

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 1, 2026

The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is the preaching, teaching, baptizing and sharing the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world.



Welcome to Trinity!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning. We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, and with all of our soul. We have a deep desire that all would come to the saving knowledge of the truth of Jesus as Lord! We cordially invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and join us for Bible Class and Sunday School after church.

Pre-Service Music

The Prelude – Ringing of the Bells - Greeting

Please Stand

Confession and Absolution

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. So, then, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 728 sts. 1, ref, 2

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings

New each morning all our days.

For Your mercies never ending,

For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people

Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,

Through the sharing of Your blessings

May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation

Filled with creatures large and small;

As we tend that endless treasure

May our care encircle all. Refrain

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Introit

L: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

L: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

L: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C: and on his law he meditates day and night.

L: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

C: In all that he does, he prospers.

L: The wicked are not so,

C: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**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.**

L: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

Kyrie



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



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

Hymn of Praise

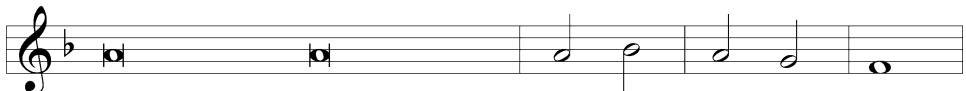
Gloria in Excelsis



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



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



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



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



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



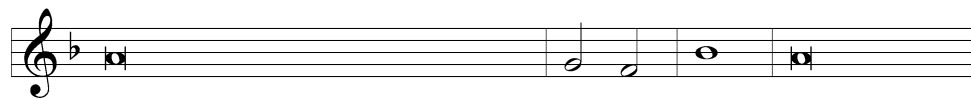
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



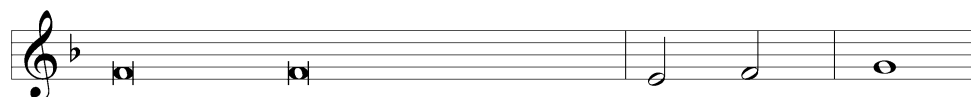
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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



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



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.



■ And with thy spir - it.

L: Let us pray... Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



■ A - men.

Please Sit

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;

and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

L: Praise the LORD, all nations!

C: Extol him, all peoples!

L: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C: bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Special Music

School Choir

Children's Message and Mighty Mites

Kordel McBlair

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



¹Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please Sit

Hymn of the Day

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872 Text: Public domain

Sermon

Please Stand

Nicene Creed

C: 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.

Offering and Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

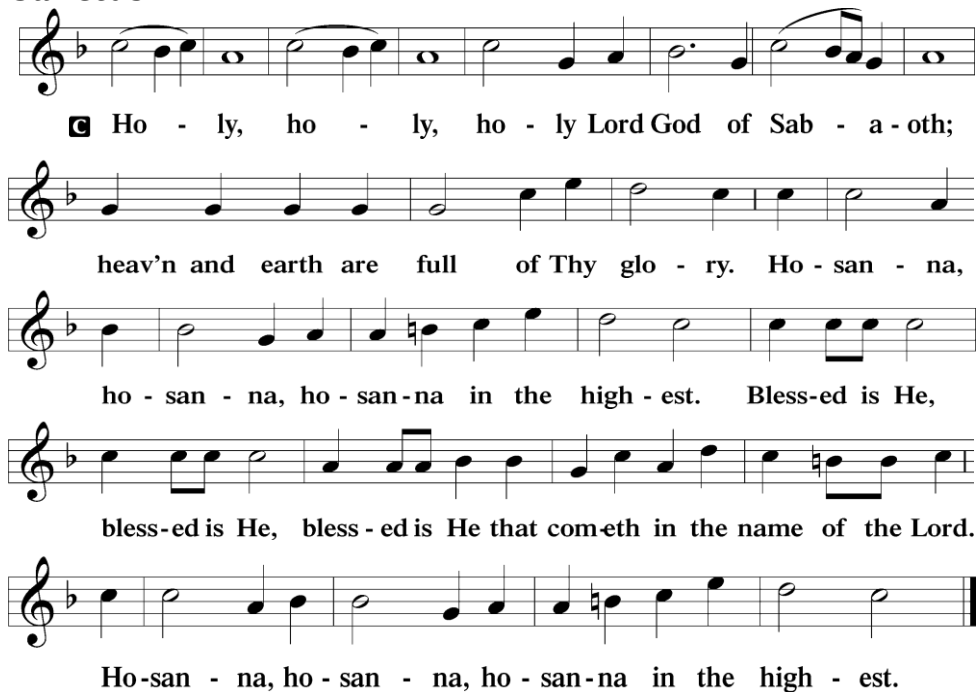
P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



Lord's Prayer

P: 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.



Communion Confession I Cor. 10:17* Acts 2:42** I Cor. 11:23-32***

As a member of the LCMS, Trinity practices closed communion. If you are not a member of Trinity Church and desire communion please speak to Pastor or one of our Elders prior to the service. Individuals are welcome to come forward for a blessing with their arms crossed over their chest

P: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians (LCMS), you confess:

C: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.

