
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
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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 523 O Word of God Incarnate

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON*Page 184 (left column)*

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

C: AMEN.

INTROIT

Psalm 1:1-5; antiphon: v.

**FOR THE LORD KNOWS THE WAY OF THE | RIGHTEOUS,*
BUT THE WAY OF THE WICKED WILL | PERISH.**

**BLESSèD IS THE MAN WHO WALKS NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE | WICKED,*
NOR STANDS IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR SITS IN THE SEAT OF
| SCOFFERS;**

**BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW | OF THE LORD,*
AND ON HIS LAW HE MEDITATES | DAY AND NIGHT.**

HE IS LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER THAT YIELDS ITS FRUIT

IN ITS SEASON, AND ITS LEAF DOES NOT | WITHER.*
IN ALL THAT HE DOES, HE | PROSPERS.
THE WICKED | ARE NOT SO,*
BUT ARE LIKE CHAFF THAT THE WIND | DRIVES AWAY.
THEREFORE THE WICKED WILL NOT STAND IN THE | JUDGMENT,*
NOR SINNERS IN THE CONGREGATION OF THE | RIGHTEOUS.
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.
FOR THE LORD KNOWS THE WAY OF THE | RIGHTEOUS,*
BUT THE WAY OF THE WICKED WILL | PERISH.

KYRIE*Lord Have Mercy*

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*Glory to God in the Highest*

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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship 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, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

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P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

C: 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.
AMEN.

Please be seated

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG FOLK**FIRST 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?

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM Psalm 15

(Sung responsively by whole verse)



O Lord, who shall sojourn | in your tent?*
Who shall dwell on your | holy hill?

HE WHO WALKS BLAMELESSLY AND DOES | WHAT IS RIGHT*

AND SPEAKS TRUTH | IN HIS HEART;

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

IN WHOSE EYES A VILE PERSON IS DESPISED,

BUT WHO HONORS THOSE WHO | FEAR THE LORD;*

WHO SWEARS TO HIS OWN HURT AND | DOES NOT CHANGE;

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

He who does these things shall nev- | er be moved.

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 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.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Please stand

ALLELUIA

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

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

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1–12

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.

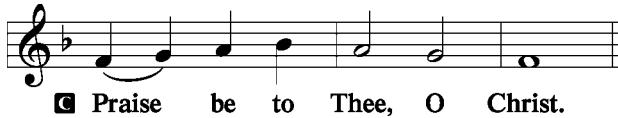
⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

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 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 \ddagger OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 398 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

SERMON

Please stand.

OFFERTORY*Create in Me*

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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**BLESSING FOR MR. ETHAN YODER AS HE BEGINS AS OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR**

P: Dear Brother in Christ, you are to serve our Lord as the Choir Director of Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church. Hear what Holy Scripture has to say about those who serve in the Church:

P. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God and whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. *Colossians 3:15-17*

P: In the presence of God and of this congregation, I bless you for your service as Choir Director, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: AMEN

P: Let us pray:

P: God of all grace and mercy, bless Ethan Yoder and all who seek by music to enrich Your people's praise and worship. Grant that through their service Your Church may be built up in faith to the honor of Your most holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

P: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: AMEN.

Hymn: LSB 550 Lamb of God

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 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*

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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,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that cometh 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 $\text{\textt{T}}$ 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 $\text{\textt{T}}$ 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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A 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.

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O Lord We Praise Thee

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What A Friend We Have in Jesus

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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C 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
 people 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,
 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.



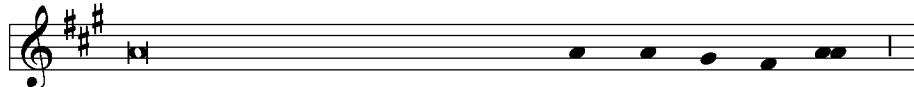
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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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.

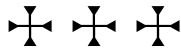
CLOSING HYMN *LSB 589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listen*

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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