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Representing God's Love  
To our Congregation,  
Community, and the World

## Divine Service: Setting One

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

### OPENING HYMN

*O God of God, O Light of Light*

LSB 810



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'  
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in  
4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of  
wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions  
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our  
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for-ev-er rings. To Him who sits up-on the throne,  
saw their com-ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju-de-an night  
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might-y gates!  
earth, your an-them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin-ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry  
Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first-born  
So sang that host be-yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your  
For-ev-er let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb, en-



He has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, a-men.  
sons of light, It ech-oes now, "Good-will!" A-men.  
King a-waits. We lift them up. A-men, a-men.  
throned to reign, All glo-ry, pow'r! A-men, a-men.

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### CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have

sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13*

You will arise and have pity on Zion;  
**it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.**  
Let this be recorded for a generation to come,  
**so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:**  
that he looked down from his holy height;  
**from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,**  
to hear the groans of the prisoners,  
**to set free those who were doomed to die,**  
that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,  
**and in Jerusalem his praise,**  
when peoples gather together,  
**and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.**  
**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.**  
You will arise and have pity on Zion;  
**it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.**

### KYRIE

*LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### *Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 154

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA

LSB 156

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>And [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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SERMON

*Just Passing Through? – Luke 4:16–30*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*How Does Your Body Work? – 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Now Thank We All Our God*

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,  
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 922

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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**January Bible Verse**

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”  
*Hebrews 11:1*

**Our Mission Statement**

Representing God’s Love to our Congregation, Community, and the World!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This Week’s Schedule**  
**January 16 – January 23**

**Today:**

***Third Sunday after the Epiphany***

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	
<b>10:15 AM</b>	Divine Worship Service	
Acolyte:	Caleb Kettler	
Guest Register:	Karen Gaskamp	
Ushers:	Tom Hayden	Stanley Haferkamp
	Craig Kankel	Matt Kettler

**Monday:**                   **10:00 AM**                   Worship Online

**Wednesday:**           **7:30 PM**                   Voters’ Meeting

**Next Sunday:**

***Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany***

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	
<b>10:15 AM</b>	Divine Worship Service	
Acolyte:	Caleb Klussmann	
Guest Register:	Amanda Hafer	
Ushers:	Clinton Kettler	Henry Kettler
	Robert Kettler	Don Koester

**Serving in January: Elder – Mike Schroeder / Trustee – Melvin Ashorn**

*If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.*



*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Karen Gaskamp.*



**Our Church Members:** Deloris Griffin, Al Hafer, Reeves Ham, Lathel Norris, those affected by COVID-19, and those recovering from various illnesses

**Our Shut-ins:** Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Mary McCoy, James Schoenemann, Lorine Schroeder

**Friends of the Congregation** are posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.



**This Wednesday, January 26, at 7:30 PM**  
is the first quarterly **Voters’ Meeting**.



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**Last Week at Bethlehem**

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
01-16 Sunday School	24	\$52.17
01-16 Adult Bible Class	25	Christmas Bags: \$160.00
01-16 Worship Service	105	General Fund: \$2,454.00 Building Fund: \$75.00 Rodney Gaddy Memorial: \$290.00