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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
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✦ DIVINE SERVICE III/HOLY COMMUNION ✦  
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## **REGISTRATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

Members of Mt. Calvary and visitors, who are confirmed members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to announce attendance at Holy Communion by means of the registration cards in the pews. Non-member visitors and guests, who may desire to attend Holy communion, are asked to speak in person with the pastor before doing so. Those who desire a blessing, but choose not to commune, may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest.

In accord with Holy Scripture, our church teaches that Holy Communion is open only to those who: (1) have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; Matt. 28:19, Acts 2:41-42; (2) are able to examine themselves both as to what this meal is and also its purpose; 1 Cor. 11:26-30; (3) have confessed and repented of their sins; 1 John 1:8-2:3; (4) believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine all communicants receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins: 1 Cor. 11:23-27, 1 Cor. 10:16, Matt. 26:26-28; and who (5) are united in belief in the same teaching: 1 Cor. 10:17, Rom. 16:18, 2 John 10-11, Matt. 28:20, Heb. 13:9.

*Looking for extra help in focusing your thoughts for the Lord's Supper? "Christian Questions with Their Answers" was prepared by Luther to address just that. They can be found in your hymnal on pages 329-330. Review them if you get to church early, or during the offering, or if you are waiting to be invited forward.*

### **Prayer before Worship:**

*O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

### **PRELUDE**

### **RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**     *LSB 383 A Great and Mighty Wonder***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION***Page 184 (left column)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.**

P: 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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

P: 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.*

P: 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: 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.****INTROIT***Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14***THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS | GLORY,\*****GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF | GRACE AND TRUTH.**

**PRAISE THE LORD! FOR IT IS GOOD TO SING PRAISES | TO OUR GOD;\*  
 FOR IT IS PLEASANT, AND A SONG OF PRAISE IS | FITTING.  
 GREAT IS OUR LORD, AND ABUN- | DANT IN POWER;\*  
 HIS UNDERSTANDING IS BEYOND | MEASURE.  
 BUT THE LORD TAKES PLEASURE IN THOSE WHO | FEAR HIM, \*  
 IN THOSE WHO HOPE IN HIS | STEADFAST LOVE.  
 PRAISE THE LORD, O JE- | RUSALEM! \*  
 PRAISE YOUR GOD, O | ZION!  
 GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON\*  
 AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;  
 AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING, \*  
 IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.  
 THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS |  
 GLORY,\*  
 GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF | GRACE AND  
 TRUTH.**

**KYRIE***Lord Have Mercy*

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 on us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS***Glory to God in the Highest*

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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship 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;



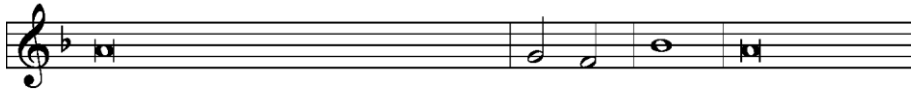
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



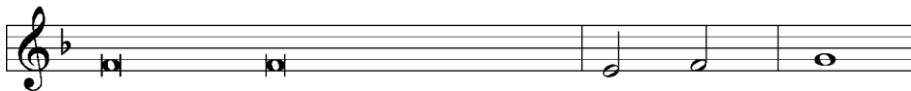
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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

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***p*** The Lord be with you.

***mf*** And with thy spir - it.

***p*** Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**C:** ***ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE POURED INTO OUR HEARTS THE TRUE LIGHT OF YOUR INCARNATE WORD. GRANT THAT THIS LIGHT MAY SHINE FORTH IN OUR LIVES; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.***

*Please be seated*

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG FOLKFIRST READING

1 Kings 3:4-15

<sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before You in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And You have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, You have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern Your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this Your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like

you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

<sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**PSALM** Psalm 119:97-104

*(Sung responsively by whole verse)*



Oh how I | love Your law!\*

It is my meditation | all the day.

**YOUR COMMANDMENT MAKES ME WISER THAN MY | ENEMIES,\***

**FOR IT IS EVER | WITH ME.**

I have more understanding than all my | teachers,\*

for Your testimonies are my medi- | tation.

**I UNDERSTAND MORE THAN THE | AGÈD,\***

**FOR I KEEP YOUR | PRECEPTS.**

I hold back my feet from every | evil way,\*

in order to | keep Your word.

**I DO NOT TURN ASIDE FROM YOUR | JUST DECREES,\***

**FOR YOU HAVE | TAUGHT ME.**

How sweet are Your words | to my taste,\*

sweeter than honey | to my mouth!

**THROUGH YOUR PRECEPTS I GET UNDER- | STANDING;\***

**THEREFORE I HATE EVERY | FALSE WAY.**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON\***

**AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;**

**AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING,\***

**IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.**

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love <sup>5</sup>He predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, <sup>8</sup>which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him Who works all things according to the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. <sup>13</sup>In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*Please stand*

**ALLELUIA****HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



Luke 2:40-52

<sup>40</sup>And the Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him.

<sup>41</sup>Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found Him

in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. <sup>48</sup>And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



## NICENE CREED

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**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.**



*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *LSB 410 Within the Father's House*

**SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**OFFERTORY**

*Create in Me ....*

*Pages 192-93*

**C** 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**

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**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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*

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### LORD'S PRAYER

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**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 OUR LORD

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**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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*

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**A** - men.

*Please be seated*

**AGNUS DEI***Lamb of God*

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Prayer before Communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

**DISTRIBUTION**

LSB 385      *From East to West*

LSB 389      *Let All Together Praise Our God*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** May the true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His most precious Blood, strengthen you in true faith, granting you the forgiveness of sins, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**C: AMEN.**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant  
(Song of Simeon)*

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

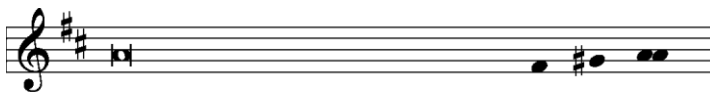
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

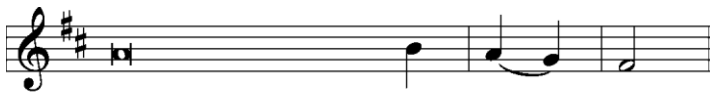
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**THANKSGIVING***Pages 200-01*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



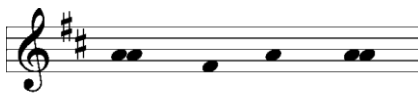
**C** A - men.

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS***Pages 201-02*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**CLOSING HYMN** LSB 381 *Let Our Gladness Have No End***SILENT PRAYER**

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****POSTLUDE**

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