

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE – LSB pg. 151
Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation – “Onward, Christian Soldiers” – LSB #662

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,

With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
 Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:

Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;

For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
 This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,
 With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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Stand

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.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Exhortation

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.**

1 John 1:8-9

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

Confession of Sins

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

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.**

[John 20:19-23]

Service of the Word

Introit – Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

P 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;**

P but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
C **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P 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.**

P The wicked are not so,
C **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

P 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.**

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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 mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. Refrain
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Stanza 4
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. Refrain
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Final Refrain

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

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?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Psalm 15; antiphon: Psalm 16:1

A O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

C **Who shall dwell on your holy hill?**

A He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;

C **who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;**

A in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD;

C **who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

A who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

C **He who does these things shall never be moved.**

Epistle – 1 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse of the Day – Matthew 5:3

All **Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 5:1–12

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

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

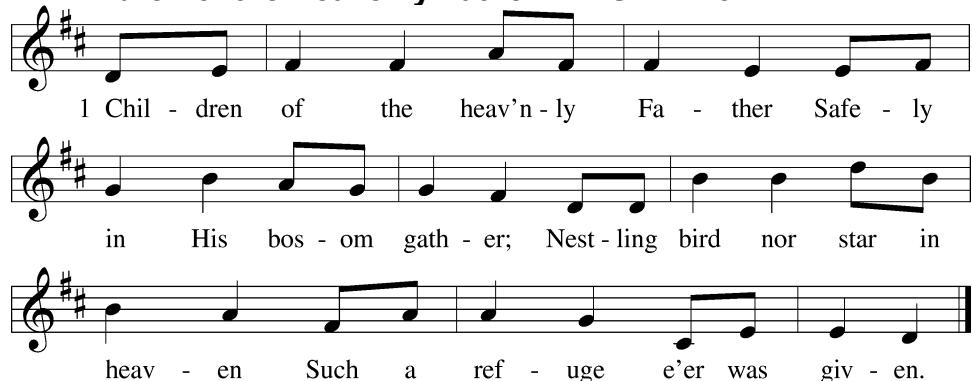
¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the 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.

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

Sit

Hymn – “Children of the Heavenly Father” – LSB #725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.

Children's Message – “The Very Special Cross” – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Children Collect Attendance Cards

Hymn of the Day – “Lift High the Cross” – LSB #837

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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Sermon by Pastor Meyer

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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Lord, You have called us to good work in our various vocations. Give us courage that we might never be ashamed of Christ and Him crucified, but be free to boast in the Lord within our callings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all wisdom, You tell us plainly that the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but it is Your power to all who are being saved. Strengthen the faith of pastors and congregations, that they would not turn to man-made wisdom but boldly proclaim Christ and Him crucified. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord of lords, You rescued Your people from Egypt and confounded Balak, king of Moab, for their protection. Guide the decisions and actions of all earthly authorities, that Your people may live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, when Christ returns in His glory You promise to wipe away every tear from every eye. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and deliver, according to Your good and gracious will, those troubled by sickness and affliction. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all righteousness, You command us to be holy as You are holy, and You sanctify us with Your Son's body and blood. Prepare the hearts of all who partake of the Sacrament today, that they might repent of their sin, trust in Your promises and find their righteousness in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, You know the way of the righteous. Preserve Your people from walking in the counsel of the wicked, from standing in the way of sinners and from sitting in the seat of scoffers. By Your grace, cause them to delight in Your Holy Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

Share the Peace - *Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13,17-19



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.

Service of the Sacrament

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 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. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Corinthians 11:29-30), 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 yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor, or an elder.

Preface

P The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]
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, 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 ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn – “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” – LSB #851

1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your

life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, “You have done it all to Me.”
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

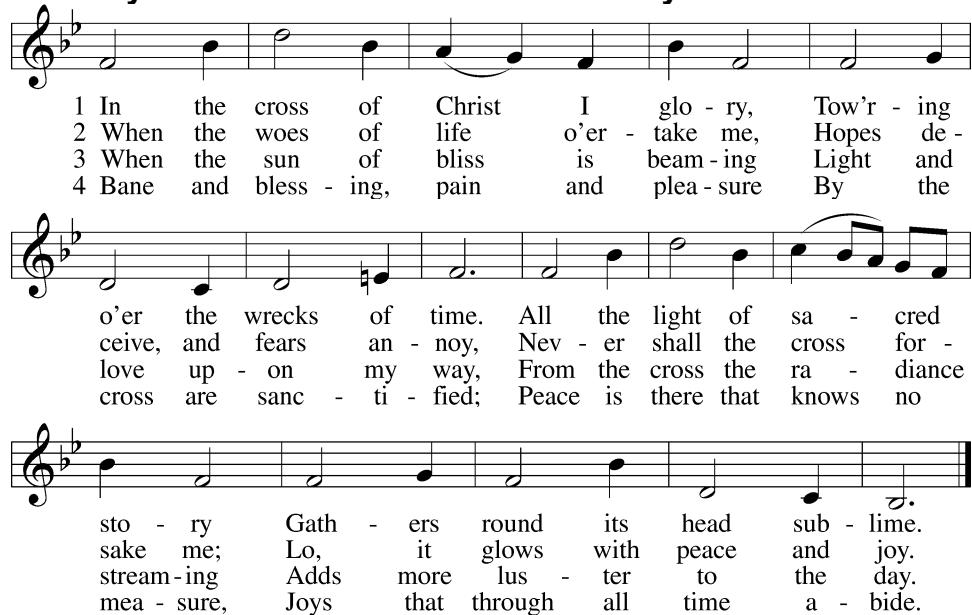
And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you”?
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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Distribution Hymn – “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” – LSB #427



