

*Who takes away
the sin of the world!*

John 1:29



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Plano, Texas**

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

We are weak and sick, O Father, and the temptations of the flesh and the world are great and many. O Father, keep us, and let us not fall again into temptation and sin. Give us grace that we may remain steadfast and fight bravely to the end. Without your grace and help we can do nothing, Amen.

(M. Luther, 1483-1546)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed at the 8:00AM service, but will be during Bible classes and 10:45AM service. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service IV – *LSB 203*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

LSB 534



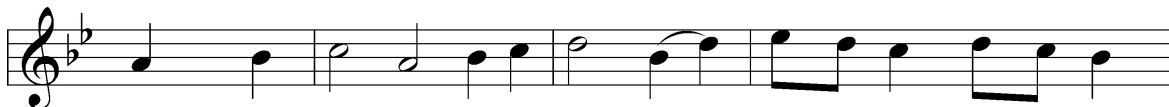
1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten
2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in
3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



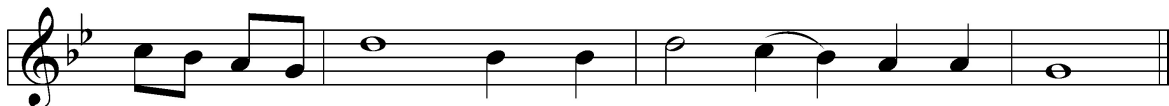
from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished
stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,
Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,
Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,
Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.
ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

(8:00 am)

+ + + Sacrament of Holy Baptism + + +

LSB 268

Charlotte Ann Reeves

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 203

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Matthew 28-19b, [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm 124:8

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 130:3-4

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

[Luke 18:13]

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

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.

+++Service of the Word+++



Kyrie

Mark 10:47; LSB 204

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
⁵And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 40:1–11 (antiphon: v. 3)



I waited patiently | for the LORD;*
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,*
and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.*
Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.

**Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,*
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!**

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can com- | pare with you!*

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.

**Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an | open ear.*
Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.**

Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;*”
in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do your will, | O my God;*
your law is with- | in my heart.”

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congre- | gation;*
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, | O LORD.

**I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and your sal- | vation;***
**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great
congre- | gation.**

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mer- | cy from me;*
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I waited patiently | for the LORD;*
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

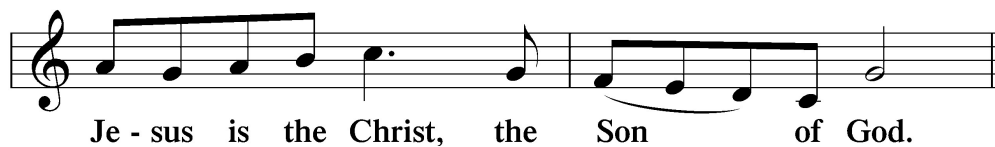
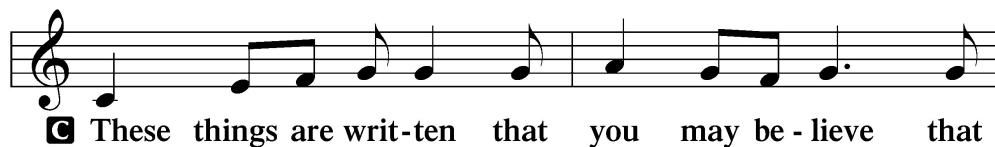
C Thanks be to God.



Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

“The Only Son from Heaven”

LSB 402



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
Δ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, “Ho - ly, ho - ly,

shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us And bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!”

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. This QR code points there.)

Stand



+++Service of the Sacrament+++

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]; LSB 208

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.

