

December 31, 2023

MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this evening.

If you are partaking of the Lord's Supper, <u>please read and fill out one of the registration</u> <u>cards</u> on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.

To listen via radio, please tune to AM 750.

<u>Communion Statement</u> - The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation 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 unworthily do so to their great harm and 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 this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

Confession and Absolution

360 All My Heart Again Rejoices Hymn of Invocation a - gain re - joic - es 1 All my heart As Ι hear Far and near 2 Hear! Con-quer-or has spo - ken: "Now the The foe, Sin and woe. 3 Should we our God's dis-plea - sure, Who, to save, Free - ly fear gave 4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak - ing To the cross, Suf - f'ring loss, "Christ is Sweet - est an - gel born!"their choirs are sing - ing voic - es. bro-ken!" God de - liv - er, Death and hell are man, man is to His most pre-cious trea-sure? To re - deem us He has giv - en Full a - tone-ment mak-ing. For our life His own He ten-ders. Till Ev 'ry-where Now with ring - ing. the air joy is And the Son Now one With our blood for is ev er. His own Son From the throne Of heav - en. His might in And His grace A11 our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders. Softly from His lowly manger Come, then, banish all your sadness! 5 6 Jesus calls One and all. One and all, Great and small, "You are safe from danger. Come with songs of gladness. Children, from the sins that grieve you We shall live with Him forever You are freed: There on high All you need In that joy I will surely give you." Which will vanish never.

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Invocation

- \blacksquare 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.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- **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
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

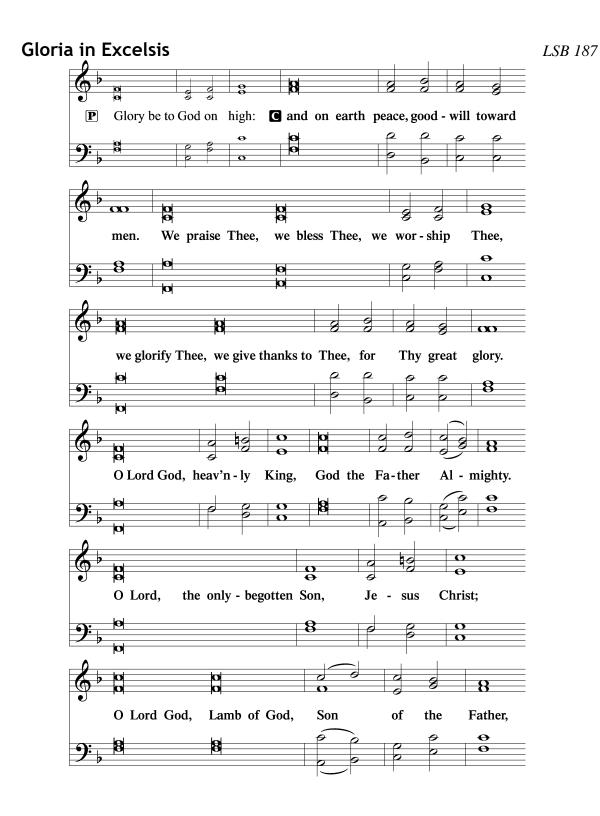
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

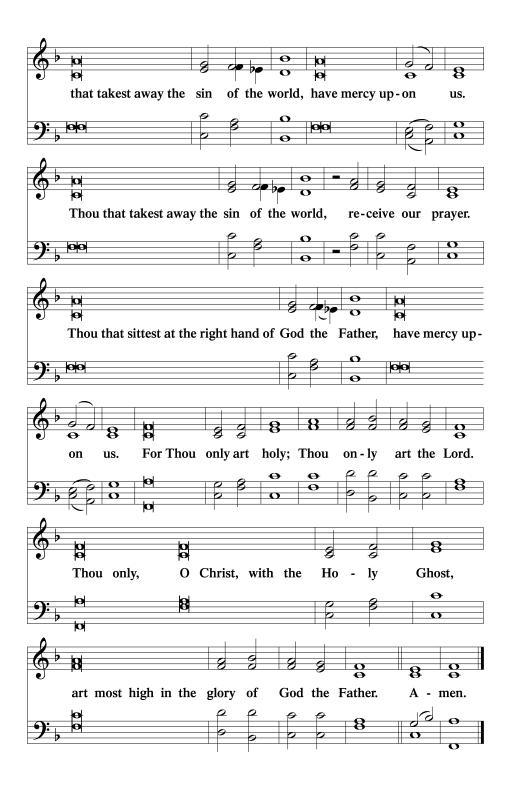
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

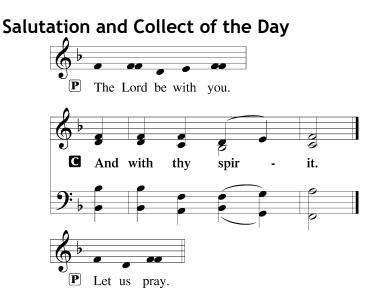
break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.









