
*HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 839 O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT*



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - jice.  
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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*SERMON*

(Stand)

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

*OFFERING Offerings can be placed in the covenant box in the church prior to or after service. At this time, the usher will bring forward the offerings to the pastor to be placed on the altar. You may also choose to mail in or drop off an offering during the week. Giving is also available online for Prince of Peace through our church's website [www.poplakewood.org](http://www.poplakewood.org) at the top right of the web page under "giving"*

## **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

### *PREFACE*

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

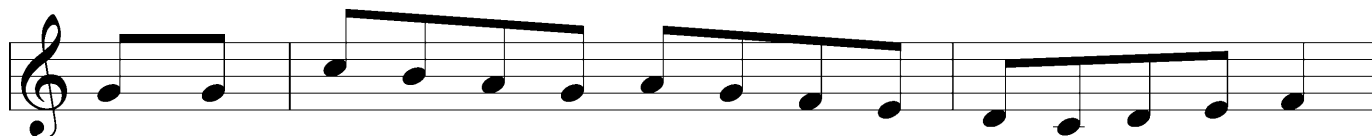
LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## *LORD'S PRAYER*

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## *THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## *PAX DOMINI*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

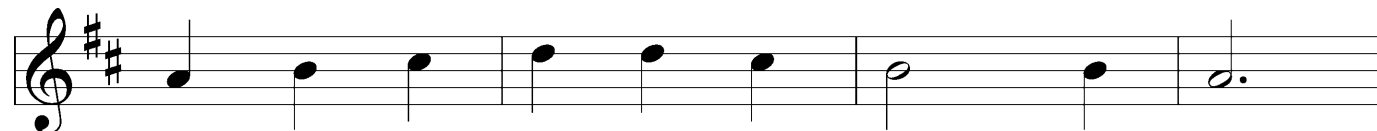


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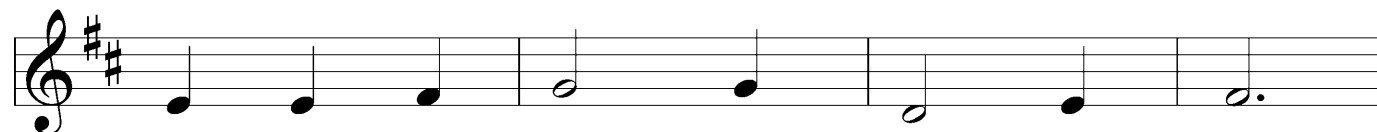
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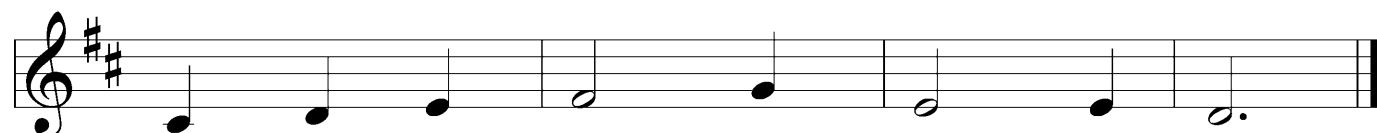
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

(Sit)

*DISTRIBUTION*

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LSB 685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.

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## *DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LSB 856 O CHRIST, WHO CALLED THE TWELVE*



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To  
5 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:  
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'ring Word. True  
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.  
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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*(Stand)*

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

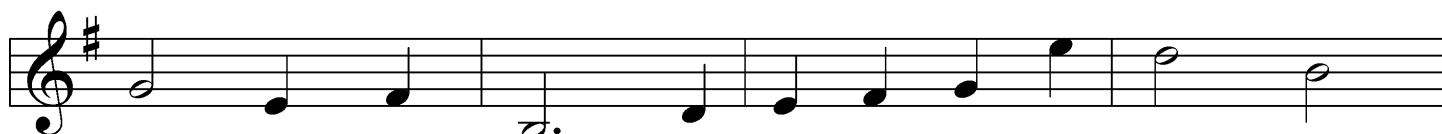
## CLOSING HYMN: LSB 836 O GOD OF LIGHT



1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
4 To all the world Your sum-mons You are send - ing,



Shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
Though we re - belled, You gent - ly sought a - gain  
To sin - ful hearts Your jus - tice and Your grace;  
Through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



And show Your grace, Your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
And spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
And quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for Your heal - ing,  
That myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



And guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
Who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
See Your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
May praise and cel - e - brate Your gift of grace.

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## **Prepare for next week**

Spend a few minutes this week reading and thinking about the appointed scriptures for next week.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 11

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

To set up an appointment for a pastoral visit, please call Pastor Paul @ 253-289-1749 or 630-514-4555 or, contact Pastor Matthews @ 360-701-6197 or your elder.

### **POP Church General Fund Budget Update**



1/1/2023 – 11/30/2023

Income \$311,160.00

Expense \$319,125.00

Net Income -\$7,965.00



Please contact the treasurer, Sherri Thomas for additional information

### **Life Quote for the week of January 21, 2024**

“As Christians, each one of us should be deeply steeped in God’s Word. That is where the truth lies. We don’t want to be ‘right’ for our own sake so we can boast in our ‘right-ness.’ We should want to be ‘right’ because God is revealing His truth to us, and we have been aligned with His truth. As we labor together in the life arena, let each one of us be so grounded in God’s Word that we recognize God’s truth and speak it in love.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

Flowers are placed on the altar today in honor of Barbara Gate's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**New Flower Chart ready!** The flower chart for 2024 is on the bulletin board. If you would like to provide flowers for a worship service, write your name by the Sunday you choose. To order through the church office, the cost of a basic bouquet from the Safeway Floral Department is **\$45.00**. You are encouraged to make your own flower arrangements, and we have vases you may use, if needed. The flowers need to be at church by the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday. Arrangements can be made for you to bring them on Saturday. *Altar Guild*

