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# Visitors & Guests

Thank you for attending! Please introduce yourself to the Pastors or Elders, fill out our Visitor Card (*turn in for additional resources*) and assist us in recording church attendance in the Record of Fellowship book in the pews. We hope you join us again soon.

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Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church teaches and believes that through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, offered under bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, God gives to His children the forgiveness of sins. Since this is a sacred meal, Advent distributes the Lord's Supper to communicants who have been prepared to receive it.

**If communing**, please prepare using pp. 308, 329-330 found in the front of our Hymnal.

- **If you are a member at an LCMS parish**, please speak with one of our pastors beforehand so that they may greet you and inform you accordingly regarding our practice.
- **If you are a visitor** and have not been confirmed or hold to a confession of faith that differs from Advent and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper. You may come forward during Distribution to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.
- **Distribution** - If communing, at the appropriate time in the Divine Service, please approach the altar via the center aisle. When directed to a position at the rail, bow and kneel without waiting (you may also stand as needed). After you receive the Sacrament (or blessing), please stand, bow, and return to your pew via the side aisle. The final blessing will be made at the end of the distribution and the covering of the elements.

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A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is included on the last two pages of this bulletin.

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# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## Today's Readings:

1 Kings 8:6–13

Romans 12:1–5

Luke 2:41–52



## ***The Glory of the Lord Returns to the Temple in the Boy Jesus***

In the days of Solomon, the Lord dwelt among His people in the temple. The glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord in the form of a cloud (1 Kings 8:6–13). Now Jesus, who is the glory of the Lord in the flesh, enters the temple to show that He Himself is the everlasting temple and dwelling place of God (Luke 2:41–52). Our young Lord, true man, subject to Mary and Joseph, reveals Himself also to be true God, whose father is not Joseph but the Almighty Father in heaven. Jesus does this at the time of the Passover. For He came to be the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Even as He was found by His parents after three days, so He would later rise from the dead on the third day that the favor of God might rest also upon us. It is by these mercies of God that we present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God through Christ (Rom. 12:1–5).

## Hymn of the Day

## *Within the Father's House*

**LSB 410**

What an honor it would be to rub elbows with the theological doctors of the Church and serve the monarch of the nation! That was the life of James Russell Woodford (1820–1885), this hymn's author. As a priest in the Church of England, Woodford showed exemplary scholarship and pastoral wisdom. His exceptional gifts led to service as an Honorary Chaplain to Queen Victoria. Education was a particular focus of Woodford's, and he established a theological college where twelve students lived and were trained for work in the Church. His contributions to commentaries and sermon collections indicate that Woodford took seriously the study of God's Word. He delved into Scripture so that the living Word would be heard and read by many.

The framework of this hymn is neatly divided into three sets of two stanzas each. In stanzas 1 and 2 Woodford provides a straightforward description of the scene. The first words of the hymn — “Within the Father's house” — make us curious to know who is in the house and what kind of house this is. Stanzas 3 and 4 get to the heart of the matter. In stanza 4 Woodford uses the word “epiphany,” which means to make manifest or to show brightly. After singing the objective statements of stanzas 1–4 the hearer, the singer, is brought personally into the account of Jesus in the temple through the use of the pronouns “our” and “us” and “we.” The truths of this hymn are now appropriated to us. Stanza 5 moves directly into stanza 6; there is no punctuation dividing them. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God and the water of Baptism to connect you who are described as “a temple of the Holy Spirit” to Jesus, the temple incarnate.

## In His Service Today:

**P** Rev. Aaron Schultz, Assoc. Pastor & Headmaster

**A** Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor

Organist/Kantor: Phil Lehman

Choir Director: Deb Trewartha

Audio/Visual: Marc Mackay

## 8:15am

**Greeter:** Open

**Altar Guild:** Judy Dorantes, Jennifer Dorantes

**Ushers:** Larry Irving, Joel Zagel, Adam Heike

**Lay-Elder:** Tom Casciani

## 10:45am

Open

Linda Hoyt, Kristen Hoyt

Dave Siukola, Lee Mundrick

John Bergman



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# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Divine Service starts on page 184 in the front of the hymnal.*

## Prelude & Tolling of Bells

*Stand*

### Processional Hymn: Of the Father's Love Begotten

**LSB 384**

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is He whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.

- 4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing.  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.

- △ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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(st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821–77  
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## Invocation, Confession and Absolution

**LSB 184**

*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.