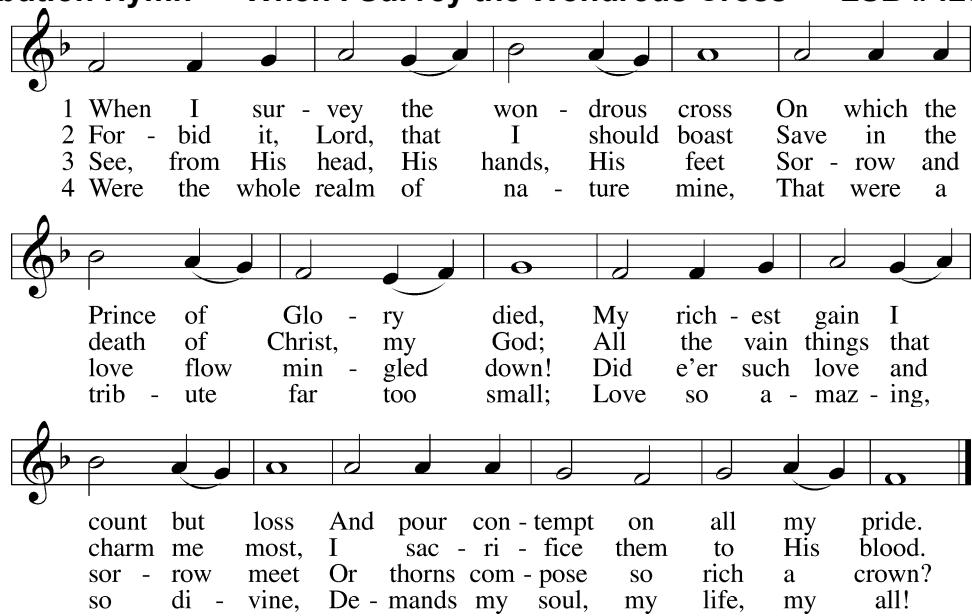
1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream-ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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Distribution Hymn – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” – LSB #425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Distribution Hymn – “Baptismal Waters Cover Me” – LSB #616



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can
speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.
stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P 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 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

Numbers 6:24-26

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 to Depart – “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” – LSB #782

1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings.
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion.
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior.
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing.
New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies.
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that.
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of.
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and.
nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,
Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

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We pray your worship with us was a Blessing and God will grant you a rich and Blessed week.

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If you are a first-time visitor, please let one of the ushers in the back know – they have a gift from the LWML waiting for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE YOUR CONGREGATION? We currently Live-Stream our services to YouTube. This puts our services out on the World Wide Web so they can be enjoyed by everyone. All files are available on our website at www.stpaulsenid.com and click on the Live Stream menu button. We are taking applications for 9:00AM audio techs and video recorders. Everything is supplied and no experience is necessary. On the job training provided. Nothing difficult and very rewarding!! Contact Gerald Nolte for the audio at 237-7163, or Paul Fisher for the Live Stream at 234-5411, or visit with either one of us after service. Thanks! Steve Fisher and Gerald Nolte

NOISY OFFERING: In February, the noisy offering will be collected for Build to the Future. Thank you for your contributions!

OFFERING ENVELOPES: If you wanted envelopes for 2026, but haven't picked them up yet, Crystal has them in the office. They are available upon request!

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Contribution statements are now available upon request. They can be picked up in the office or emailed. **Please remember not to file your 2025 tax return until you have your contribution statement!**

DIAPER SHOWER: The LWML diaper shower is technically over, but if you had diapers to bring, go ahead and drop them off TODAY! We will leave the box out one more week since church was canceled last week. Thanks for helping out!

FOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY: The school will be collecting food for the Salvation Army during the entire month of February. This is the list of current needs sent to me: dry goods, cereal, shelf stable milks canned meats, beans, rice, soups, veggies, fruits - basically any canned good.

