

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER - MAY)

- ✝ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
 - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - ✝ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
 - ✝ Sunday School: 10:15 am – 11:15 am
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- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- Today's service broadcast can be found on **KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM**; or **Live Streaming on Facebook for your convenience.**
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. **Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty prior to the church service.** Thank you.
- **Preparing for Holy Communion, please refer to the section in the bulletin "Service of the Sacrament".**
- **Church Offering Envelopes** are a handy way of keeping track of your donations while keeping your donations private. Please remember to use your 2025 envelopes each Sunday for offerings. Thank you.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **Looking for volunteers for Radio and Facebook. Contact the church office if interested**
- In honor of "**Sanctity of Human Life**" during January, 2025, Cotta Guild will be collecting donations through January for Rachel's Hope, a caring pregnancy center in Austin, MN. They serve pregnant women and families through the age of 2. They offer free pregnancy testing, peer counseling, and assistance during pregnancy and early childhood. Items on their wish list are children's winter coats, diaper rash cream, clothing 2T-5T, diaper bags, baby lotion, baby wipes, and pacifiers. Cotta Guild will have boxes by the elevator during the month of January for your donations. Thank you for your support of life.
- 27 pounds of food was delivered this past week to the Waseca Food Shelf. Thank you for your continued support.
- **PASTOR WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE MONDAY January 20th thru SATURDAY January 25th.** If you have an emergency and need pastoral care, call the church office or your Elder. Thank you!

The Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ

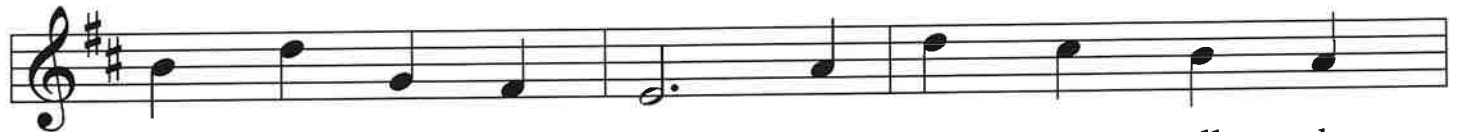
When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was “*the first of his signs*” by which He “*manifested his glory*” (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming “*hour,*” when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them “*as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride*” (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that “*Jesus is Lord,*” and they return thanks to Him “*in the Holy Spirit*” (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood.

Hymn of Invocation: Come, Join in Cana’s Feast

LSB 408



1 Come, join in Ca - na’s feast Where
 2 The old wine now is gone From
 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids
 4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here
 Δ 5 For now He lives and reigns Through



Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who
 jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it
 wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty
 drink the wine sup - plied By Him who is both
 all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,



come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.
 sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.
 cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.
 guest and host— For us, the cru - ci - fied.
 Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

- 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.
- P** 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.

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- 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.

Absolution

LSB 185

- 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.

Stand

Introit

Psalm 36:5–9; antiphon: Song of Solomon 2:4



- P** [The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.
- C** Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens,*
your faithfulness | to the clouds.
- P** Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;*
your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, | O LORD.
- C** How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!*
- The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of your wings.
- P** They feast on the abundance | of your house,*
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.
- C** For with you is the foun- | tain of life;*
- in your light do | we see light.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

- C** [The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.

Kyrie

LSB 186



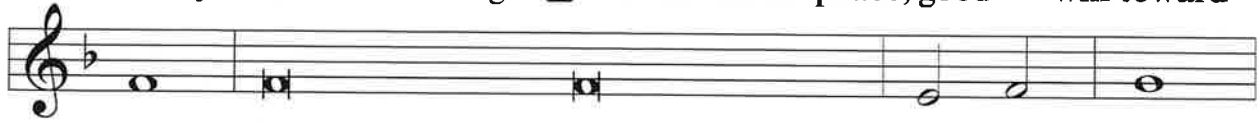
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



