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Visitor, you are very welcome here.

Please contact us with questions or prayer requests, and come worship with us again. Our pastor would be very glad to meet with you. May our Lord's Word be a blessing to all who gather in His name.

For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the prayers, hymns, or other parts of the service, please know that you may sit as you find need or comfort.

Don't be embarrassed if your children make noise during worship—all children do. We encourage families to worship together. If needed, there is a nursery available in the basement during service and Bible class.

Out of courtesy to your brothers and sisters, please turn off your cell phone ringer and refrain from leaving or entering the sanctuary during the readings and the prayers.

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Gregory would be very glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Spiritual Care

Individual confession and absolution, spiritual care, and pastoral counsel are available by appointment. Please contact the church office to schedule a time.

Christian Education

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study follow the service. Pre-Kindergarten through seventh grade students meet in the basement, high school students in pastors' study, and adults in the sanctuary.

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Elder Dave Farabaugh
Liturgist	Tom Connell
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Josiah Paradis Andrew Gull

Prayers for Worship

For the love of God to abide in us: O God of love, those who abide in love abide in You, and You abide in them. Give us such perfect love of You and our neighbor that all fear may be cast out of our hearts and we may with confidence greet You on the Day of Judgment; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Of general thanksgiving: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your unworthy servants, give You humble and hearty thanks for all the goodness and loving-kindness that You bestow on us. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. But above all, we bless You for Your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. We implore You to give us a right understanding of all Your mercies that our hearts may ever be deeply thankful and that we may show forth Your praise with both our lips and our lives. Direct our lives in ways of holiness and righteousness all our days that we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Your favor, be sustained and comforted in every time of trouble, and finally be received into Your everlasting kingdom; through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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"The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-Law"
drawing with pen and brush c. 1658
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> Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will be received in the offering box as you enter the nave for the service.
They will be presented before the Lord’s altar prior to the Prayer of the Church. <

OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 16 – TEXT: LSB 904

**1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.**

**3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

**2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.**

**△ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.**

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THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 124:8

*I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
and You forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Psalm 32:5

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven.
Amen.

THE INTROIT

Psalm 10:12, 16–18

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Your hand;
forget not the afflicted.

The LORD is king forever and ever;
the nations perish from His land.

O LORD, You hear the desire of the afflicted;
You will strengthen their heart;

You will incline Your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,
so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

THE GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

**Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory to God on high:
and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,
we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

from the Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4–10, 17–19

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 71:1–6; antiphon v. 12

O God, be not far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me!

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame!

In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline Your ear to me, and save me!

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

For You, O Lord, are my hope,

my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Upon You I have leaned from before my birth; You are He who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of You.

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.

O God, be not far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me!

from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospel: Luke 4:31–44

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

Having heard the Word, what do you believe?

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic, 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 – TUNE: LSB 373 – TEXT: RMH

**1 Joyful fear and trembling praise,
O Lord Christ, to You we raise,
Like the Gentiles from afar
Summoned by the calling star.
Righteous Branch of Jesse's Stem,
Shepherd-King of Bethlehem,
Pow'r and love around You shine,
God Incarnate! Man Divine!**

**2 Baptized here for us below
In earth's water and earth's woe,
Filled with might and full of grace
In the Holy Ghost's embrace,
Underneath the tearing sky,
God's Beloved from on high!
Pow'r and love around You shine,
God Incarnate! Man Divine!**

- 3 Son of Man and sinners' King,
 All our sorrows carrying,
 In Your mercy making whole
 Crippled limb and crippled soul,
 God of God and Light of Light,
 Granting eyes and spirits sight,
 Pow'r and love around You shine,
 God Incarnate! Man Divine!
- 4 Christ, who hearts and bodies fed
 Sudden wine and wondrous bread,
 Christ, who walked upon the sea,
 Stilling storms in majesty,
 Christ, who spoke and demons fled,
 Christ, who spoke and waked the dead,
 Pow'r and love around You shine,
 God Incarnate! Man Divine!

- 5 Grant us grace to see You, Lord,
 Mirrored in Your Holy Word.
 May we imitate You here
 And be pure when You appear
 That we all like You may be
 At Your Great Epiphany,
 And like stars around You shine,
 God Incarnate! Man Divine!
- 6 Sun and moon will darkened be.
 Stars will fall; the skies will flee.
 All will then the trumpet hear.
 All will see their God appear.
 All will kneel and all confess,
 "Christ is Lord!" in dread or bliss;
 Like the lightning You will shine,
 God Incarnate! Man Divine!

The Sermon

Luke 4:31–44

THE OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE: TLH 127 – TEXT: LSB 397

- 1 As with gladness men of old
 Did the guiding star behold;
 As with joy they hailed its light,
 Leading onward, beaming bright;
 So, most gracious Lord, may we
 Evermore be led by Thee.
- 2 As they offered gifts most rare
 At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
 So may we with holy joy,
 Pure and free from sin's alloy,
 All our costliest treasures bring,
 Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
- 3 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
 Keep us in the narrow way;
 And when earthly things are past,
 Bring our ransomed souls at last
 Where they need no star to guide,
 Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

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The Presentation of the Offering

I will offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

O LORD, my strength, I love You.

The Prayer of the Church

Each petition concludes with:

Lord, be gracious to us.

Help us, good Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE—TUNE & TEXT: LSB 544

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| <p>1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!</p> <p>2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.</p> <p>3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.</p> | <p>4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.</p> <p>5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.</p> <p>6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.</p> |
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- △ 7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.**

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THE COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for us to learn, make us hear it, read it, study it, learn it, and take it into ourselves so that, by the strength and comfort of Your Holy Word, we will embrace for ourselves and hold out to others the blessed promise of everlasting life that You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one eternal God, now, and in the endless world to come. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 818

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| <p>1 In Thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest,
Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely
Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining
To see Thy shining,
Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!</p> | <p>2 Since He is ours, we fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story
Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices;
All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness,
Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!</p> |
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God's People at Prayer

For Home Devotions

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

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Zechariah 9:1–17	2 Timothy 2:1–26
M	Zechariah 10:1–11:3	2 Timothy 3:1–17
Tu	Zechariah 11:4–17	2 Timothy 4:1–18
W	Zechariah 12:1–13:9	Titus 1:1–2:6
Th	Zechariah 14:1–21	Titus 2:7–3:15
F	Job 1:1–22	John 1:1–18
Sa	Job 2:1–3:10	John 1:19–34

The Table of Duties

*Certain passages of Scripture for various holy orders and positions,
admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities.*

Of Civil Government (Romans 13:1–4): Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

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Verse for Meditation

In You, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!

O God, be not far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me! Ps. 71:1, 12

Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.

LSB 544:4

Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The following topics may guide your prayer each day.

- Su For the joy of the resurrection among us
M For one's calling and daily work, coworkers,
and the unemployed
Tu For deliverance against temptation and evil;
for all who suffer and are afflicted
W For immediate, extended, and church family;
for our schools, communities, and
neighborhoods
Th For the Church and her pastors, all who serve
in the congregation, and missionaries
F For the preaching of the holy cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying
Sa For faithfulness to the end; for receptive
hearts and minds to God's Word

The Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Week

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings for the Fifth Sun. aft. Epiphany, Feb. 6

Isaiah 6:1–13; Psalm 138;

1 Corinthians 14:12b–20; Luke 5:1–11