



The Second Sunday After Epiphany

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

JANUARY 18, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Holy Communion will be at the rail today.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available upon request.

Holy Communion is...

† The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ received “in, with, and under” the bread and wine for God’s People. *Matthew 26:26, 28*

† Coming to the table believing the words “given and shed FOR YOU.”

Preparation might involve three questions:

Do I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I sorry for my sins?

Am I ready to lead a new life?

† God’s grace in “forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.”

Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 6:8-9; Romans 8:31-32



Welcome to worship at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Please scan the QR Code to register as our guest. You can also sign the Guest Registry located at the entrance to our Sanctuary.

Please turn off all electronic devices during our worship together, so that we can give glory to God without distraction.

Nursery: The room located at the back of the sanctuary (with windows into the sanctuary), has been set aside for children to be able to play comfortably during Worship. At this time, we ask a parent to remain with their child while using this space. There is a sound system located on the wall to the right after entering the room which allows you to listen to the service.

Please feel free to ask an Elder to assist you as needed.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

Absolution

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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.**



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
 Tune: Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601
 Text and tune: Public domain

Service of the Word

Introit

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**The heavens declare the glory of God,
 and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

Day to day pours out speech,
 and night to night reveals knowledge.

**There is no speech, nor are there words,
 whose voice is not heard.**

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the

end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun.

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.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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[A] Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and

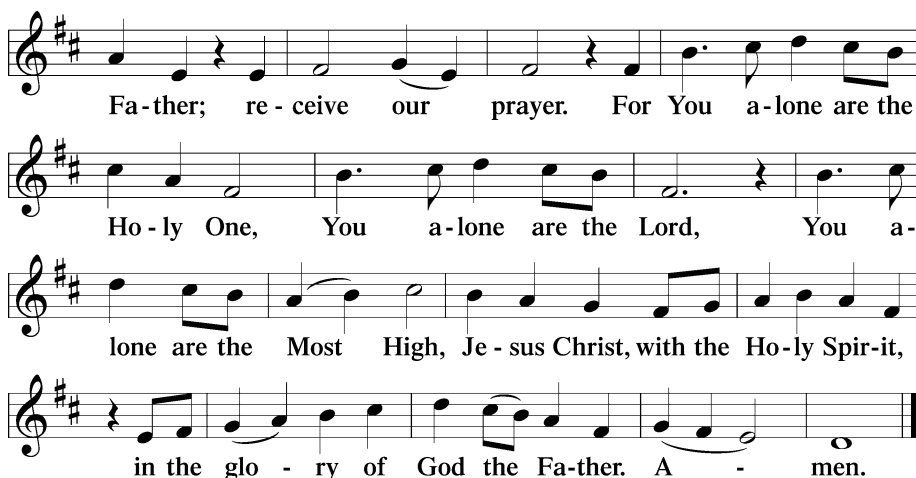
Fa-ther: We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we

praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly

Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You

take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen 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.
²He 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.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But 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.”
⁵And 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—
⁶he says:
“‘It is too light a thing that you should be 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.”
⁷Thus 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

¹I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
²**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,**
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
³**He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.**
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.
⁴**Blessèd is the man who makes
the LORD his trust,**
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!

**⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!**

I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

**⁶Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.

**⁷Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

⁸I desire to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”

**⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;**

behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.

**¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

**¹¹As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;**

your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!

**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.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To 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:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as

you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.'.

Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I 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.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus 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?” ³⁹He 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. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to

him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

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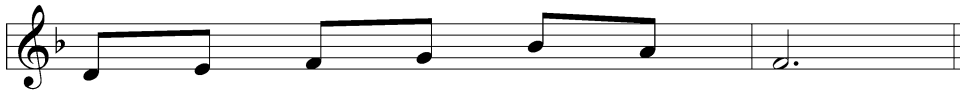
1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish
2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— “Look, the sin - less
3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to
4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience

of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan
Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the san - dals
un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed
was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed

His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened
Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the
So the world God’s love might know; This the mis - sion
Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the

and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a
feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to
of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan’s
sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of

dove, As the Fa - ther’s voice re - sound - ed,
us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,
stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed
grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



“Hear My Son, the One I love.”
Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:
Son of God, sent to re - deem.
O - ver us the cross You trace.

