

☩ The Second Sunday after Epiphany ☩

National Lutheran Schools Week

Sunday, January 25, A.D. 2026

9:30 a.m.



Isaiah 9:2, Matthew 4:16

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Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ to this Divine Service. On these Sundays after The Epiphany, the Church rejoices as Christ is revealed as the Light of the world—made known through His Word, His works, and His saving presence among us. As we gather, God comes to serve us with forgiveness, life, and salvation through Scripture proclaimed and the Sacraments faithfully given. Here, Christ continues to reveal Himself to us and for us. Whether you are a longtime member or a guest today, we are glad you are here. May the Holy Spirit open our hearts to behold Christ and follow where He leads. Visitors are invited to fill out an attendance card from the pew rack, or introduce yourself at the conclusion of the service and email Pastor Schleider at mike.schleider@mtolivemke.org.

☩ For first time visitors, this service folder will guide you through our service. The songs are in the songbook in the pew. They are referenced by number.

☩ Families with small children, please sit where you are comfortable and where your children can see and engage in the service. There are activity bags for young children at the main entrance. Restrooms are located on the lower level.

☩ For those who are hearing impaired, users of hearing aids with a T-coil can hear the service directly through our hearing loop system.



☩ For those who are deaf, the ASL interpreter is located in the front of the church on the left at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service.

☩ Please join us for Sunday School, Middle School Bible Study, High School Bible Study, and Adult Bible Study at 11:00. Visitors, do not hesitate to ask an usher or someone near you for more information.

☩ Any one in need of pastoral care is encouraged to contact Pastor Schleider at any time.

For those desiring to commune today:

We celebrate the Sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ's true body and true blood. Since reception of the Lord's Supper expresses not only fellowship with the Lord, but also fellowship and agreement with the teaching of this congregation, we follow the Biblical practice of closed communion. Normally, members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who have been instructed in the faith are welcome to partake; however all guests are kindly asked to speak with a pastor before communing at our altar. For children or others who have not been confirmed, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

† Confession and Absolution †

At the conclusion of the prelude, please stand as you are 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** 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ Entrance Rite **+**

#412 The People That in Darkness Sat

1 The people that in darkness sat
 A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
 In shades of death have been,
 In shades of death have been.

2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.

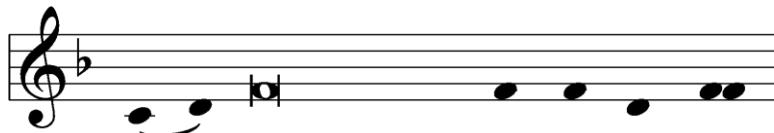
3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

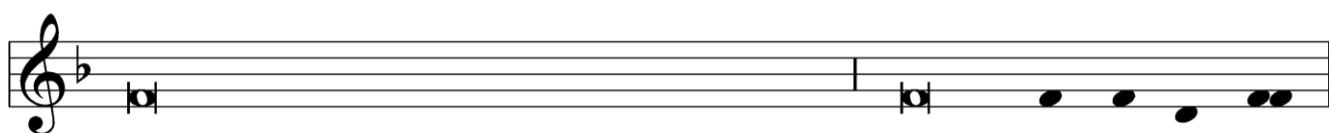
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



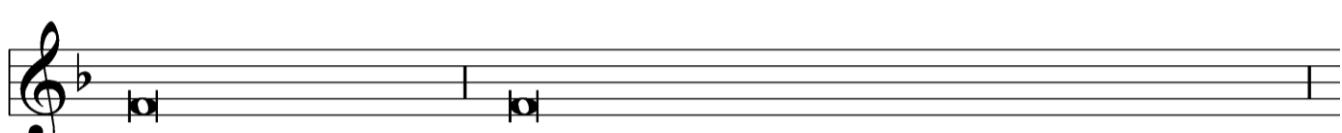
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



