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Divine Service III Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 23, 2025



Confession and Absolution

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

- 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.
- 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.

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 \(\mathbf{H}\) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

Introit

Service of the Word

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Psalm 37:1-5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

P: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

C: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.

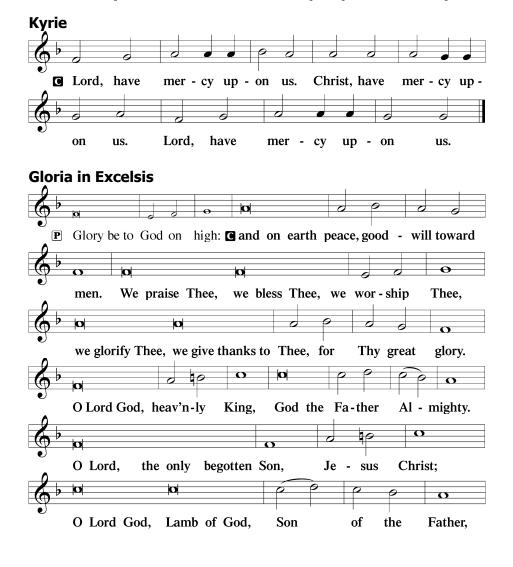
P: Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

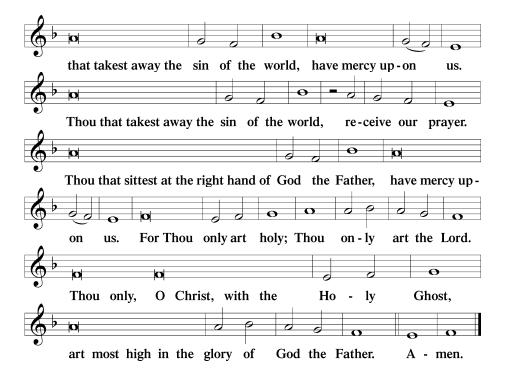
C: be not envious of wrongdoers!

P: For they will soon fade like the grass

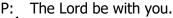
C: and wither like the green herb.

- P: Trust in the LORD, and do good;
- C: dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- P: Delight yourself in the LORD,
- C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- P: Commit your way to the LORD;
- C: trust in him, and he will act.
- ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
- C: fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.





Salutation and Collect of the Day





P: Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3–15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here,

but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse

Psalm 117:1-2a

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But

God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

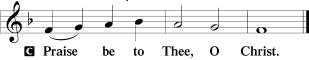


²⁷[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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 \maltese of the world to come. Amen.



Sermon

Stand

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Offertory



Offering

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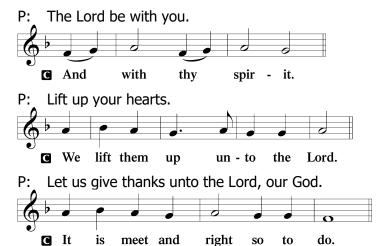
Prayer of the Church - After each petition

P: Lord, in your mercy,

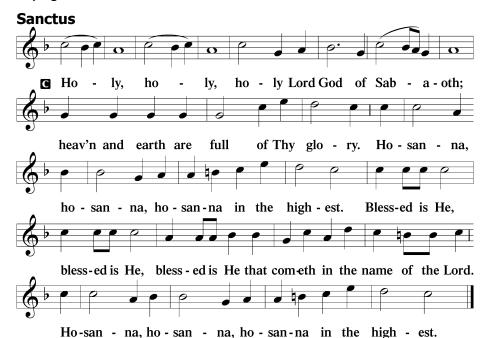
C: hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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

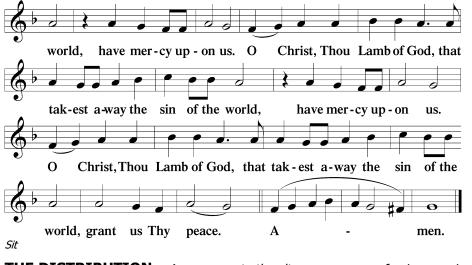
Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei





THE DISTRIBUTION As we come to the altar, we come confessing our sins, looking to Christ for forgiveness, asking the Holy Spirit to change our sinful lives, and recognizing Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine.