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Tune: William B. Roberts, 1947

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Sermon

Stand

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.**

Sit

Anthem: How Can I Keep from Singing

1. My life flows on in endless song.
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the clear though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

Ref. No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Ref.*

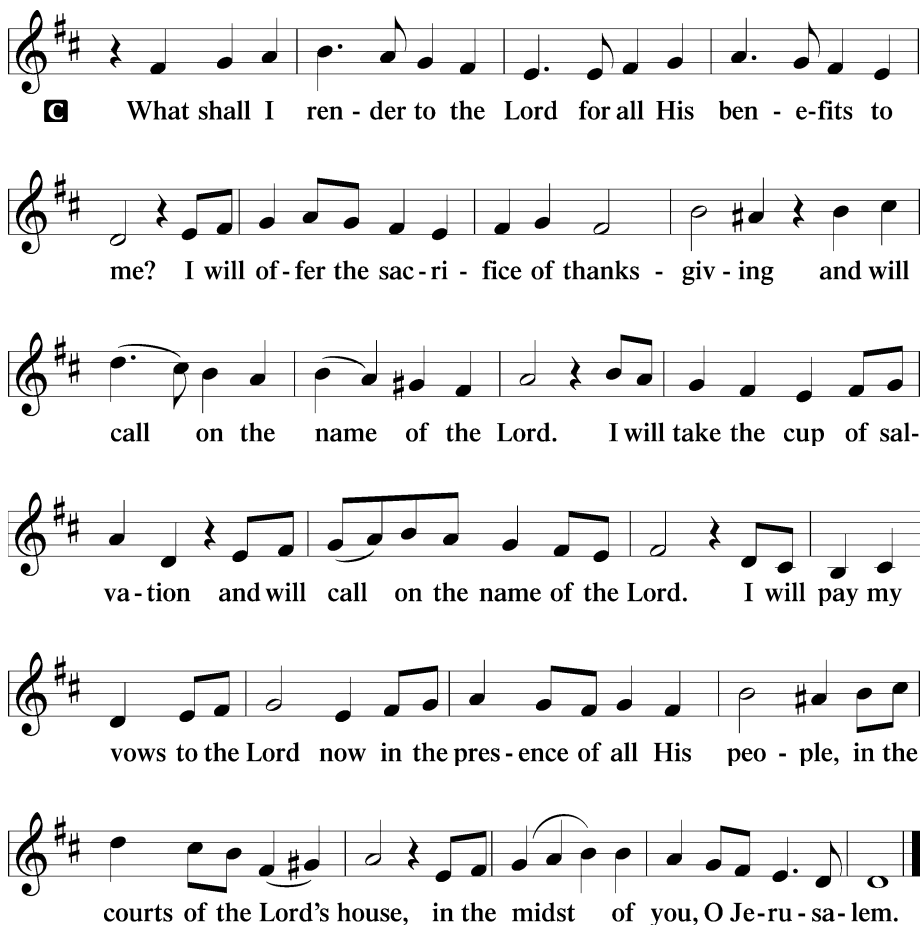
3. What though my joys and comfort die?
The Lord, my savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *Ref.*

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Ref.*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Offering (*See p. 22 for mobile giving.*)

Stand



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- 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.**

Proper Preface (Full)

- P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 178

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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."