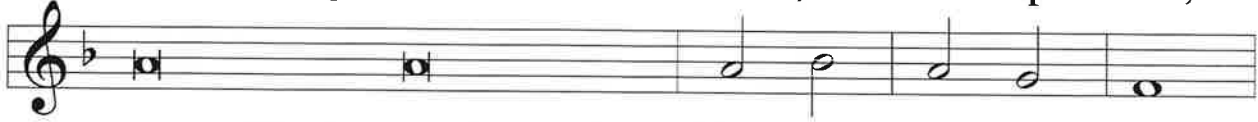
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



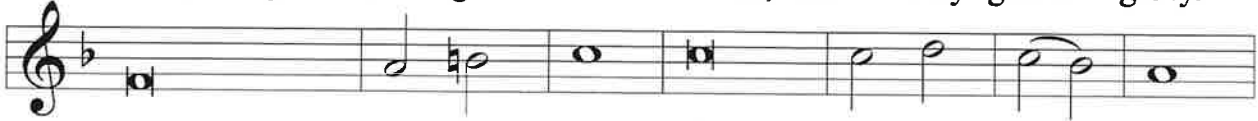
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



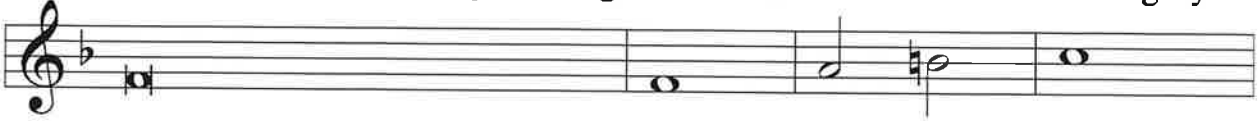
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



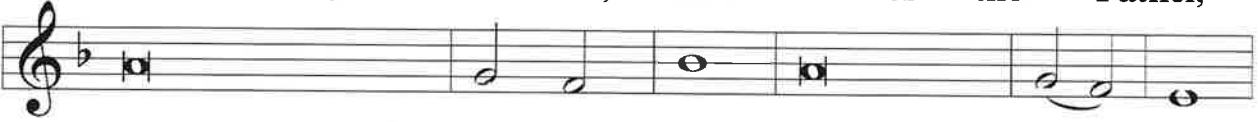
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



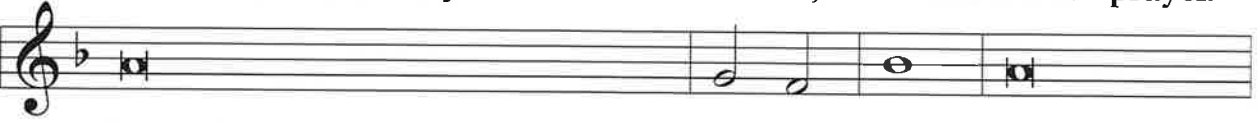
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



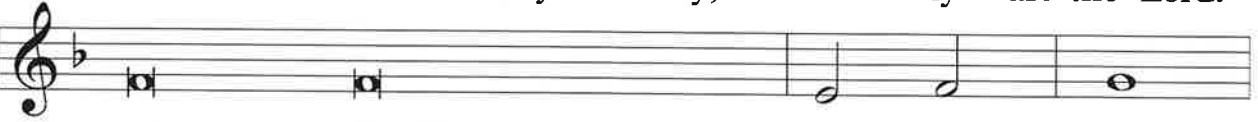
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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 and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

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 A - men.

Old Testament 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Gradual



P Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!

C For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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

P Alleluia. This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory.

C And his disciples believed in him. Alleluia.