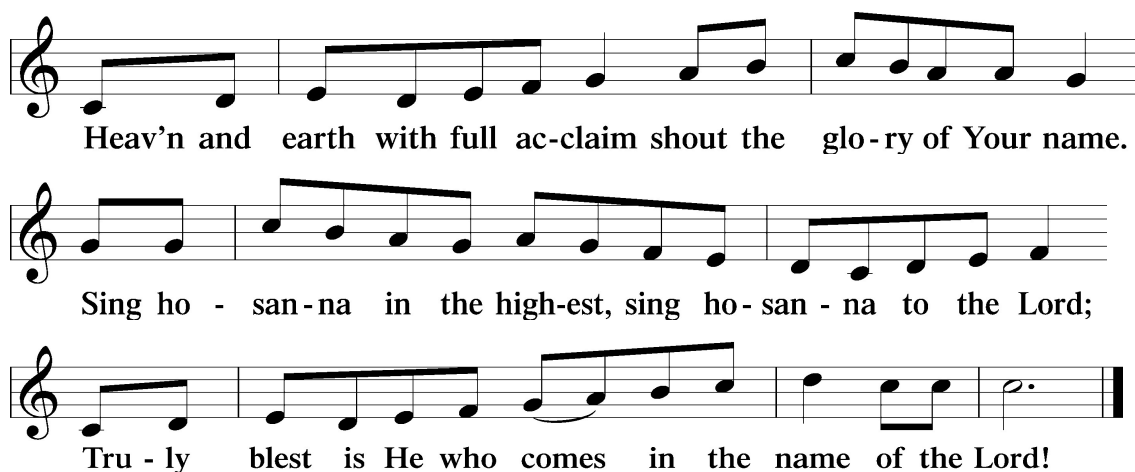
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24,
Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- 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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Sit

Agnus Dei

John 1:29; LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Distribution Hymn

The *Lutheran Service Book* is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602

Stand

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32; LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

P 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

LSB 688



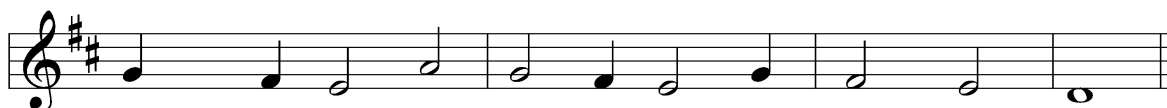
1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,
soul’s sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - ’ry guile to free,
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
In suf - f’ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e’er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”
bat - tle’s strain The crown of heav’n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96; (sts. 1–3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695
Tune: Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Baptism

Charlotte Ann Reeves, daughter of Kevin and Jessica, is being baptized this morning during the 8:00 am service. Her Godparents are

. We give thanks to God for the Sacrament of Baptism she will receive today.



Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K – 5th graders from Room 113.

Jr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 119 for a Bible study.

Sr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with in Room 122.

Special Needs Bible Class

This class has been cancelled until Sandy returns.

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study on St. Mark in the fellowship hall.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Acts at 9:30 am in Room 115.

A Life Thought in the Church Year

Abortion and assisted suicide lead many astray after lies (Psalm 40:4). They promise deliverance but only provide destruction. How much more blessed to trust the Lord to sustain us unto the end (1 Corinthians 1:8)? Can He secure us the life we seek even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis? Come and see (John 1:38-39)—and then courageously proclaim His faithful salvation (Psalm 40:10)!

CHRIST FOR YOU this Week on KFuo

Study John 2-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying the book of Exodus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study the 7th petition and conclusion of the Lord's Prayer on Concord Matters (1/21 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or KFuo Radio app.

***** Tonight Presentation with Dinner *****

Come learn more about the English District from President Hardy and enjoy some Texas BBQ. If you have already signed up, join us for dinner at 6PM, otherwise come hear his presentation at 7PM. RSVP is required to attend the meal.

K.G. THEODOR NAETHER

The First Missouri Synod Overseas Missionary

BORN: **SEPTEMBER 14, 1866** *Bautzen, Germany*

DIED: **FEBRUARY 13, 1904** *Krishnagiri, India*

CHRIST SHOWED GRACE TO His faithful servant K.G. Theodor Naether in the face of hardships and granted him patience to proclaim the Word of God without seeing immediate fruits of the Gospel.