### **This Week (and next) at Grace Lutheran and Prince of Peace**

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|----------------------|----------|--|
| Today                | 8:00 am  | Third Sunday after the Epiphany Service with Prince of Peace & Grace, in person and via Facebook Live!               |
|                      | 9:30 am  | Prince of Peace and Grace Lutheran will be studying the book of Revelation lead by Pastor Matthews                   |
|                      | 9:30 am  | the Middle School through high school group are meeting with Pastor Zeigler in the library for bible study of Joshua |
|                      | 11:00 am | Third Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Service with Prince of Peace & Grace, in person and via Facebook Live!       |
| Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 am  | Bible study with Pastor Paul   |
|                      | 11:00 am | Bible study on Isaiah with Pastor Matthews   |
|                      | 12:30 am | POP Service of Meditation with Holy Communion  |
| Jan21 <sup>th</sup>  | 8:00 am  | Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Service with Prince of Peace & Grace, in person and via Facebook Live!      |
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Sunday Divine Services are at 8:00 am and 11:00 am – fellowship afterwards. We will also continue to live stream services on Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/POPLakewoodWA/live>  
\*Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to watch!



Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for that Very generous Christmas gift!! It was unexpected but very kind of you to think of me. Thank You!!

# Pam Clifford

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# Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for your Christmas gifts!! Your kindness and generosity is so very much appreciated and unexpected!!  
It is truly my honor and a Blessing to be a part of your worship team and family each Sunday!  
Thank you again!!

## Judy Guild



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Dear Pastor Zeigler & the Members of Prince of Peace,

Thank You so much for the wonderful monetary Christmas gift. It has been such a pleasure playing piano for your services since October 2015. It is nice to be appreciated and I hope my playing has made worship a richer and deeper experience.

Thanks again.

Jim Kelsey

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What are “vestments”?

When you first see the pastor and his assistants in the Divine Service, what do you notice about them? They are wearing long robes and other unique garments. These are called “vestments.” The word “vestment” comes from the Latin word *vestimentum* which means “garment of office.” Vestments are garments worn by the pastor and the assistants during the Divine Service and other prayer offices.



## Why are vestments used?

A person’s vestment tells us about who they are and their role during the Divine Service. If you have two or more pastors, one may be dressed in vestments that mark him as the presiding minister. The other pastors may be dressed in vestments that mark them as assisting ministers. Vestments help to keep the proclamation of the Gospel and administration of the Sacraments in good order. Did you know that God’s people have been using vestments since Old Testament times? Wow! Vestments are great tools in the church!



**Parents:** Before the Divine Service, direct your child’s attention to the pastor’s vestments. What color are they? How are they different from what you are wearing? Be sure to let your child approach the pastor after church to ask him questions about the vestments.



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# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

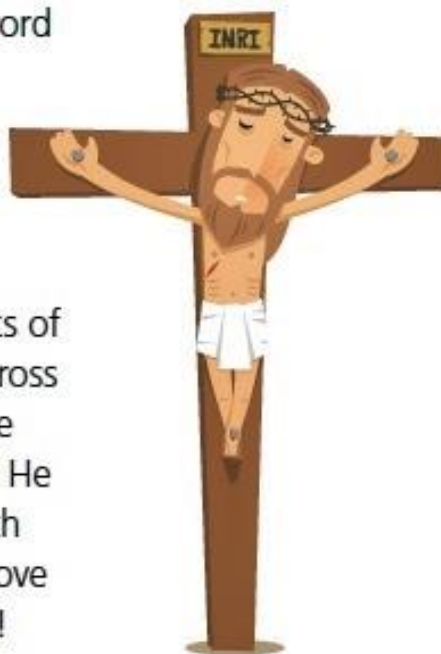
## A great big word of love.

A word that you often hear used in the church is the word "redemption" (pronounced ree-DEMP-shun). All of the events in Jesus' life work together to form God's plan of redemption.

## What does "redemption" mean?

The word "redemption" is a very important word used to describe what Jesus has done for us.

Redemption comes from the root word "redeem" which means "to buy back." God's plan of redemption was His plan to buy us back from sin, death and the power of the devil. This all happened when Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the Law perfectly and died on the cross in our place. He paid the high price for sin, and He bought us back! But He didn't stop there. He overcame death for us and rose from the dead to prove it! What a great Redeemer we have!



### Parents:

What our God has done for us in Jesus reflects the Fatherly love He has for all people. As parents, we share this love with our children through the means our Lord has provided: Word and Sacrament. This is where we receive the real fruits of redemption.





# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## Another great big word of love

In the Bible we hear the wonderful Good News of Jesus and all He has done for us. We hear about how He has saved us from our sins through His perfect life, death and resurrection. What you may not know is how the Holy Spirit fits into the picture. "Sanctification" (pronounced sank-ti-fi-KAY-shun) is the word used by the Church to describe this.



## What does "sanctification" mean?

"Sanctification" comes from the root word "sanctify" which means "to make holy." The Holy Spirit sanctifies, or makes us holy, by giving us faith in Jesus and enabling us to do good works. All of this He does for us through the wonderful Gospel, and the Gospel can be found all wrapped up in the Word and Sacraments. Wow! The Holy Spirit is really at work in our lives!



**Parents:** Our Savior paid the price, and the Holy Spirit delivers the gifts! What a great combination and promise. Before or after the service, visit the baptismal font with your children and remind them that this is where the work of sanctification began. In Baptism we are washed clean and made holy before God!



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