

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota**

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 21, 2024**

***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing. - Proverbs 12:18

**Weekly Discussion Question:**

Who do you go to for wise words?

**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Hymn: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”**

**LSB 685**

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive  
us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

**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.

## Absolution

*LSB 185*

## Service of the Word

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*



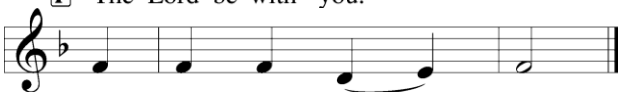
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**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** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalms

*Psalms 62; antiphon: v. 8*

<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.

<sup>2</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be greatly shaken.

<sup>3</sup>How long will all of you attack a man  
to batter him,  
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

<sup>4</sup>They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.

They take pleasure in falsehood.  
 They bless with their mouths,  
 but inwardly they curse.

<sup>5</sup>For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
 for my hope is from him.

<sup>6</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation,  
 my fortress;  
 I shall not be shaken.

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
 my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;  
 pour out your heart before him;  
 God is a refuge for us.

<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath;  
 those of high estate are a delusion;  
 in the balances they go up;  
 they are together lighter than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion;  
 set no vain hopes on robbery;  
 if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken;  
 twice have I heard this:  
 that power belongs to God,  
<sup>12</sup>and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.  
 For you will render to a man  
 according to his work.

## Gloria Patri

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**☩ 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.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 7:29–35*

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

<sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed

woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup>I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Anthem: “Come From Heaven Above”

Vocal Choir

### Alleluia

LSB 190



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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



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

## Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

## Hymn of the Day: "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

LSB 839

- 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'ers 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.

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## Sermon

## Offertory

LSB 192



**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.

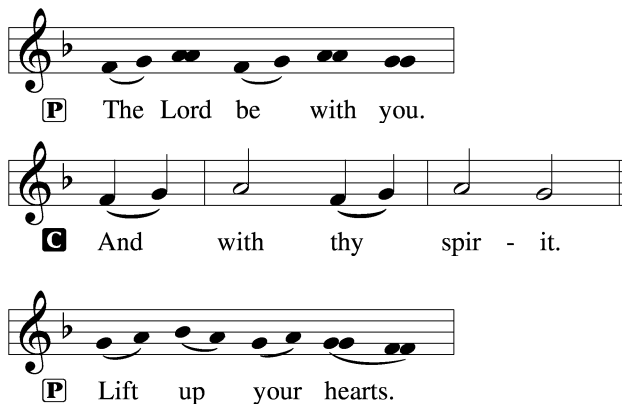
## Installation of Officers

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.





**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** 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 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:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution Hymns:

### “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!

### “O God of God, O Light of Light”

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of  
kings:  
To you in heaven’s glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised  
again,  
Be all the glory He has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- 2 For deep in prophets’ sacred page,  
And grand in poets’ wingèd word,  
Slowly in type, from age to age  
The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night  
Rang out the song, “Goodwill to  
men!”  
Sung once by firstborn sons of light,  
It echoes now, “Goodwill!” Amen.

### LSB 735

- 3 Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,  
Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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### LSB 810

- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,  
That death so steeped in hate and  
scorn—  
These all are past, and now above  
He reigns, our King once crowned  
with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!  
So sang that host beyond our ken.  
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.  
We lift them up. Amen, amen.
- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,  
And shout His name, His mercies  
tell!  
Sing, heav’nly host, your praise  
prolong,  
And all on earth, your anthem  
swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!  
Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,  
All glory, pow’r! Amen, amen.

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# “Christ Is Surely Coming”

LSB 509

1 Christ is surely coming  
Bringing His reward,  
Alpha and Omega,  
First and Last and Lord:  
Root and Stem of David,  
Brilliant Morning Star;  
Meet your Judge and Savior,  
Nations near and far!

2 See the holy city!  
There they enter in,  
All by Christ made holy,  
Washed from ev'ry sin:  
Thirsty ones, desiring  
All He loves to give,  
Come for living water,  
Freely drink, and live!

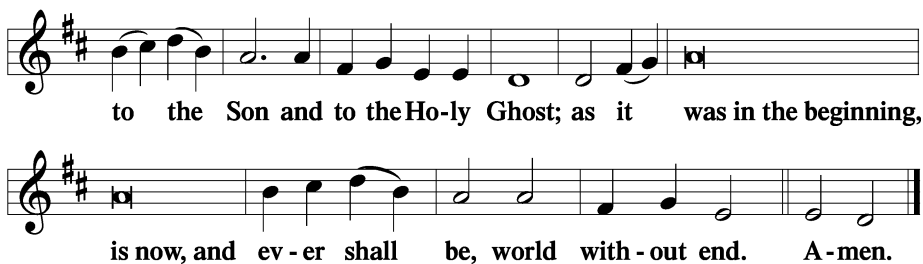
3 Grace be with God's people!  
Praise His holy name!  
Father, Son and Spirit,  
Evermore the same;  
Hear the certain promise  
From the\_ternal home:  
“Surely I come quickly!  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!”

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# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

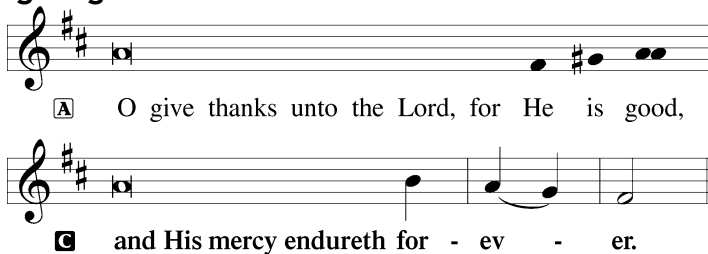
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

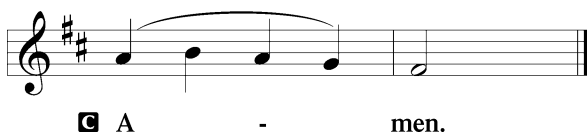
## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

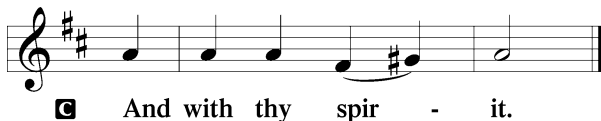
**A** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts 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.



**G** A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



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

## Closing Hymn: “Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment”

LSB 511

- 1 Herald, sound the note of judgment,  
Warning us of right and wrong,  
Turning us from sin and sadness  
Till once more we sing the song. Refrain
- ref Sound the trumpet!  
Tell the message:  
Christ, the Savior king, is come!
- 2 Herald, sound the note of gladness;  
Tell the news that Christ is here;  
Make a pathway through the desert  
For the one who brings God near. Refrain
- 3 Herald, sound the note of pardon—  
Those repenting are forgiv’n;  
God receives His wayward children,  
And to them new life is giv’n. Refrain
- 4 Herald, sound the note of triumph;  
Christ has come to share our life,  
Bringing God’s own love and power,  
Granting vict’ry in our strife. Refrain

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