Following ordination, Naether was sent by the Leipzig Mission Society to India in 1887, assigned to manage the Lutheran press that Ziegenbalg had founded in Tranquebar 175 years before. In 1892, he presented a paper on divine inspiration and the inerrancy of Scripture. However, half the other local missionaries did not agree with his theological position. Naether was expelled from the Leipzig Mission Society for his views in December 1893.

Back in Germany in 1894, Naether found sympathetic ears among leaders of the Free Church in Saxony, who encouraged him to contact C.F.W. Walther in America. Naether visited Missouri and was examined theologically. On October 13, 1894, Naether and fellow ex-Leipzig missionary Franz Mohn accepted the call to be LCMS missionaries in India and were commissioned in St. Charles, Mo. the next day.

On his way to India via Germany, Naether was engaged to schoolteacher Johanna Naumann of Dresden. Theodor left for India in December 1894 and Johanna followed in 1895.

Immediately after his arrival in India, Naether surveyed areas in South India, and selected the town of Krishnagiri, where he opened a school for boys in August 1895. Theodore and Johanna were married October 29, but the Naethers suffered the losses of their firstborn son and daughter, in June 1899. Daughter Elisabeth was born November 24, 1899; Maria was born April 27, 1901.

Naether sowed the Gospel seed tirelessly, but did not see much fruit. (The Krishnagiri mission did not see the first Baptism of a local convert until March 1900.) Johanna's brother, George Naumann, who was also commissioned by the LCMS, arrived to join the work in Krishnagiri.

In the first months of 1904, the plague broke out in the region. Naether visited a local family who had just lost their mother and newborn child to the plague, and gave the mother and child a proper burial. Naether, then walked to a local apothecary but was so weak he needed to be taken home in an ox cart. A doctor arrived from Bangalore and gave the rest of the Naether family a daily dose of whisky to prevent further infection. Naether then gave instructions to his fellow missionaries and wrote his last will and testament. Theodor Naether died of the plague on February 13, 1904. His last words were in English: "It is time." Johanna Naumann and George Kellerbauer attended the funeral service that same day. The sermon was based on 2 Corinthians 6:1–10.

On July 26, 1904, daughter Ida was born to Johanna. The widow and daughters returned to her family in Dresden in April 1905. George Naumann continued the missionary work in Krishnagiri.

For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit lcms.org/175.



DISCOVER MORE

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Altar Guild:	Clarice Lundquist, Charis Bennet, Mary Ravitz
Elder:	Tim Ozlowski
Greeter:	Don Bunger, Duff Family
Ushers:	Don Bunger, Mark Ziegelbein
Sound:	Russ Wilkerson, Randy Rippey

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Jan. 15, 2023

8:00 am	Early Worship Service
9:30 am	Children's Sunday School (K-5 th Gr, Room 113) Jr IMPACT Class (Room 119) Sr IMPACT Class (Room 122) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)
10:45 am	Late Worship Service
12:30 pm	Jr. Confirmation
6:00 pm	BBQ and presentation at 7pm

Wednesday, January 18

10:00 am	Midweek Bible Study
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Thursday, January 19

7:00 pm	Admin Council
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Friday, January 20

9:00 am	Comfort Makers Salad Lunch
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Next Sunday's Readings January 22, 2023

Old Testament: Is. 9:1-4

Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:10-18

Gospel: Matt. 4:12-25



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Mollie Manning in memory of Al; and by the elders.



Epiphany

About the Cover: The popular painting on the cover by Francisco de Zurbarán is named *Agnus Dei*—"The Lamb of God." The light of Epiphany, illumined by the words of John the Baptist, declares Jesus to be that perfect lamb without blemish. Just as we sing in the liturgy of the same name, our *Agnus Dei* takes away our sins in God's merciful Meal.