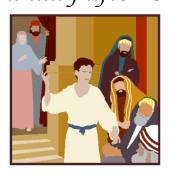
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After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

Luke 2:46-47

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Opening Hymn





Stand

Invocation LSB 151

- P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.

Confession of Sins

- 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.

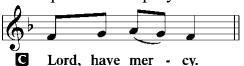
Absolution

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

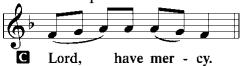
Service of the Word

Kyrie LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



This Is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



¹So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here am I." ³Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, ⁷his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Peter 4:12–19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

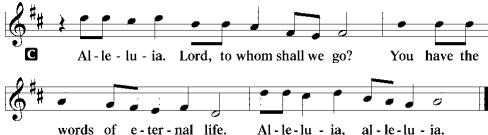
¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

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

Stand



LSB 156



Holy Gospel Matthew 2:13-23

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

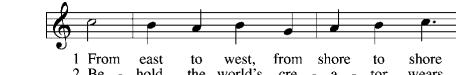
¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

385 From East to West







Sermon

The Best Gifts are 'In Christ'

Ephesians 1:3-14

Stand

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 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,

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

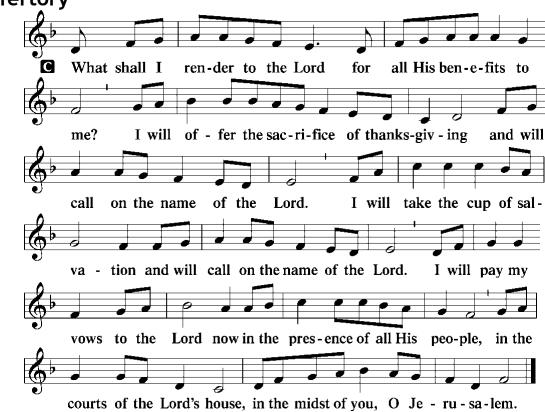
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
 - Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have restored Your divine image to mankind. In Holy Baptism, You give that image to us. Give us joy in our adoption as Your sons and daughters. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, bless the work of pastors and missionaries. Bring forth Your harvest from the seeds they sow. Support those who endure fiery trials for Your name. As they shine the light of the Gospel into hostile darkness, guard them with the sign of Your cross. Let them rejoice that in tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril or sword, they share in Your very sufferings. And uphold and guide the people of Trinity as they seek Your will in calling Trinity's next pastor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You prepared a place for Your Son, Jesus, in the womb of the Virgin Mary and in the home of Mary and Joseph. Bless our homes and all who dwell in them, that Your Word would be heard and Your mercy be shown therein. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious Lord, uphold Donald, our president; Jim, our governor; and all our leaders. Direct their work toward the common good of all people as found in God's Law written on our hearts and in Your righteous decrees especially to protect the unborn and those who cannot speak for themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Merciful Father, You promise to be near to the brokenhearted and to save the crushed in spirit. Look with compassion on the sick and suffering *especially Vicki*, *Bob*, *Carol Bogle*, *Jim*, *Teresa*, *Jack*, *Merri*, *Jerry*, *Ron*, *Carol Simmons*, *Michele*, *and Nita*. Grant that they would cry out to You in their trouble and be delivered from their distress, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord God, give grace to all who approach Your holy altar today, that they would receive this sacramental mystery worthily, the New Testament of our divine Redeemer, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, grant us strength in times of trial and perseverance in grace during the day of trouble. Especially care for all who are persecuted for the sake of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord God, heavenly Father, You allowed Your Son, Jesus Christ, to become a stranger and sojourner in Egypt for our sake and led Him safely home to His fatherland. Mercifully grant that we poor sinners, who are strangers and sojourners in this perilous world, may soon be called home to our true fatherland, the kingdom of heaven, where we shall live in eternal joy and glory; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Offertory LSB 159



Service of the Sacrament

C

Amen.

Preface LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

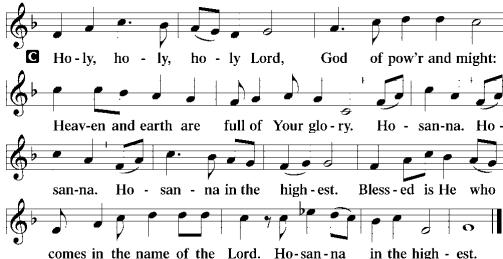


Proper Preface

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 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:

Sanctus LSB 161



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 allavailing 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.

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 gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

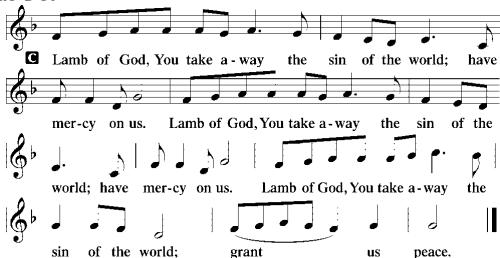
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

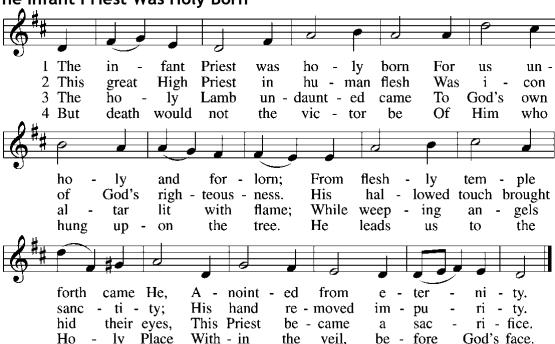
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C Amen.