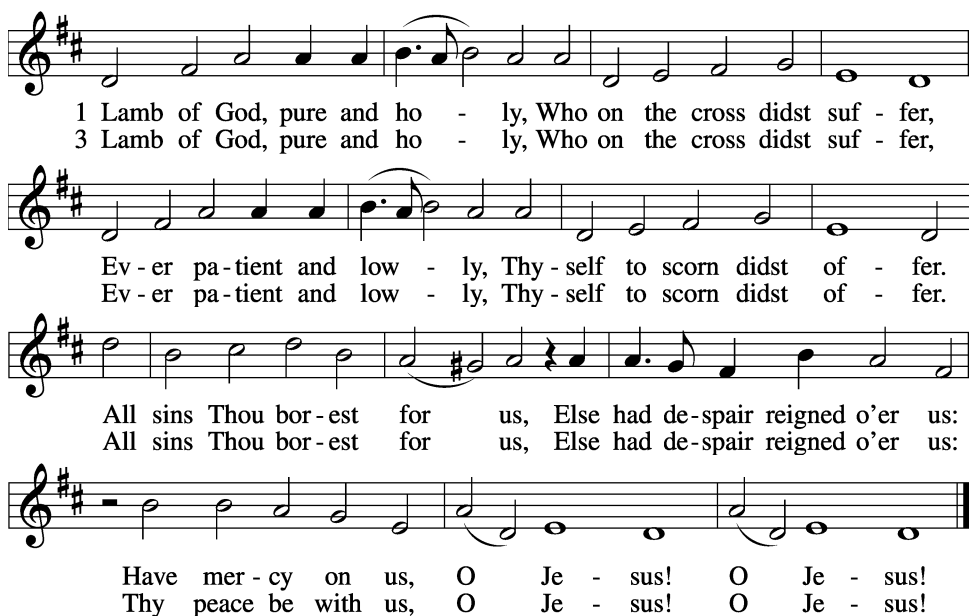
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LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**





1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,

Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.

All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:

Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Sit

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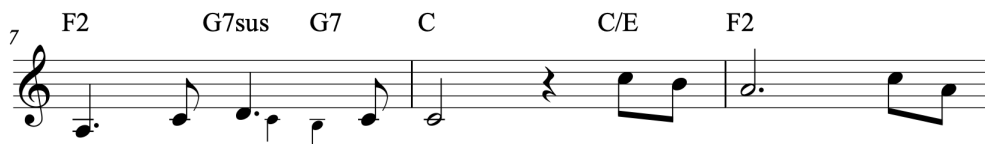
The true body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn: Behold the Lamb



give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this
 price to make us one. So, we share in this
 ceive the life of God. So, we share in this
 bod - y here on earth. As we share in His



Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a
 Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a
 Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a
 suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the
 sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the
 sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the
 join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the

TURNAROUND / OUTRO



King.
 King.
 King.
 King.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 182



The musical score for the Nunc Dimittis is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the music. The text is as follows:

C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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.**

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.**

Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing (See following page.)

LSB 964

Announcements

Postlude

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en ring,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning skies,
Thou who hast by Thy might Led us in - to the light,

Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee;

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get Thee;

Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day be - gun,
Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for - ev - er stand,

Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938
Tune: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954
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Today's readings follow from last week's account of Jesus' baptism, focusing on His identity and mission. In today's Gospel reading, John the Baptizer points his disciples to Jesus and identifies Him as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John's statement has been taken up into our liturgy as the *Agnus Dei* (Latin: "Lamb of God"), in which we confess that the same Jesus who was baptized by John and bore our sins on the cross is present for us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Today's Agnus Dei is Nicolaus Decius' paraphrase "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy," which was originally published in Luther's time and later used in J. S. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*.

Weekly Memory Verse (Jan. 18–Jan. 24):

"He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2

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Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, January 27, 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast at Shepherd's Care.** Grab a quick bite, have some coffee, and chat with Shepherd's Care parents.
- Saturday, January 31 at noon. **Social Ministry: Sandwich-making for the men's shelter.** Please join our social ministry team for this wonderful opportunity to serve our neighbors.
- Saturday, January 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m. **Olney Civic Fund Barrel-Aged Beer Fest.** Local breweries compete for the Olney's Choice Award. Live music. Food available from La Table du Chateau. See Olney Civic Fund website for tickets.
- Saturday February 14th at 7 p.m. **Concert: Fran Vielma Quartet.** Award-winning Venezuelan percussionist fuses modern jazz and Latin American rhythm. Perfect Valentine's Day date! Tickets \$10.

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