



Welcome To  
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**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

## ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

**We welcome all who gather here today!** We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Children:** Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping "squirmy" kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

**Pew Cards:** Guests and Members, please fill out the card you picked up on the way in and place in the offering plate on the way out. You may note specific prayer requests there.

**If standing is difficult:** Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

**About our celebration of Holy Communion:** We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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## SHARING OF THE PEACE and GREETING

P: Peace be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Please stand as able. 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 40:1-5; antiphon: 40:10a, b*

P: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

C: **I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;**

P: I waited patiently for the LORD;

C: **he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

P: He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

C: **and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

P: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

C: **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

P: Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,

C: **who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

P: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

C: **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

**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.**

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C: **I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;**

## **KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: **Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,

C: **mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalms 139*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?  
<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.  
<sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,”  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.  
  
<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.  
<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.  
  
<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!  
<sup>18</sup> If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.  
  
<sup>19</sup> Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!  
<sup>20</sup> They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain.  
<sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?  
<sup>22</sup> I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.  
  
<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!  
<sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

<sup>12</sup> “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup> “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup> But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit

within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,<sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able*

## VERSE

*Isaiah 49:3*

P: Alleluia! You are my servant, Israel

C: **in whom I will be glorified. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

*John 1:43-51*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

<sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, 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.**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON – “A Scary or Wonderful Truth?!”**

*Please stand as able*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition ends with this response:* P: Lord, in Your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Colossians 3:1*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Psalm 136*

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and give Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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 PRAYER

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.**



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and give 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

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

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Communion will be served in a continuous fashion. Households may commune at the same time together. Ushers will help direct you forward via the center aisle; please return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it, as is non-alcoholic grape juice. Simply request either when you come forward to receive Communion.*

*Please stand as able*

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

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.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and SENDING WORDS

P: We go to live for Jesus!

C: We go to share His love!

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### Next Week's Readings (Sanctity of Life Sunday)

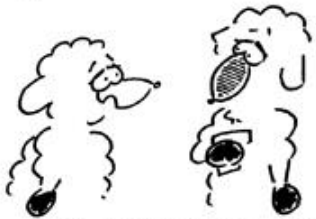
OT Reading: 1 Samuel 16:4-13

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-34, 44

PHILIP SEEMS PRETTY  
EAGER FOR HIS BROTHER  
TO MEET JESUS.

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YEAH - THE PEOPLE  
OF ISRAEL WAITED  
CENTURIES FOR  
THE MESSIAH'S  
APPEARING!



REALLY?  
I THOUGHT A GUY  
LIKE JESUS WOULD  
BE MORE PUNCTUAL.

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JOHN 1:43-51

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