**G Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**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.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**G who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalms 124:8*

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

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

*Psalms 32:5*

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**G I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I  
have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.  
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of  
Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and  
death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor,  
sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word,  
announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus  
Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G Amen.**

*[John 20:19-23]*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 100; antiphon: Isaiah 6:1; Revelation 19:6*



- A** I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and | lifted up;\*  
and the train of his robe filled the | temple.  
Then I heard the voice of a great multitude, | crying out,\*  
“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Al- | mighty reigns.”
- C** **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!\***  
**Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!**  
**Know that the LORD, | he is God!\***  
**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people,**  
**and the sheep of his | pasture.**
- A** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!\*  
Give thanks to him; | bless his name!  
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,\*  
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
- C** **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.**
- A** I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and | lifted up;\*  
and the train of his robe filled the | temple.  
Then I heard the voice of a great multitude, | crying out,\*  
“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Al- | mighty reigns.”

### Kyrie

**LSB 186**

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Mark 10:47*

### Gloria in Excelsis

**LSB 187**

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,  
we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to  
Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the  
Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus  
Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son  
of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the  
world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of  
God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art  
the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with  
the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the  
Father. Amen.

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that  
they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power  
faithfully to fulfill the same; 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

**1 Kings 8:6–13**

<sup>6</sup>Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. <sup>7</sup>For the cherubim spread out their

wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. <sup>8</sup>And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the Holy Place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. <sup>9</sup>There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, <sup>11</sup>so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Anthem: *The Moon with Borrowed Light*, Walter Petz, CPH 2001**

*The moon with borrowed light gives witness to the sun,  
Discreetly fading with the night when morning has begun.  
John's borrowed light was drawn from heaven's vibrant rays,  
His life a witness to the dawn of Christ's approaching blaze.*

*When temple Levites asked what title did John claim,  
He said he had a single task a single goal and aim;  
To redirect their sight beyond what he had done  
To Christ the pure and primal light that lightens everyone.*

*The clouds of sin yet mask earth's tangled ground,  
And, oh, how many hearts still ask where God's clear path is found.  
For borrowed light we pray so we may be a sign  
That points to Christ, the truth, the way, the life, the light divine.*

**Epistle**

**Romans 12:1–5**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

**Alleluia & Verse**

**Psalms 100:1–2a**



Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia!

**A** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 2:41–52**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>41</sup>Now [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking

them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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

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

### 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.

### Hymn of the Day: *Within the Father's House*

*LSB 410*

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|---|--|-----|--|
| 1 | Within the Father's house<br>The Son has found His home,<br>And to His temple suddenly<br>The Lord of life has come. | 4   | The secret of the Lord<br>Escapes each human eye,<br>And faithful pond'ring hearts await<br>The full epiphany.       |
| 2 | The doctors of the Law<br>Gaze on the wondrous child<br>And marvel at His gracious words<br>Of wisdom undefiled.     | 5   | Lord, visit Thou our souls<br>And teach us by Thy grace<br>Each dim revealing of Thyself<br>With loving awe to trace |
| 3 | Yet not to them is giv'n<br>The mighty truth to know,<br>To lift the earthly veil that hides<br>Incarnate God below. | △ 6 | Till we behold Thy face<br>And know as we are known<br>Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,<br>Coequal Three in One.   |

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### Sermon

*Stand*

### Offertory

*LSB 192*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*Sit*

### Offering

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.**C** And with thy spirit.**P** Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

**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 *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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 Cor. 11:23-25*

LSB 197

**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  $\nabla$  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  $\nabla$  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

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.*John 20:19***C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.

Sit

Distribution Hymn: *The Infant Priest Was Holy Born*

LSB 624

1 The infant Priest was holy born  
For us unholy and forlorn;  
From fleshly temple forth came He,  
Anointed from eternity.

2 This great High Priest in human flesh  
Was icon of God's righteousness.  
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;  
His hand removed impurity.



- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came  
To God's own altar lit with flame;  
While weeping angels hid their eyes,  
This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be  
Of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place  
Within the veil, before God's face.
- 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.

- 6 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.
- 7 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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**Distribution Hymn: *O Word of God Incarnate***
**LSB 523**

- 1 O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.
- 2 The Church from You, dear Master,  
Received the gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted  
O'er all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass  
That, all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
Still guides, O Christ, to You.

- 3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light as of old!  
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims  
By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see You face to face!

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**Distribution Hymn: *Sing Praise to the God of Israel***
**LSB 936**

- 1 Sing praise to the God of Israel!  
Sing praise for His visitation!  
Redeeming His people from their sin,  
Accomplishing their salvation,  
Upraising a mighty horn within  
The house of His servant David!
- 2 God spoke by the prophets long ago,  
His promise on oath recalling—  
To Abraham made in former years:  
Of vanquishing foes appalling,  
That those He delivered from their fears  
Might gladly and truly serve Him.