ANNUAL GROUND HOG SUPPER: Join us for our annual ground hog supper at Zion Lutheran Church in Lahoma, on Saturday, February 7. 2026 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. We are serving fresh whole hog sausage, scalloped potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, rolls and cranberry sauce, and of course homemade desserts! Dine in or carryout available – call (580) 796-2243. Everyone is welcome – meal is served by donation.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY: Our God has blessed us with more gifts and blessings than we know. Now it is time to show Him how much we appreciate them. February 15th will be CONSECRATION SUNDAY. There will be cards available for "each" of our members to "pledge" their TIME and TALENTS. The cards will also request EACH FAMILY to pledge their TREASURES. Only one pledge of treasures per family is requested and is in addition to any pledges to the Capital Campaign. Please take a card home, prayerfully consider your God given gifts and blessings, and return the card to Worship Services on Sunday, February 22nd. A list of time & talents will be shared with the church council to be used when projects need to be done around our church and school. For those pledging online, there will be columns designated for time & talents.

RECEPTION OF RUTH DORSCH: A Come and Go Reception for Ruth Dorsch will be February 8 from 1-2pm at Zion Lutheran Church and Preschool in Fairmont. The reception honors Ruth for the 30th Anniversary of her service as a Teach/Director of Zion's Preschool. She began serving in January 1996 and plans to retire in May 2026.

THANK YOU: Thank you so much my dear church family. I appreciate all the calls, texts and prayers during my hospital stay. I truly felt your love. Love, Jenny Smithson

Finding Peace



"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you ..." John 14:27

Save the Date

**59th Convention
Lutheran Women in Mission
Oklahoma District LWML
April 17-18, 2026
Hilton Garden Inn, Edmond**

Finding peace in today's world can be difficult. Join us as we explore how Jesus helps us find this peace.

Keynote Speaker: LCMS OK District Pres. Rev. David Nehrenz

Bible Study Leader: Michelle Dierks, Author

Hosted by Kingfisher and Panhandle Zones

PRAYERS

Hospitalized:

Recovering: Beverly Allen, Tim Braley, Brent Coffman, Bud Durheim, Cindy Fischaber, Mike Helberg, Betty Herth, Terry Herth, Milburn Kroll, Fran Kroll, Ralph Kroll, Sherri Lunday, Don Nobis, Patsy Nobis, Steve Nobis, Kristy Pendleton, Dian Salisbury, Timi Schoeling, Marcella Schroeder, Richard Simpson, Steve Simpson, Jenny Smithson, John Smithson, Loren Wegele (Ruth Lyons' brother)

Cancer Patients: Pat Becker, Tommy Deterding, Bud Durheim, Ed Fulk, Rev. Kenneth Haskell, Judy Helberg, Carolyn LaBrue, Ruth Lyons, Peter Markes (Cindy Fischaber's nephew), Eddie Morris, Timi Schoeling, Richard Simpson and Sandy Williams

Medical Problems: Steve Allen, David Braley, Cecil Durheim, RoAnn Hejna, Mike Helberg, Betty Herth, Mike Krienke, Fran Kroll, Milburn Kroll, Ralph Kroll, Darrell Lauppe (Cathy Breitenkamp's brother), Pat Lemke, Jerry Lichtenberg, Sharyn Mueller, Steve Nobis, Shirleen Otipoby, Rebecca Peters, Todd Sanders, Valera Sheets, Steve Simpson, Kathy Snowden & Brenda Woodford

Birthdays: February 1st – Theresa Newberg; February 5th – Hans Wuerflein; February 6th – Dian Salisbury; February 7th – Hayden Durheim, Tessa Fleischmann & Blake Gabriel

Anniversaries: February 3rd – John & Amanda Fuxa; February 5th – Gene & Christine Hollrah

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN. 02/01

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Food Drive for Salvation Army Begins
Last Sunday for Diaper Shower
Communion
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School**

MON. **02/02**

Groundhog's Day
9:45 AM Dominoes (3005 Forestridge PI)
12:30 PM Finance Board
6:30 PM PTL Meeting

TUE. 02/03

8:30 AM Circuit Pastor Meeting (Fairmont)
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
11:00 AM Balance & Strength
1:00 PM Pinochle
6:30 Ladies Bible Study
7:00 PM Community Service Circle

WED. **02/04**

9:00 AM Chapel
12:30 PM Visiting Circle
1:00 PM Service Circle
3:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting
7-8:30 PM Adult Confirmation

THU. 02/05

8:30 AM Bible Book Club
11:00 AM Balance & Strength
7:00 PM Bible Book Club

FRI. 02/06

SAT. 02/07

5:30 – 7:30 PM Ground Hog Supper (Zion-Lahoma)

SUN. 02/08

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Kid's Sing in Church
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
1-2:00 PM Ruth's Retirement Rec

1 Corinthians 1:20 – “Where 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?” God’s ways are certainly not the world’s ways, including the way God tells us to manage the resources He’s given to us. The world says, “hold on, hold back and gather up.” Jesus says to store up treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where no thief breaks in to steal. Whose way do you think is best? What is wiser: the wisdom of the financial gurus or the foolishness of God?