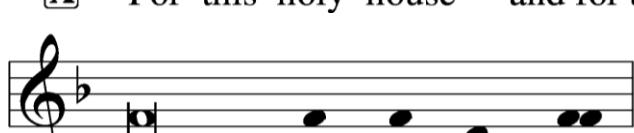
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



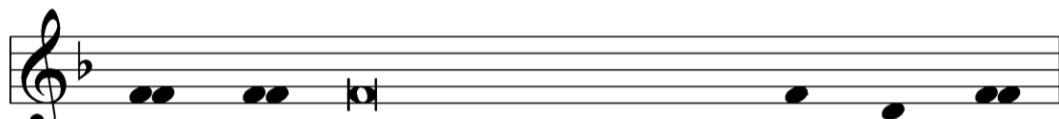
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

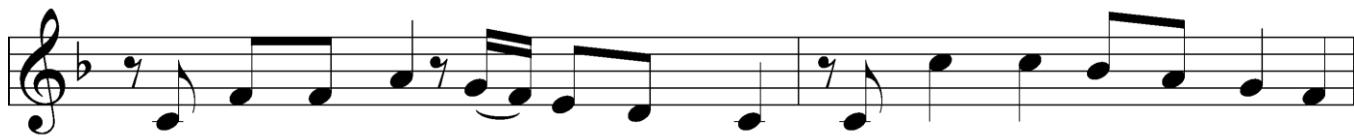
Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple 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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

☩ The Liturgy of the Word ☩

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

³You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalm 27

Text Paraphrase: Richard Leach; Music: Amanda Husberg

Refrain:



O Lord, I ask for this one thing
to live in Your house all my days, to see Your beau-ty
and learn Your ways I ask for this one thing.

C Refrain (Choir)

C Refrain

The Lord can break the darkness, the Lord can rescue me. Whom shall I be afraid of? My life is safe with God. When enemies pursue me like hungry beasts of prey, I know that they will stumble; I know that they will fall. No army could besiege me and fill my heart with fear. If war rose up against me I would not lose my nerve.

C Refrain

The Lord will give me shelter when days of trouble come: a tent that will conceal me, a rock so high and safe. When enemies are fallen, I stand and praise the Lord; come to His tent and enter with sacrifice and song. I cry aloud to You, Lord; be gracious, answer me. "Come, seek His face," my heart says, and that is what I do.

C Refrain

Do not be angry with me, and do not hide Your face. You are the one we turn to when even parents fail. Show me Your way and lead me, my enemies are near – the liars who attack me with violence on their breath. When shall I see Your goodness? I know it will be soon. Wait for the Lord, wait for Him; be strong and brave and wait. **C Refrain**

A 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able:



C *All sing the Alleluia.*

Choir: From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

C *All repeat the Alleluia.*

Matthew 4:12-25

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

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

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will

make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

#839 *O Christ, Our True and Only Light*

Choir sings stanza 3

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error’s maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

- 3 *O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.*
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'lers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Sermon

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.

Prayer of the Church

P ...Lord in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

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Offering Anthem

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

*“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
“All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,
Take My example for your guide.*

