Second Sunday after Epiphany Sanctity of Life Sunday

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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 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

A LITANY FOR LIFE

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

C: AMEN.

P: O God the Father, in Whom we live and move and have our being:

- C: HAVE MERCY ON US.
- P: O Christ, You were conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary:
- C: HAVE MERCY ON US.
- P: O Holy Spirit, You caused the child John to leap for joy in the womb of his mother Elizabeth:
- C: HAVE MERCY ON US.
- P: O God. You are the Author of life:
- C: GRANT THAT ALL MAY RESPECT THE SANCTITY OF THE GIFT OF LIFE.
- P: O God, Your gift is not diminished by change or circumstance:
- C: HELP ALL PEOPLE TO SEE THAT THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE DOES NOT VARY.
- P: O Giver of Life, in mercy grant repentance to those who wrest life from the womb:
- C: FATHER, FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY KNOW NOT FULLY WHAT THEY DO.
- P: Father, to those who are troubled by a haunting sense of guilt:
- C: Bring them the redeeming, healing love of Christ.
- P: Father, You have freed us from a life of death and despair:
- C: BY THE POWER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION HELP US TO LIVE A LIFE OF FAITH AND LOVE.
- P: Compassionate Christ, grant all a sincere concern for the unborn, the developmentally disabled, the aged, and all in need of love:
- C: MAY WE LOVE THEM AS YOU DO.
- P: Compassionate Christ, grant that we may all be channels of Your saving, seeking love:
- C: Use us as channels of Your love to the least of these.
- P: Let us pray.....

Gracious Father, we do pray that as we approach the 52nd year since abortion was legalized in this nation that You would turn the hearts of all people to You and to respect for the wondrous mystery that is the gift of life. Help us to see that there are no men or women, none old or young, none healthy or incapacitated that You do not sustain and whom we should not protect. Take away callousness, impatience, greed, and indifference from our people that the Church may unite with all people of noble mind to care for those who experience life as a burden, to work for justice that all life may be protected by civil government, and to pray for mercy in the face of all the lives that have been lost to abortion, euthanasia or assisted suicide. Lord, have mercy.

- C: LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR US.
- P: And now, to the living God, for Whom and through Whom and to Whom are all things:
- C: TO HIM BE GLORY NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN LSB 500 Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: AMEN.
- 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.

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

- 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. 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.

INTROIT

Ps. 36:5–9; antiphon: Song 2:4



[THE LORD] BROUGHT ME TO THE BAN- | QUETING HOUSE,*
AND HIS BANNER OVER | ME WAS LOVE.

YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, O LORD, EXTENDS TO THE | HEAVENS,*
YOUR FAITHFULNESS | TO THE CLOUDS.

YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS LIKE THE MOUN- | TAINS OF GOD;*
YOUR JUDGMENTS ARE LIKE THE GREAT DEEP;
MAN AND BEAST YOU SAVE, | O LORD.

How precious is Your steadfast love, | O God!*

THE CHILDREN OF MANKIND TAKE REFUGE IN THE SHADOW | OF YOUR WINGS.

THEY FEAST ON THE ABUNDANCE | OF YOUR HOUSE,*

AND YOU GIVE THEM DRINK FROM THE RIVER OF | YOUR DELIGHTS.

FOR WITH YOU IS THE FOUN- | TAIN OF LIFE;*

IN YOUR LIGHT DO | WE SEE LIGHT.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON*

AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;

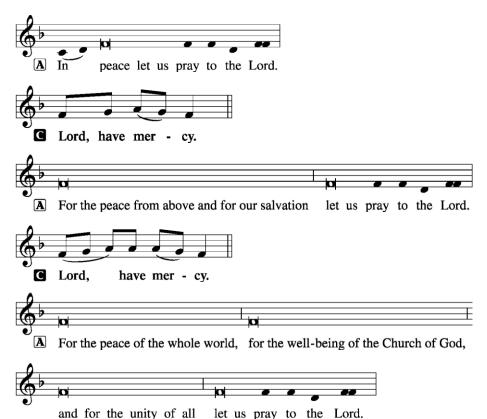
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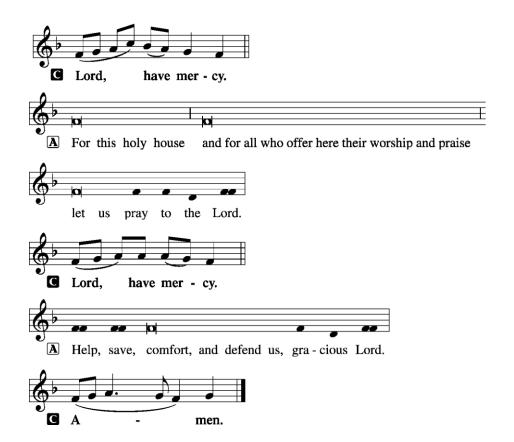
IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.