- 3 You, child, will go on before the Lord  
As prophet, His way preparing;  
To speak on behalf of God Most High,  
His counsel of truth declaring:  
Rich mercy and grace for all whereby  
Iniquity is forgiven.

- 4 O bright, rising Sun, now shine on us  
In need of illumination;  
Come scatter the shades of sin and death  
And shatter their domination.  
Be guiding our footsteps on the path  
Of peace, in Your presence dawning!

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**Distribution Hymn: *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (USE HYMNAL)***
**LSB 594**

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace and with great joy, your sins are forgiven.

**C** Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis** *Luke 2:29-32*

**LSB 199**

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Thanksgiving**

**LSB 200**

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- Psalm 107:1*

**Post-Communion Collect**

**LSB 200**

- 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 be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.
- 2 Timothy 4:22*

**Benedicamus & Benediction**

**LSB 202**

- A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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, amen, amen.
- [Psalm 103:1]*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Recessional Hymn: From God the Father, Virgin-Born**

**LSB 401**

- 1

From God the Father, virgin-born  
To us the only Son came down;  
By death the font to consecrate,  
The faithful to regenerate.

2

Beginning from His home on high,  
In human flesh He came to die;  
Creation by His death restored,  
And shed new joys of life abroad.

3

Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring  
The gift of healing on Your wing;  
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense  
The clearness of Your light dispense.
- 4

Abide with us, O Lord, we pray;  
The gloom of darkness chase away;  
Your work of healing, Lord, begin,  
And take away the stain of sin.

5

Lord, once You came to earth's domain  
And, we believe, shall come again;  
Be with us on the battlefield,  
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

△ 6

To You, O Lord, all glory be  
For this Your blest epiphany;  
To God, whom all His hosts adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Postlude

# The Congregation at Prayer

First Sunday After Epiphany – January 11, 2026

**Catechism:** Sacrament of Holy Baptism: What is Baptism? Which is that Word of God? What benefits does Baptism give? Which are these words and promises of God?

**Verse of the week:** Acts 2:38-39 *Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.* **Daily Prayer – LSB pp 294-298** Pray and confess out loud **Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families** as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord's Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Baptism of Our Lord—Matthew 3:13-17</b>	
<b>MON</b>	Jacob Returns to Isaac His Father—Genesis 35:16-20, 22b-29	John 6:22-26
<b>TUE</b>	Joseph's Brothers Sell Him into Slavery—Gen. 37:1-36	John 6:27-35
<b>WED</b>	Judah and Tamar—Genesis 38:1-30	John 6:35-40
<b>THU</b>	Joseph Is a Slave in Egypt—Genesis 39:1-23	John 6:41-47
<b>FRI</b>	Joseph Interprets Dreams in Prison—Genesis 40:1-23	John 6:48-51
<b>SAT</b>	Epiphany 2: Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>		<b>1 Kings 8:6-13; Ps. 50:1-15; Rom. 12:1-5; Luke 2:41-52</b>

**Psalm 50:1-15; antiphon: v. 15** – O Lord, we receive Jesus and all the benefits of His sacrifice in Word and Sacrament. We praise and glorify You for this great salvation!. Amen.

**Hymn of the Week: LSB 410 – “Within the Father’s House”**

The tune can be found on the web. Search “FRANCONIA”

Daily Psalms	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Morning	135	137, 138	140, 141	144	147	148	1, 2
Evening	136	139	142, 143	145	146	149, 150	3

**Weekly Collect** - O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Sun:** Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

**Mon:** Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.

**Tue:** Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.

**Wed:** Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.

**Thu:** Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.

**Fri:** Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.

**Sat:** Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

**Specific prayer requests can be found in the Advent Announcements that are emailed weekly.**

**Please contact the church office to be added to the Prayer List or to receive the email.**

# NEXT WEEK

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  
Epiphany**  
January 18, 2026



**Hymns:**  
399, 402, 631, 408, 514,  
824, 860

**Texts:**  
Amos 9:11-15;  
Ps. 67 or 111;  
Romans 12:6-16;  
John 2-1-11

# TODAY

***Join us for Coffee, Donuts and  
Conversation in the Fellowship Hall  
between services!***

- 8:15am & 10:45am Divine Service
- 9:35am Sunday School
- 9:45am Bible Study “Bondage of the Will”

# UPCOMING

**55+ Group- Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Women’s Supper Club- Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Advent Family Open Enrollment  
for Early Childhood Education- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Book Club- Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Women’s Bible Study- Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>**

## Phase III Building Expansion

<sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying,  
“**Let the children come** to me, and do not hinder them,  
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”  
-Luke 18:16



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