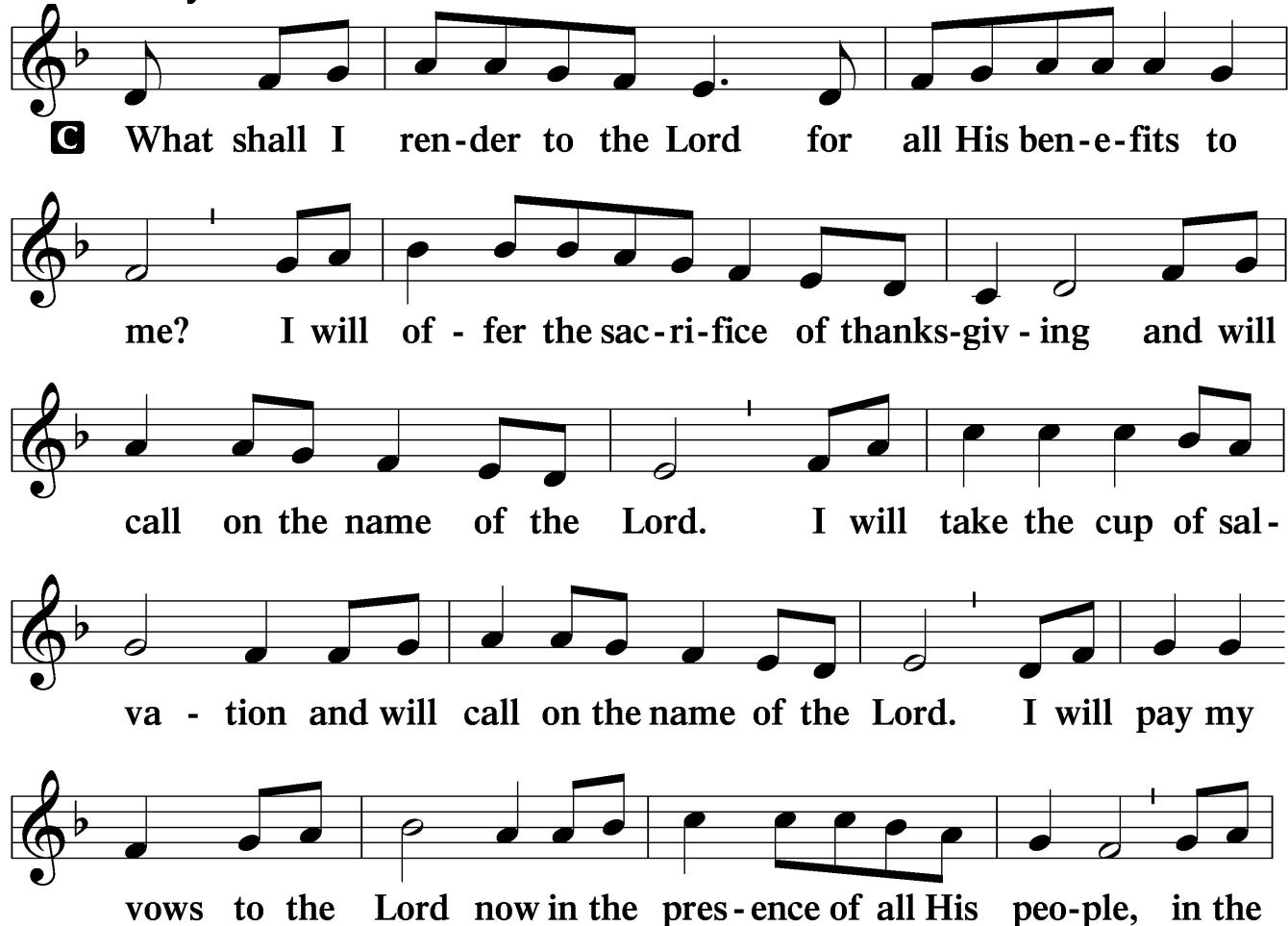
*“I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.*

*“I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”*

Text: Johann Scheffler; Music: Bartholomew Schaeffer, setting: Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Offertory

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the





† Liturgy of the Eucharist †

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, 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 Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for - give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
ry for - ev - er and ev - - er. A - men.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \texttimes 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 \ddagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