▶ O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (p. 621, p. 789 LP)

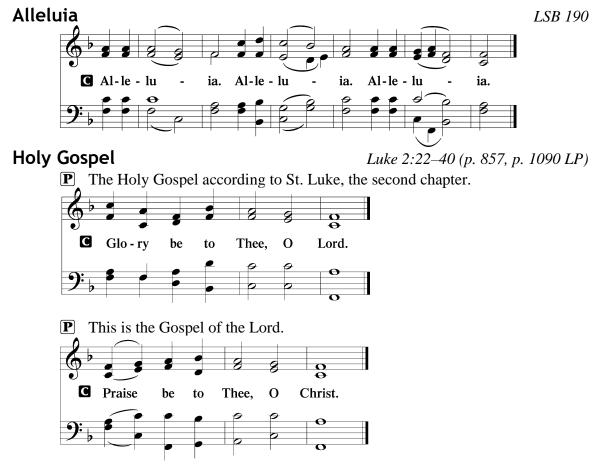
Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Nicene Creed

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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.



- No truer friend than He.
 - No truer friend than He.

- To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.
- \triangle 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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Sermon

Your Consolation and Peace



Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament



Proper Preface

■ 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

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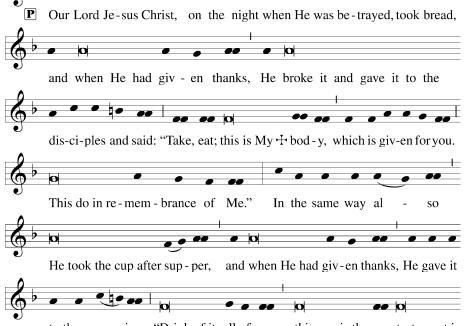
Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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.





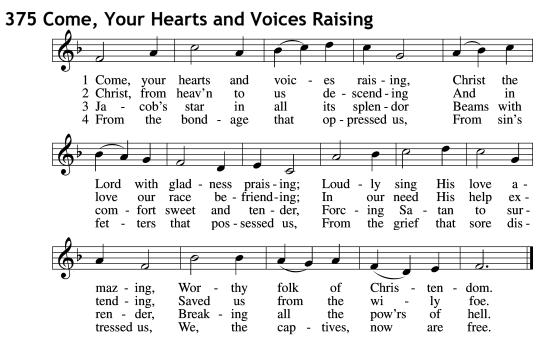
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in





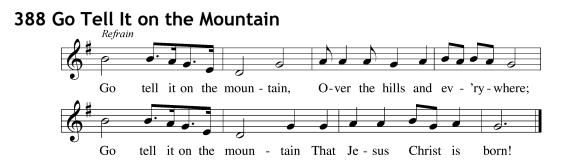


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- 5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing When by faith we grasp this blessing, And to You we come confessing That Your love has set us free.
- 6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your lowly manger cheer us, Gently lead us and be near us Till we join Your choir above.