In faithfulness to God's Word, our congregation practices close communion. We invite to our altar all who have confirmed their faith with us before a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation or who have met with Pastor. Our practice in no way implies that people of other denominations are not Christians but allows us to maintain a clear confession of our faith and affords proper pastoral care of



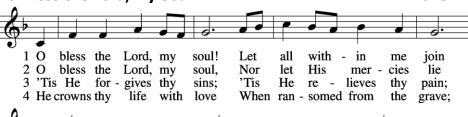


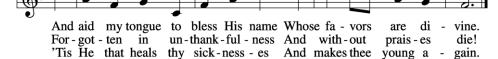
- For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed, He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying breath.
- For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign; For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- △ **7** All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad; The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

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No. 814





He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov-'reign pow'r to

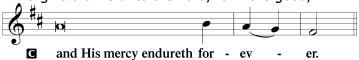
- He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the suff'rers rest.
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th'oppressed.
- His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.

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Thanksgiving

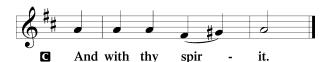
P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



P: Let us pray... one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.



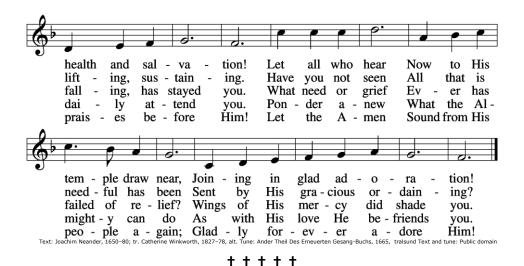
Benediction

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.



Sit





- THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Pastor Warneke's Birthday
- IN OUR PRAYERS we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Kimmee Cash (Sherri Mulanix's daughter-in-law), Cindy Griffith (Debbie Smith's sister), Duane Oestmann, Barb Sweet, Marty Viller, Diana Trent, Randy Sweet, Sue Krueger, Marcie Wellday, Dana Anderson, Janet Shrewsberry, Tyler Voegele, Deanna Hegedus, David Holloway (Jim Sr's brother), Joyce Holloway, Terri Snow, Elise Smith



TRUTH Talk Bible Drive! We thank God for the hunger and desire for God's word among the members of TRUTH Talk! We asked them to sign up if they needed a Bible. We have several Bibles collected

already and are still gathering them. If you have an extra Bible at home that is not being used, please prayerfully consider donating it to our "Bible Drive!" Several of the members that we talked to said they would love the Children's picture Bible (like "The Early Reader's Bible") because it makes it so helpful to see the pictures and large print. You can leave any donations of Bibles in the box marked "Bible Drive" under the table. You can also leave a monetary donation with Cathy or clearly marked in the offering plate if you would like to help, but don't have a Bible to give. Becca and Cathy have resources to order used (but in good condition) Bibles. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity!



Thank you to those that helped make our soup and dessert lunch a success last Sunday. We appreciate all the support we have received and continue to receive. Our next planned meal will be on Palm Sunday, more details to come!



Beginning Ash Wednesday on March 5th there will be a Service at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm for each Wednesday during Lent.



Volleyball Night in the Redeemer gym is February 24th starting at 6:00 pm. All high school and adults are invited to join the fun.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS -

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 34 **SECOND READING:** Hebrews 3:1–6

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28–36

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TODAY: 9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY: 6:00 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm It's All About Jesus Class

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion

8:00 am Lutheran Hour on 1280 AM 10:30 am Lutheran Hour on 95.9 FM

THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER

Officiating Elder: Eric Snider **Greeter:** Sue Snider

Altar Committee: Sue Snider, Becky Wiiest, Joyce Feasel

Acolytes: Hank Pike

STEWARDSHIP

February 16, 2025 – Worship – 59

Budget Needs Weekly - \$3,421.94

Home Budget Offering - \$1586.00

Trinity Lutheran Church reimbursement - \$1882.28

Scholarship - \$1.00

Endowment - \$20.00

Shekels for a Seminarian - \$15.00