John 2:11

Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

Hymn of the Day: The Only Son from Heaven

LSB 402



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us And bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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Sermon

Offering Music

Offertory

LSB 192



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

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P To the Lord, who manifested His glory in the sign at Cana and restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, that He would give us joy and gladness in the revelation of His truth and the abundance of His grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Holy Church, brought together at the Lord's banquet, both now in the Word and Sacraments and in the eternal wedding feast to come, that the banner of Christ's steadfast love would rest over the doors of every congregation, that the preaching of His righteousness would be constant, and that patient love may mark our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all married couples and their families, that Christ, who blessed the wedding at Cana with His presence and honored it with His first miracle, would be present in our homes and lives with His free and abundant forgiveness to preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our nation, that our heavenly Father would bless every effort to maintain peace and promote justice, watch over and guide all military personnel, thwart every effort to destroy life unnecessarily, and permit righteousness and goodness to flourish in our land, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in need, [*especially* _____,] that as Jesus showed divine compassion even for a groom who ran out of wine, the Holy Spirit would grant us compassionate hearts to notice the needs of others, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

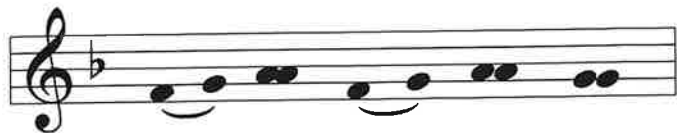
P For worthy reception of the Lord's Supper in repentance and faith, that as Christ manifested Himself by the sign at Cana, changing water into wine, so He would also manifest Himself to us here, making bread and wine His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife, but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations, and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will. Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



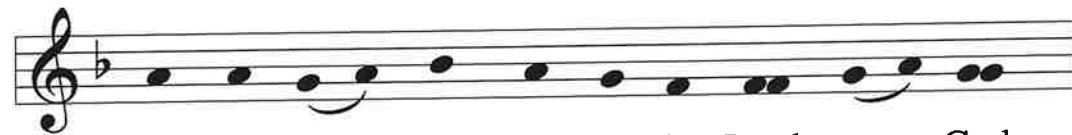
C And with thy spir - it.



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 (Full)

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 saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



☐ 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 com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - - - - - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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.

Distribution Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

LSB 631



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Distribution Hymn: Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord:
How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!
No truer friend than He,
No truer friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door
To blessèd paradise;
The angel bars the way no more.
To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.

△ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore;
We praise You evermore.

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Distribution Hymn: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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The Dismissal

LSB 199

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

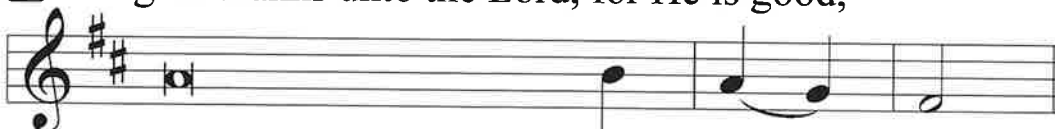


C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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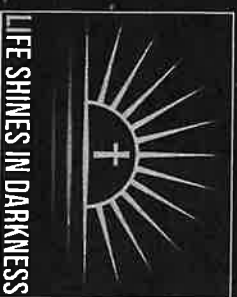
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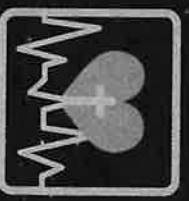
Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. (2 Timothy 1:10)



In him was life,
and the life was the light
of all humankind.

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has
not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)

Come out of the shadows and into the shine.
Rejoice like Lutherans and
embrace the sanctity of every human life!



No one can doubt or deny that we dwell in darkness.

Sinfulness has broken humankind and left the world wrecked around us. Danger and despair, deception and dysfunction abound. Sanctity of life situations like surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis confront us with uncomfortable realities. Serious and genuine threats emerge: pain and labors, poverty and obligations, abandonment and abuse, disgrace and sacrifice. We get pressed against our limitations, failures, and needs. The voice of the devil, the spirit of this age, and the weakness of our flesh tempt and pester us to use death as the solution to the difficulties.

Yet the darkness reaches deepest right before the dawn. And shadows only show up where the light arrives. The hour has come to wake from slumber because the daylight is at hand (Romans 13:11-12).

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light (Isaiah 9:2). Jesus Christ has conquered death and brought life—both immediate and immortal—to light (2 Timothy 2:10).