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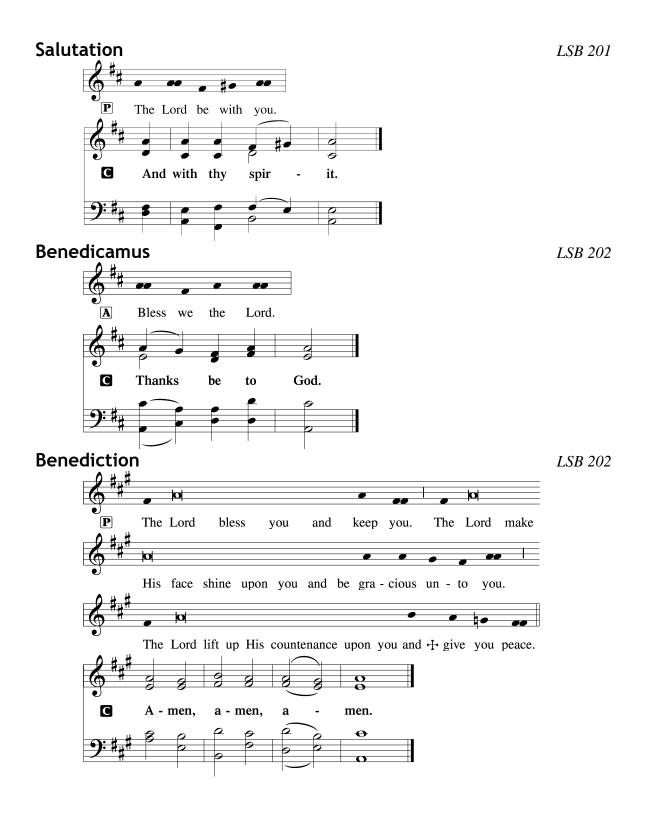
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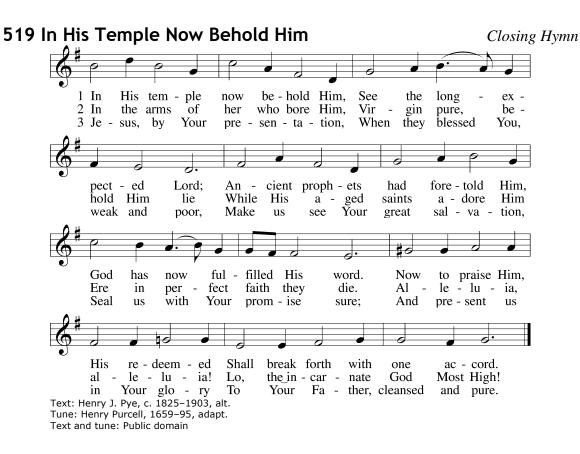
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A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness 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.







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Announcements for the Week of December 31, 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
12/31	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6
9:00 AM – Divine Service						
10:15 AM – Ask the Pastor Bible study				10 AM –		7 PM –
7:00 PM – New Year's Eve Divine				Elders		Epiphany
				meeting		Service
Service						(White Creek)
Birthdays & Anniversaries: 12/31: Dan Acree 1/3: John & Karen Dobrinski	Stewardship: Budget per week : \$3135 12/17 offerings : \$2879 12/17 Synodical Fund : \$300 12/17 Building Fund : \$225				135 879 300	The altar flowers are given to the praise and glory of God

Address Update: Luella Holle has a new address: 1503 S. Walnut St., Apt. 506, Seymour, IN 47274. Her phone number remains the same. If you would like to send her a card or note or call her, she would appreciate it.

Joint Epiphany Service: Join us for a joint Epiphany service on Saturday, January 6th at 7:00 PM at St. John's – White Creek. We will join with the saints from St. Paul's (Jonesville) and St. John's (White Creek) to worship our Lord and celebrate this festival day. A meal will be served prior to the service, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Council Installation: Next Sunday, January 7th, we will have the installation for our new council members during the Divine Service.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Will be on Sunday, January 14th after the Divine Service. Please note that we will be discussing and voting on changes to the cemetery bylaws. Those changes can be found in the newsletter.

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January Newsletters: Available in the narthex.

Prayer List: Teresa Lucas Ron Cox Luella Holle Larry Phelps

Saundra Phelps Thomas Turner Laura Moorman John Dobrinski

Upcoming Acolytes: 12/31 (7 PM): Abe Acton

1/7: Rayleigh Acton

1/14: Trevor Acree

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 1/1: <u>Read the Old Testament lesson</u>: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 The Lord has clothed us with the garments of salvation and all the world sees the righteousness and glory of God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ.
 <u>Sing the Hymn of the Day</u>: LSB 389 Let All Together Praise Our God <u>Pray the Collect of the Day</u>: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Tues. 1/2:Read the Epistle lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 We are sons of God because Christ
fulfilled the Law for us. Now we can truly call God our Father.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 389 Let All Together Praise Our God
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 1/1)
- Wed. 1/3: <u>Read the Gospel lesson</u>: Luke 2:22-40 Even as an infant, Christ was coming to bring salvation to His people. His birth brings peace and joy to all who believe. <u>Sing the Hymn of the Day</u>: LSB 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 1/1)
- Thur. 1/4:Read the Old Testament lesson: Genesis 1:1-5 As God creates the world, He
brings order to chaos as the Word speaks and the Spirit hovers over the waters.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
Pray the Collect of the Day: Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the
Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the
Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as
Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 1/5: <u>Read the Epistle lesson</u>: Romans 6:1-11 Through our baptism, we have been set free from sin and are dead to sin since we have been joined into Christ's death and resurrection.
 <u>Sing the Hymn of the Day</u>: LSB 406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord <u>Pray the Collect of the Day</u>: (see 1/4)
- Sat. 1/6:Read the Gospel lesson: Mark 1:4-11 By the witness of the Father and the Spirit,
Jesus is proclaimed as the beloved Son of God in His baptism.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 1/4)