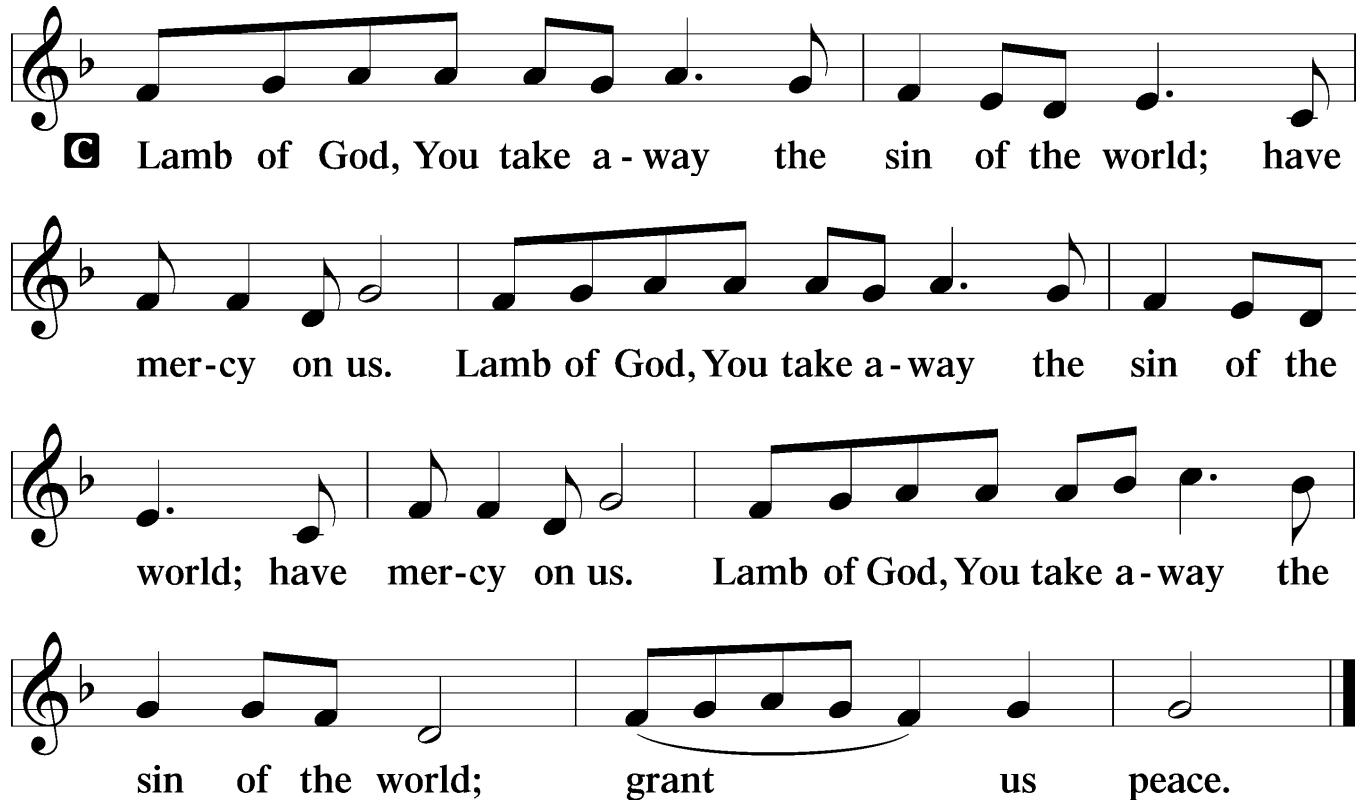
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C



C A - men.

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.



#411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain**

**Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

Communion Anthem

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

*O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,
All victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!*

*Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.*

*Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy warm and cheer us!
O draw near us! For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.*

*O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation!
Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!*

Text and Tune: Philipp Nicolai; Setting: Kevin Hildebrand

#688 “Come, Follow Me”, the Savior Spake

- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
 “All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
 Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
 Take My example for your guide.