The incarnate and crucified Son of God, our humble and gentle Lord, our risen and forgiving Savior radiates the light of life in the unlikelyst of places.

The Almighty Father creates, redeems, and calls every human life special, precious, and priceless, no matter what age, appearance, or ability, from fertilization to forever.

He delivers blessings of truth and love, joy and hope, community and purpose, grace and faith even in humanity's shortcomings.

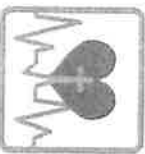
To live is Christ, and He alone is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In Him is life, and this life is the light of all humankind (John 1:3).

His power perfects wherever we lack (2 Corinthians 12:9).

We get to receive each neighbor as gift and privilege, just like He embraces us, speaking courage, showing compassion, and sharing every good.

God bless our Gospel-motivated voice For Life, for it shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it!

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Voter's Meeting: Sunday January 26th, 2025 @ 10:15am. Items to be discussed: New parish hall rental agreement, 2024 financial report. Cotta Guild will be having a Spaghetti Luncheon at 10:45 \$5.00 per person.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Called Home:

Upcoming Surgery:

Cancer Treatment: Debbie Pehrson, Guy Robinson, Terry George, Tim Andree, Dixie Flitter

Treatment and testing: Traehvon Clark

Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving: Rueben Draeger, Sheila Hogetvedt, Kraig Deling, Douglas Robinson, Chantel Fogal, Joy Weir, Jacob Williams

Illness: Cindy Kuschel,

Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.

Those who are living in Florida and everyone who are dealing with the hurricanes and aftermath.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Josiah Nieves, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)

Those affected by Natural disasters

SAVE THE DATE:

Bus trip to march for Life at State Capital: Wed. January 22nd @ 8:15am

Voter's Meeting: Sunday January 26th @ 10:15am

Youth Gathering in Chatfield, MN: February 14-15, 2025 (more info to come)

Bowling Competition @ Hoot Lanes: February 16th, 2025 (more info to come)

SAVE THE DATE:

MARRIAGE RETREAT: Friday February 21st, 2025 – 6 sessions starting at 5pm at St Paul Lutheran Church. \$35.00 per couple includes meals and a 6-week program called “Prepare and Enrich Your Marriage”. See bulletin board for more information and sign-up sheet.

MEN'S RETREAT: A 24-hour spiritual blast will be occurring Friday March 14th – 15th, 2025 at Camp Omega. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing from Concordia University St Paul. Keep an eye out for more upcoming information.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 19th to January 26th, 2025

Sunday (19th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Sunday School **And** Coffee hour With Adult Bible Study

Monday (20th):

10 am Prayer Team (All Prayer Warriors Welcome!!)

Tuesday (21st):

1:00 pm Quilter's

Wednesday (22nd):

9:30 am **Women's Bible Study**

3:30pm Confirmation grades 6th -8th and 5pm – 7pm Youth Group

7:00pm Senior Choir

Thursday (23rd):

6:00 am Bible Study @ Jonnie Bean

Friday(24th):

Saturday (25th):

Sunday (26th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Sunday School **AND** Voter's Meeting followed by lunch hosted by Cotta Guild

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: January 19th, 2025:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Kameron Kunkel
Mason Prescher

GREETER: Makayla Clark

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Debbie Roemhildt

ELDER: Jerry Flogstad

DEACON: Harold Christianson

NEXT WEEK: January 26th, 2025:

ORGANIST: Mathias Barents

ACOLYTE: Tyler Ryan
Alex Bethke

GREETER: Peyton Ross

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK: Owen Arndt

ELDER: Jerry Flogstad

DEACON: Harold Christianson

Sunday January 12th, 2025: 9am: 112 Adult Bible Study: 17

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,512.85

Improvement Fund: \$304.00 Handicap Entrance: \$ 250.00

Radio Broadcast: In Memory of Lee Williams: \$200.00

Choir memorial: by Dave & Barb Denn in memory of Doris Rockman: \$33.00

**Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$5,400.00 **