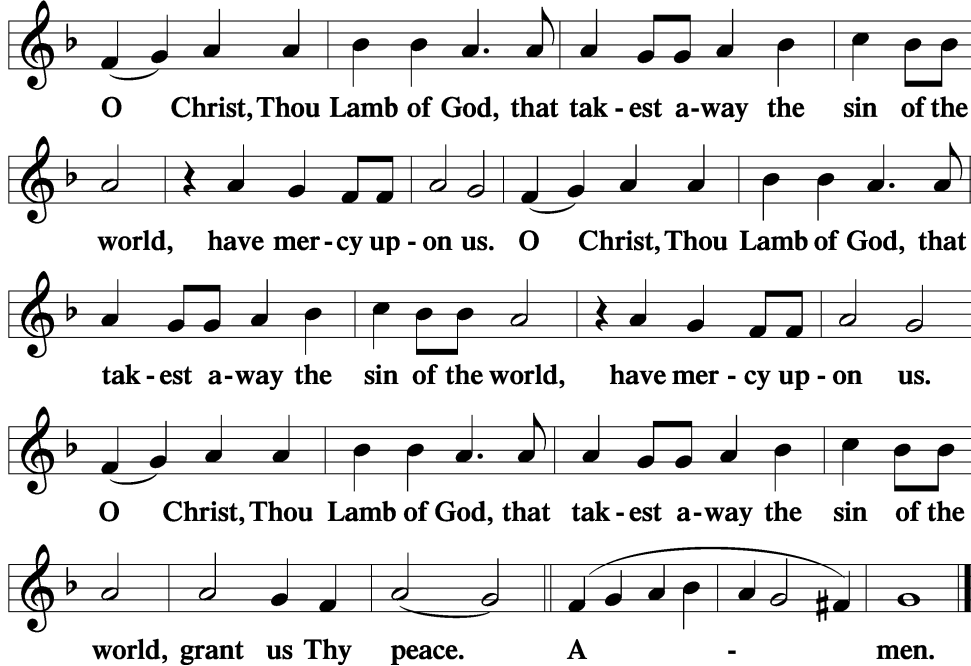
The Words of our Lord

Pax Domini

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



Agnus Dei



Please Sit

Distribution and Distribution Hymns

With the Lord Begin Your Task

LSB 869

1 With the Lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.

For His aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.

Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes;
Be to Him commended.

2 Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration.

On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
With His presence cheer you.

3 With your Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.

4 If your task be thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere
While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share
In the mansions yonder.

5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task
Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun
Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
To Your praise forever.

Text: Morgen- und Abend-segen, 1734, Waldenburg; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss
 And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Text: Public domain

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service
 Bore the weight of human need,
 Who upon the cross, forsaken,
 Offered mercy's perfect deed,
 We, Your servants, bring the worship
 Not of voice alone, but heart,
 Consecrating to Your purpose
 Ev'ry gift that You impart.
- 2 Still Your children wander homeless;
 Still the hungry cry for bread;
 Still the captives long for freedom;
 Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
 Healed the sick and freed the soul,
 Use the love Your Spirit kindles
 Still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
 Till Your love's revealing light
 In its height and depth and greatness,
 Dawns upon our quickened sight,
 Making known the needs and burdens
 Your compassion bids us bear,
 Stirring us to tireless striving,
 Your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to Your service,
 Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
 Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
 Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
 May Your mercy know and live.

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Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622

1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
 This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
 And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
 For comfort, and for pardon.

2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
 Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
 Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
 Till dawns the judgment morning,

3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
 To any habitation;
But You are present even now
 Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
 Or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
 Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
 Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
 For You are Lord Almighty.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt. Text: Public domain

Please Stand

Post Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-'. The second staff continues with 'cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,'. The third staff concludes with 'which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

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3 In His earthly life, our Sa vior

Knew the care of faithful friends;

May our deeds of dedication

Offer love that never ends. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people

Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,

Through the sharing of Your blessings

May bring glory to Your name.

△ 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring

Bear the imprint of Your grace;

With the Son and Holy Spirit,

Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

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Announcements

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COMMUNION CONFESSIONS SCRIPTURES

*“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

**“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

***“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, also he took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.”

Assisting in Today's Service

Preacher:	Pastor Jake Sletten
Liturgist:	Bruce Sletten, Lay Minister
Elder:	Parker Schoen
Assisting Elder:	
Acolyte:	Logan Hanson and Ryder Presley
Sound System:	Liam Hansen
Broadcaster:	Scott George
Organist:	Susan Senninger
Pre-Service Music:	Kerry Rector
Communion Set-up:	Karlea McBlair
Communion Wash:	Miandra Schoen

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Health- Joan Haines, Emma Conklin, RoseMarie Dieckhoff, Dana Robb, Delphine Lehde Mullan, Kathleen Mueller, Erin Hunt, Jim Bracht, Alyssa Parrigon, Tess Holle, Dick Highfill, David Tunnell, Karen Schmedeke, Don Schmedeke, Karen Miller, Baby Reed Fuemmeler, Lois Gaddy, Robbie Krueger, Grace Doss, Stephen Schoen, Debbie Schoen, Orville Meyer, David Holle, Mark Fellwock

Anniversaries-

Bob and Dedra Moennig will be celebrating 44 years of marriage on February 6.

Remembering our Seasoned Saints (80+ years old)- John Bremer, RoseMarie Dieckhoff, James Gaddy, Marjorie Harris, Linda Jelinek, Judy Lehde, Loretta Pennington, Karen Schmedeke, Blake Stanford

Families of the Week- Kevin McBlair family, Ken McIntyre family, Drew Meier family, John Meyer, Lillyetta Meyer family, Orville Meyer family, Karen Miller, Cadence & Jackie Mitchell, Bob Moennig family, Daniel Moennig family, Christopher Moennig family

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Altar Flowers are in memory of Bob Bremer.

Self Service Nursery is available in the chapel for families with children. Toys and Supplies are in the cabinet. Ask an usher for assistance.

Hearing assistance receivers are available. Please ask an usher.

Lap Robes are in the black cabinet in the narthex and bell tower. Please ask an Usher or Elder for assistance if needed.

For Altar Flowers- contact the Church Office.