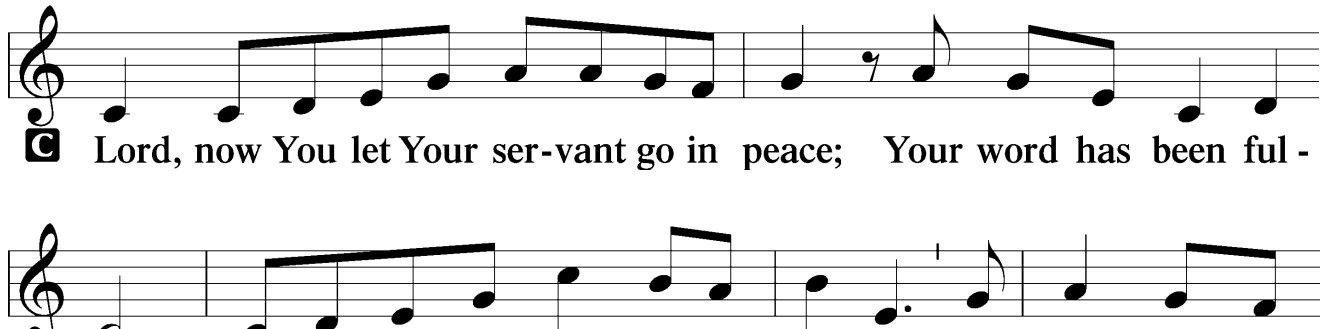
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way,
 A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
 I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
 How you must sojourn here below.

3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,
 My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
 With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
 What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
 From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
 And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
 In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Please stand as you are able



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

C Amen.

#825 *Rise, Shine, You People*

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

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† Why We Do What We Do †

In the Divine Service each week there are always three readings and a psalm appointed in the lectionary (cycle of readings). The first reading is from the Old Testament. This is followed by a psalm or portion of a psalm, then a reading from one of the Epistles (or Acts or Revelation), and then finally a reading from one of the four Gospels. There is often a direct relationship between the choice of the Old Testament reading and the Gospel reading. Today is a great example because the Gospel is the fulfillment of the prophecy in the Old Testament reading. The Gospel is always read last because these are the very words of the incarnate Jesus Christ. It is for this same reason we stand for the reading of the Gospel in the Divine Service.

† DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS †

† **Sunday:** Psalm 6; Zechariah 1:1-21; Romans 14:1-23

† **Monday:** Psalm 18; Zechariah 2:1-3:10; Romans 15:1-13

† **Tuesday:** Psalm 1; Zechariah 4:1-5:11; Romans 14:14-33

† **Wednesday:** Psalm 12; Zechariah 6:1-7:14; Romans 16:17-27

† **Thursday:** Psalm 107; Zechariah 8:1-23; 2 Timothy 1:1-18

† **Friday:** Psalm 33; Zechariah 9:1-17; 2 Timothy 2:1-26

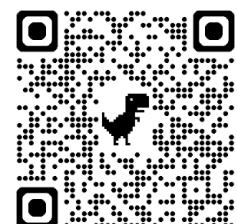
† **Saturday:** Psalm 135; Zechariah 10:1-11:3; 2 Timothy 3:1-17

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Commitment Sunday: Our annual **Commitment Sunday** is **February 1!** We are deeply grateful for the many members who give faithfully of their *time* and *talent* to support the ministry efforts of Mount Olive, but we also rely on the *treasure* our members give which allows our church and school to continue serving the needs of God's people. We ask members to complete the Commitment Card below, indicating their anticipated tithing for the time period of July 2026 – June 2027. This allows Mount Olive leadership to put together an informed operating budget for next fiscal year to ensure we are being good stewards of our resources. Please fill out your Commitment Card and return it on or before February 1st by dropping it in the box in the Narthex, placing it in the offering basket, or sending it to the church office. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.* 1 Peter 4:10.



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In response to the many blessings God has graciously bestowed, I/we make this prayerful commitment to helping further the work of His Kingdom through my/our financial tithes during the 2026-2027 year (July 1 – June 30).

MY/OUR PLEDGE IS...

\$ _____ per **week/month/year**

(Please circle the appropriate time period and plan to begin giving your new pledge amount starting July 1, 2026.)

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use it, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

Printed Name: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Please complete your pledge card and place it in the box in the Narthex, return to the church office, or drop in the offering basket on or before February 1st.