Distribution Hymns

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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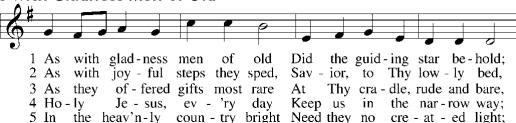
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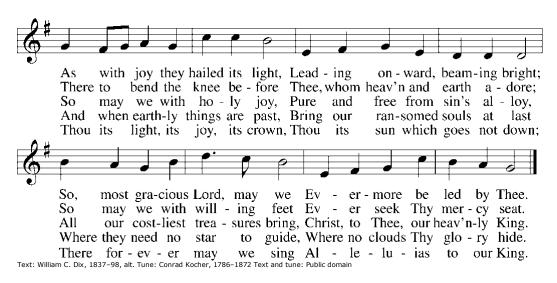
The body of God's Lamb we eat,

A priestly food and priestly meat;

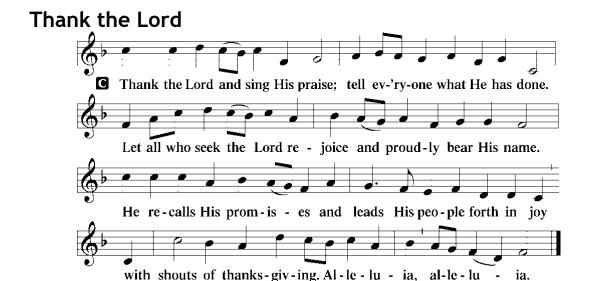
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.

397 As with Gladness Men of Old





Stand



Post-Communion Collect

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.



Benediction LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

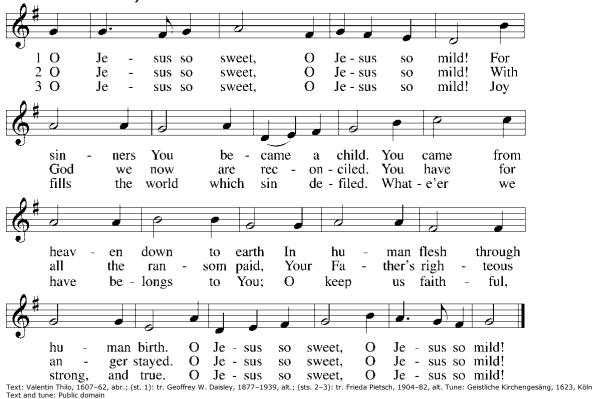
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.



LSB 164

Closing Hymn

546 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild



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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK,

We pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- Healing for all those who are experiencing health issues: Vicki Ackerman, Bob Boden, Carol Bogle (Randy Bogle's mother), Jim Clark, Teresa Groth, Jack Humphrey, Merri Johnson, Jerry Lockard (Bogdanoff's neighbor), Ron Moyer, Carol Simmons (Pat Maddox's sister-in-law), Michele Tanderup, Nita Whitney and all those in need.
- Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses: Amber Albrecht (Romelle Humphrey's great niece), Delta Boden, Carmen (Loli Bohling's sister), Susan Bohling (sister-in-law of Eric Bohling), Glen Hogue, Melissa Pierpoint, Joni Scotter (Rich Scotter's mother), and Kyson Vogt (Amanda Ackley's cousin).
- For all inactive members of Trinity: that they will feel God's love and his call to worship, and return to church.

THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 1/4: Suzette Flick; 1/5: Romelle Humphrey **Baptisms:** 1/5: Sharon Clark; 1/9: Angie Becker

Anniversaries: none this week

1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9	1/10	1/11
9:00 AM							9:00 AM
Worship with		6:30 PM	6:00-7:30 PM				Worship
Holy		Bible	Confirmation	7:00 PM			10:00 AM Adult
Communion		Study &	Class	LWML			& Children's
10:00 AM Adult		Prayer	7:00 PM Call				Sunday School
& Children's			Committee Mtg				Bd of Education
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Scripture reading for next week:

1 Kings 8:6-13; Rom. 12:1-5; Luke 2:41-52

Weekday Bible Study:

Lessons for discussion 1/6: Rev. 20:1-Rev. 22:21

Organist......Sandy Wilson Pianist.....Vicki Ackerman

If you have a hearing aid and are having difficulty during the musical segments of the worship service, could you please try setting your hearing aids to either "noisy" or "music" if your devices have such a setting. If this doesn't resolve this issue, please contact Vicki Ackerman at (402) 314-4407 or worshipattrinityaub@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders:

Call Committee Meets Wednesday @ 7:00PM LWML Thursday at 7PM Board of Education next Sunday after worship – regularly scheduled meeting

Call Committee will meet Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00PM: If you have any questions or input for the Committee, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee (a list of the members and their phone numbers is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board to the right of the church office).

Suggestion Box: There's a box on the table outside the church office for anyone to place any suggestion they'd like to share. Any and all ideas are welcome!