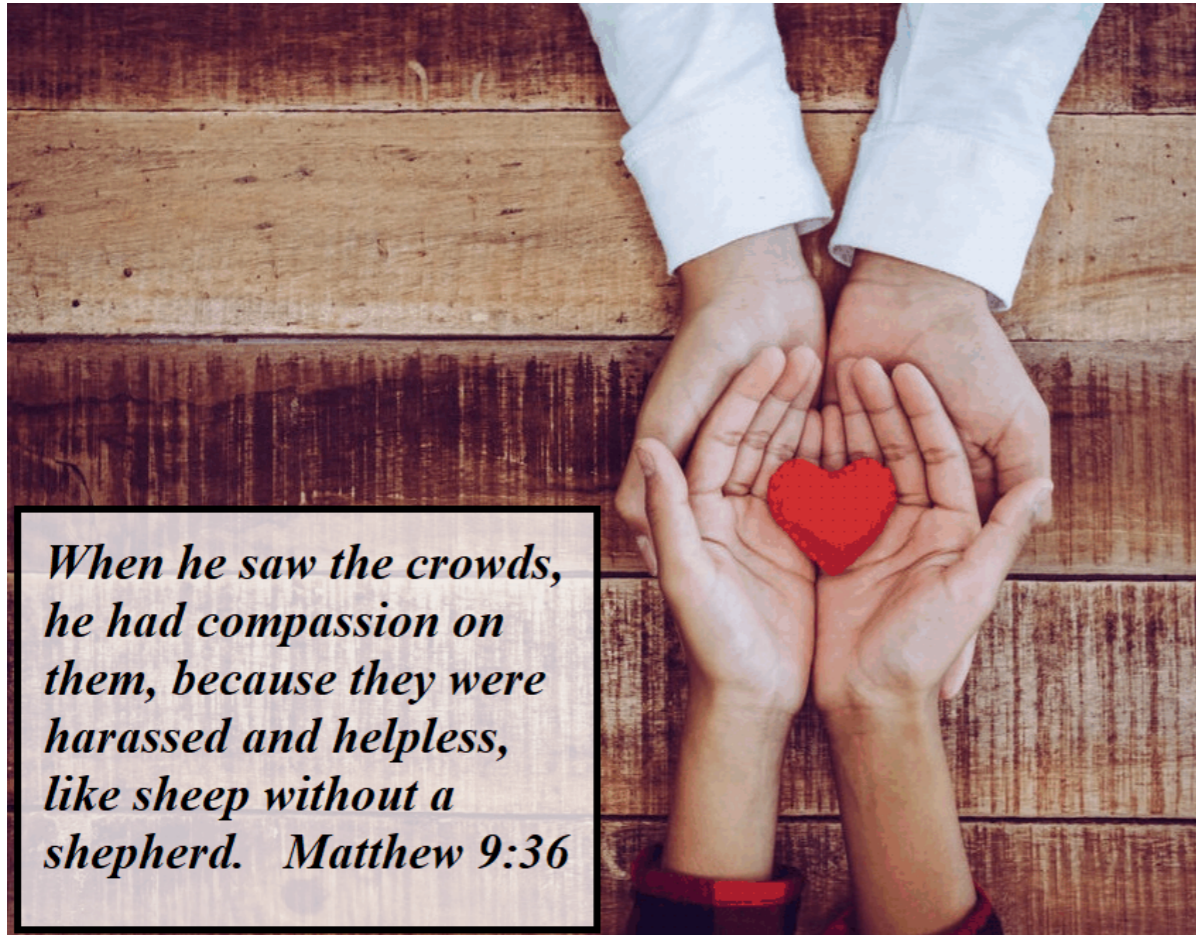


## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 14-15, 2023

***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***



Music of Preparation  
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

**Our Ministry:** We are a people of God who are: ***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***

**Welcome!** "God is faithful; by him [we] were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9, NRSV). Welcome to worship.

**Devotions & Publications** are available in the Main Entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

### ..... WORSHIP NOTES .....

#### **\*Communion:      *The Lord's Supper - A Reverent Sacrament***

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:27,29, "Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the Lord's cup in an unworthy way is guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the Lord's body brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks." In view of the serious nature of the Lord's Supper, Paul commands us to examine ourselves to see if we are partaking the supper for the purposes for which Christ instituted with our hearts properly prepared. We heartily invite Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to receive of the Lord's Supper. Other guests, we ask you to see the pastor or lay minister first so that you may receive the supper to your benefit rather than to your harm as the Apostle Paul warns.

