



## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 2025

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found on the Commons counter. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today! Completed attendance cards can be put in one of the receptacles in the Commons.

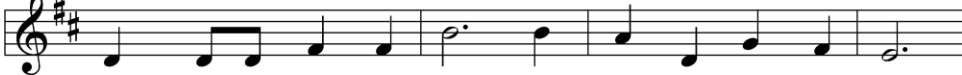
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**P** = Pastor      \* = Stand       $\Delta$  = Stand for Trinitarian stanza      **C** = Congregation

### Opening Voluntary

### \*Opening Hymn

LSB 829 Christ the Eternal Lord



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,  
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;  
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,  
When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne

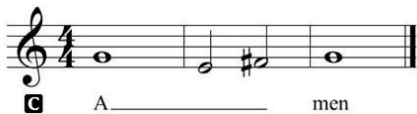


In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
That all may hon - or Christ - o - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.  
Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

**\*Invocation**

*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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**\*Confession**

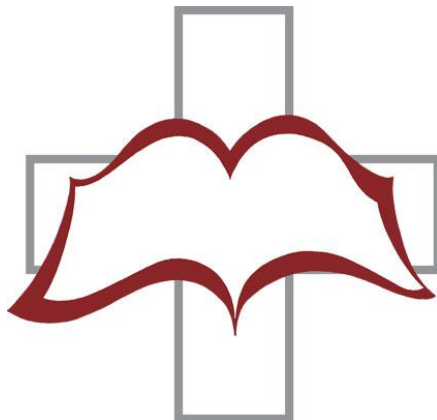
**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**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.**

**\*Absolution**



**\*Hymn of Praise**

**LSB 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

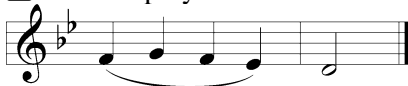
**\*Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. . .



**G** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10*

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

<sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 12:12–31a*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body,

but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the 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.

### \*Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. 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 be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>[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.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### \*Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Children's Message (8:00 & 10:30)

Sem. Kurtis Hankemeier

### Hymn of The Day

### LSB 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail AZMON

- 1 Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

## Sermon Notes:

## Gathering of the Offering

## \*Offertory

**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

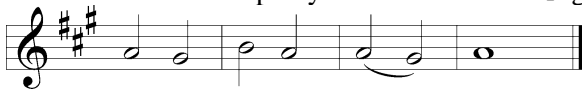
## \*Lord's Prayer

**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

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## \*Hymn to Depart

## LSB 783 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

## \*Silent Prayer

## Closing Voluntary

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Liturgists: Pastor Jon Furgeson, Pastor Robert Brown, Sem. Kurtis Hankemeier

Organist: 5:00: Michelle Sliger; 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

Pianist: 8:00: Abby Reynolds

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: B. Mullen/B. Dressel/M. Wilke

Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, Bob Wolff; 8:00: Jeff Akers, Mark Dowell;

9:20: John Roesch, Ralph Wolters; 10:30: Rick Goodman, Jerry Grant

Ushers: 5:00: Team #14 – Greg Wirtel, Captain; 8:00: Team #3 – Barry Hammon, Captain;

9:20: Team #9 – John Wiesehan, Captain; 10:30: Team #6 – Darrell Ewald, Captain

Greeters: 9:20 & 10:30: Bill Eydman

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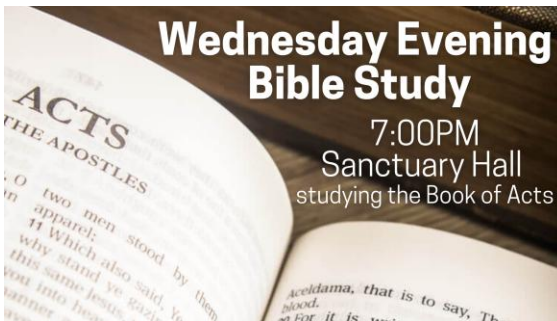
Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education

Sue Velten, Director of Early Childhood

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UPCOMING EVENTS



**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**  
7:00PM  
Sanctuary Hall  
studying the Book of Acts



*Dueling Pianos*  
**Saturday, February 1**  
**7:30PM**  
in the Peace gymnasium

Sign up using this QR code!

Music, laughter, and song requests all while supporting Green Park Lutheran School!

**Peace Early Childhood**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Tuesday, February 4  
5:30-7:00pm  
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**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY**  
FEBRUARY 10  
7:00P.M.  
SANCTUARY HALL