[The Lord] brought me to the ban- | Queting house,*

AND HIS BANNER OVER | ME WAS LOVE.

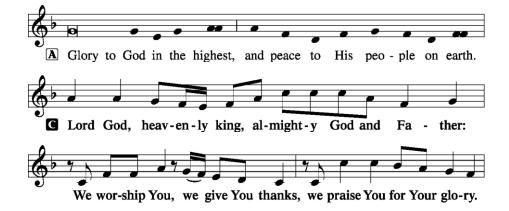
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HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis





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SALUTATION



COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG FOLK

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1–5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness. and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate. but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride. so shall your God rejoice over you.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM Psalm 128

(Sung responsively by verse)



Blessèd is everyone who | fears the LORD,* who walks | in His ways!

YOU SHALL EAT THE FRUIT OF THE LABOR | OF YOUR HANDS;*
YOU SHALL BE BLESSED, AND IT SHALL BE | WELL WITH YOU.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with- | in your house;* your children will be like olive shoots around your | table.

Behold, thus shall the | man be blessed* who | fears the Lord.

The LORD bless you from | Zion!*

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days | of your life!

MAY YOU SEE YOUR CHILDREN'S | CHILDREN!*

PEACE BE UPON | ISRAEL!

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

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

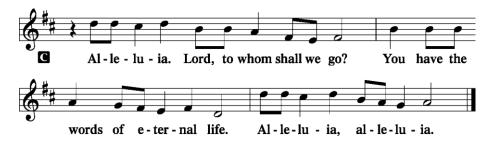
¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God Who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, Who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL VERSE Page 156



INTRODUCTION

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



GOSPEL LESSON John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And He said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

SERMON

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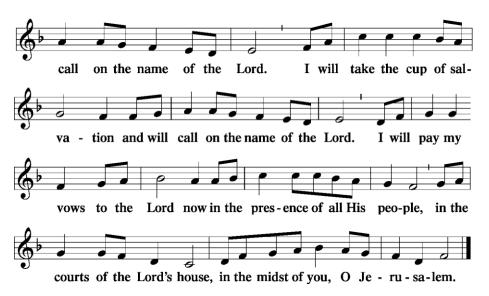
C: I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH





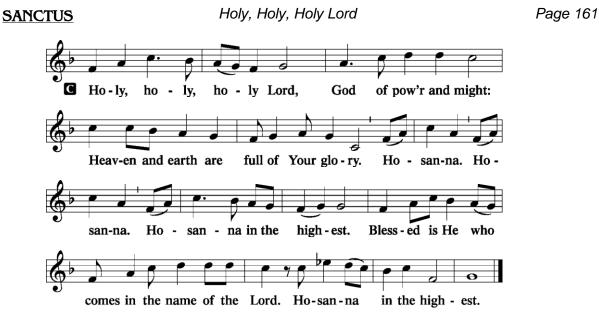
Hymn 550 Lamb of God

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PROPER PREFACE

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:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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

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 RAYER

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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.

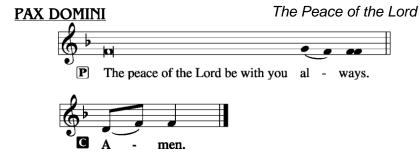
WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Words of Institution)

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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 + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

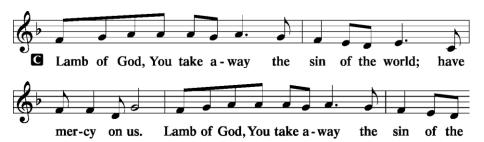
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

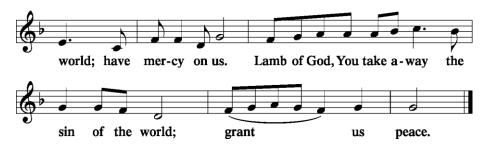


AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

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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.

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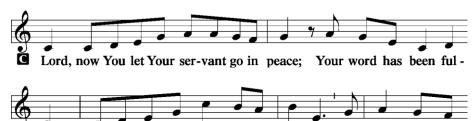
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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 – Song of Simeon Lord, Now You Let Your Servant



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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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: AMEN.

BENEDICTION Page 166



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.



CLOSING HYMN LSB 822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

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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