

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 3-4, 2024

**"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!** Welcome to worship. May God's love be made known to you during your time shared here today.

**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 worshipping 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 school has 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 ONE

*(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 151 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**

*Most merciful God, You desire everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that by the preaching of Your Gospel we may be given the wisdom that leads to salvation. By the working of Your Holy Spirit keep us attentive to all the teachings of Your Word. Enlighten our minds, control our wills, and purify our affections. Let Your Word be a light for our path that neither the pleasures nor the honors nor the pains of this life may turn away our thoughts from the fullness of life that is found only in You. AMEN.*

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

Opening Hymn: "We Praise You, O God"

*LSB, hymn #785*

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;  
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,  
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

## 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: 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*  
P: Dear Friends in Christ, let us humble our hearts before our Holy God and silently reflect upon our sins.

*(Moment of silent reflection)*

- 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**  
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. *John 20:19-23*  
C: **Amen**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**This is the Feast**

*Revelation 5:12-13, 19:5-9*

- C: **(Sung)**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

- P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22  
C: **(Sung) And also with you.**  
P: Let us pray . . . O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 40:21-31 *(Do You Now Know?)*

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting

God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Stand

**Alleluia and Verse - Common** *John 6:68*

- C: **(Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**  
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.  
C: **(Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 1:29-39 *(Jesus Has Power Over Sickness and Demons)*

Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **(Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

*LSB, hymn #803*

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,      God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,      Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,      Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,      Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,      Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,      Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,      Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain      Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,      Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,      Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,      Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!      Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

**Sermon: “Our God Is An Awesome God!”**

*Isaiah 40:28-31*

Stand

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. . . .

Gracious God, so often we grow tired as we are burdened by many concerns, caught between several responsibilities, and unsure of the correct action to take. Visit, relieve, and strengthen us so that we may rise above our problems, serve You, and care for the people around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, we pray Your protection and guidance for the Church around the world. Where there is opportunity to meet the physical needs of the people, open doors of service. Where the Gospel may be proclaimed, grant boldness to Your servants. Where the Church is oppressed, give courage to new Christians as they wait for the day when the cross may be raised visibly for all to see. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, mercifully to consider this congregation that is here assembled in Your name around Your Word and Sacrament. And we ask that You comfort and help all those who, in this life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any adversity, and all others who request our prayers. O Lord, we pray that You be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). 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*). We pray that, by Your healing grace, You would defend them from every evil to body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

**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: Let us pray, . . . 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: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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**

### 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  $\dagger$  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  $\dagger$  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.

*John 20:19*

**C: And also with you.**

### Agnus Dei ~ The Lamb of God

*John 1:29*

**C: (Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Please be Seated)*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### **LSB796 - When in Our Music God Is Glorified**

When in our music God is glorified  
And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried:  
Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found  
A new dimension in the world of sound  
As worship moved us to a more profound  
Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
Borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue:  
Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night  
When utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight:  
Alleluia!

Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
Alleluia!

### LSB811 - Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Oh, that I had a thousand voices  
To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be,  
What great things God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that He implanted,  
Arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength that God has granted!  
Your noblest work is to adore.  
O soul and body, join to raise  
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

You forest leaves so green and tender  
That dance for joy in summer air,  
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,  
You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,  
You live to show God's praise alone.  
Join me to make His glory known.

All creatures that have breath and motion,  
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,  
Help me to sing God's praises high.  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite  
Declare the wonders of His might.

Creator, humbly I implore You  
To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You,  
Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing  
Eternal anthems to my King.

### LSB809 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. (*Refrain*)

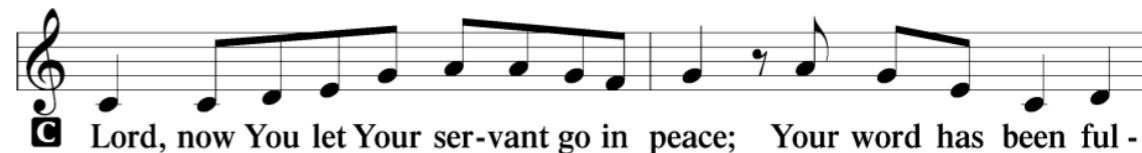
#### *Refrain*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Nunc Dimittis:



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 PRAYER**

P: Let us pray . . . . We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this life-strengthening gift, and we ask that You always rule our hearts and minds so that we become instruments of Your grace and mercy; 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**

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: **(Sung) Amen**

**Closing Hymn: "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"**

*LSB, hymn #790*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
 Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,  
 Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
 And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
 Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
 Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
 Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
 What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?  
 Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
 Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
 Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
 As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
 Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
 Gladly forever adore Him!

**See You In Worship Next Week!**

**After worship prayer**

*Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

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

*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 my mother, Carla (Heine, Harpin) Richmond, who passed away 5 years ago February 9<sup>th</sup>, and in thankfulness for God's blessings, by Gina & Darrin Holmes; also in honor of Donna Ray on her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday, by Paul & Deb Ray.

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