NOTE: If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, The two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

**Note About Attendance Cards...**Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. ***Please list the name of each person in worship.*** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

**To Our Visitors...**Please sign our guest book found in the main entryway. Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

*(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 203 in the Hymnal)*

**Notes for Worship:** As you prepare to receive the Lord's Supper this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for use before and after receiving the Lord's Supper (page 308 as well as on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

**Before worship prayer** - Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new unto us every morning, and though we have not deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

### **We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!**

#### **Opening Hymn: "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing"**

*LSB, hymn #691*

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,  
May we ripen and increase,  
Fruit to life eternal growing,  
Rich in love and joy and peace.

Laden branches freely bearing  
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;  
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,  
Patience, kindness, gentleness.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master,  
Christ our pattern and our goal,  
Teach us, as the years fly faster,  
Goodness, faith, and self-control.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,  
May we grow till harvests cease;  
Till we taste, in life unending,  
Heaven's love and joy and peace.

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*  
P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C: **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*  
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.  
Let us humble ourselves before our Good and gracious God.

*(Moment of silent reflection)*

- P: 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. *Luke 18:13*  
C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**  
P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God,  
C: **merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**  
P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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*

#### **KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy (Sung)**

*Mark 10:47*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory To God In The Highest (Sung)***Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

To God on high be glory    And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven    Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;    Your holy name we sing  
Our thanks for Your great glory,    Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,    The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,    You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;    Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated    At God's right hand on high

For You alone are holy,    You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,    Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit    Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.    "Amen!" our glad reply.

P:    The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

**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**

*(Please be Seated)*

**THE READING OF THE WORD**

**Epistle Lesson:** Romans 5:1-10 *(God Reconciled Us)*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous

man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Stand *(as you are able)*

**Alleluia and Verse** *John 20:31*

**C:    (Sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**C:    Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 9:10-13, 35-38 *(He Had Compassion On Them)*

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." . . . . Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

P:    This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:    Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

*LSB, hymn #411*

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*

*Refrain*  
*In Him there is no darkness at all.*  
*The night and the day are both alike.*  
*The Lamb is the light of the city of God.*  
*Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I’m looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

**Sermon: “Compassion And The Love Of Jesus”**

*Matthew 9:35-37*

Stand (as you are able)

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the 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**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

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

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. We pray that You be with those hospitalized this past week (*Epecially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: hear our prayer.**

*(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . . )*

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

**C: Hear Our Prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

### **Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards**

#### **OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards**

*LSB, Hymn # 955*

**C: (Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

*Colossians 3:1*

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Psalms 136*

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord. We praise and thank You for Your love for us for You have conquered sin and death and You give to us eternal life. 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 (Sung)**

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*

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

P: O 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.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

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 is my + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*Mt 26:26-28, Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

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

**C: And also with you.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB pg210

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.

(Please be Seated)

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### LSB617 - O Lord, We Praise Thee

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

### LSB857 - Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.

You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.

Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.

## LSB643 - Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing,      Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.      O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,      Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,      His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving      To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,      In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,      With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living      With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. . . . Almighty and ever-living God, our heavenly Father, You have again welcomed us, Your well-loved servants, to Your Table. We thank You for the sustenance You have given us through this Holy Meal. As the broken bread was once scattered as seed upon the fields and after being harvested was made one, so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom, for Yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ, forever.

C: **Amen**

## BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.** *Psalm 103:1*  
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.** *Numbers 6:24-26*

**Closing Hymn: "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"** *LSB, hymn #920 [tune 854]*

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
Kingship with Him His servants gain;  
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
This world of time to consecrate,  
This world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in His Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love to all mankind.

**See You In Worship Next Week!**

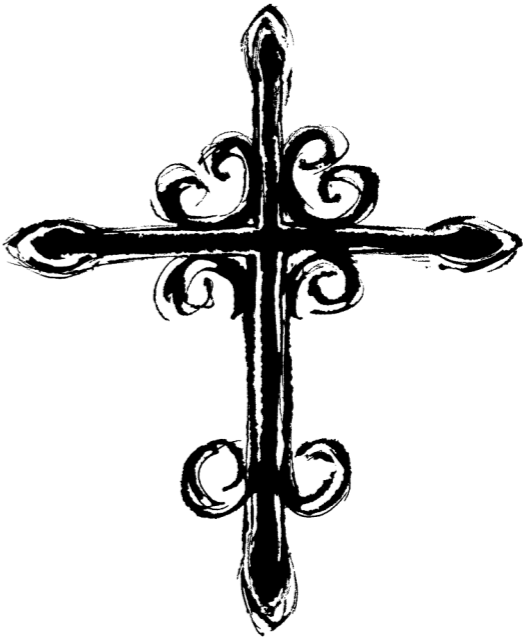
**After worship prayer**

*Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

*There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.*

*Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.*

**Altar Flowers** Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Eileen Zufall by husband Ray Zufall and daughter Lori & Chris Curtis and family; also in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Les Jennings.



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