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# *Divine Service*



*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*Westminster, Massachusetts*

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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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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. Children meet in the basement, high school students in pastors' study, and adults in the sanctuary. Coffee and refreshments are served in the basement directly after service..

## Serving in Worship Today

Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Ray Arsenaault
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Ben Paradis, Luis Albert

## Prayers for Worship

*For the Church:* Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*For right reception of the Lord's Supper:* O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:* Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.

## Cover Image

Stained glass of angels kneeling and adoring at the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Lord's Supper from Epiphany Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Martin Luther called the tree of life (Gen. 2:9) "Adam's church, altar, and pulpit."

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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. <

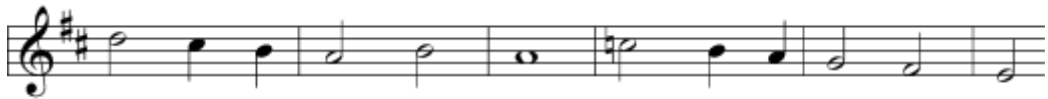
OPENING HYMN—TUNE & TEXT: LSB 501



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,  
And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,  
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,  
No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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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 unto the Lord,*  
**and You forgave the guilt of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

**All-Powerful God, merciful Father, I, a poor, pitiful sinner, confess to You all my sins and unrighteousness. By them I have continually offended You and fairly deserved Your punishment, both now and eternally. But from my heart I am sorry for them, and I sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, in Your limitless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## *The Absolution*

*[John 20:19–23]*

**Amen.**

*THE INTROIT*

*Psalm 119:7, 1–2, 4–5*

*I will praise You with an upright heart,*  
**when I learn Your just and righteous decrees.**

*Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,*  
**who walk in the law of the LORD!**

*Blessèd are those who keep His testimonies,*  
**who seek Him with their whole heart.**

*You have commanded Your precepts*  
**to be kept diligently.**

*Oh that my ways may be steadfast*  
**in keeping Your statutes!**

*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 SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.*  
**And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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 17:5–8*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 1; antiphon v. 2 (KJV)

*His delight is in the law of the LORD;*  
**and in His law doth he meditate day and night.**

*Blessèd is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,*  
**nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.**

*But his delight is in the law of the LORD;*  
**and in His law doth he meditate day and night.**

*And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;*  
*his leaf also shall not wither;*  
**and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.**

*The ungodly are not so:*  
**but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.**

*Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*

*For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

**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.**

*His delight is in the law of the LORD;  
and in His law doth he meditate day and night.*

*from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 15:1–20*

*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 6:17–26*

**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.**

- 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*

*1 Corinthians 15:1–20*

THE OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10–12*

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me out of Your presence, nor take Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a free spirit. Amen.

## *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***

*the prayer ends with:*

*. . . one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### THE PREFACE

*The Lord be with you.*

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**And with your spirit.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*[Psalm 136]*

**It is good and right that we do.**

### THE PROPER PREFACE

*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:*

### THE SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### 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.**

## ***The Words of Institution***

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

### THE PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**Amen.**



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,  
 grant us Your peace. Amen.

## *Holy Communion*

> Note about Holy Communion: All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing. <

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 872, STANZAS 1–2, 4–5

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| <p><b>1</b> Come, Thou bright and Morning Star,<br/>         Light of Light without beginning;<br/>         Shine upon us from afar<br/>         That we may be kept from sinning.<br/>         Drive away by Thy clear light<br/>         Our dark night.</p> | <p><b>3</b> Ah! Thou Dayspring from on high,<br/>         Grant that at Thy next appearing<br/>         We who in the graves do lie<br/>         May arise, Thy summons hearing,<br/>         And rejoice in our new life,<br/>         Far from strife.</p>          |
| <p><b>2</b> Let Thy grace, like morning dew<br/>         Falling soft on barren places,<br/>         Comfort, quicken, and renew<br/>         Our dry souls and dying graces;<br/>         Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store<br/>         Evermore.</p>      | <p><b>4</b> Light us to those heav'nly spheres,<br/>         Sun of grace, in glory shrouded;<br/>         Lead us through this vale of tears<br/>         To the land where days unclouded,<br/>         Purest joy, and perfect peace<br/>         Never cease.</p> |

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 207 – TEXT: LSB 548

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| <p><b>1</b> Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!<br/>         Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!<br/>         Death hath now no power o'er us,<br/>         Thou hast conquered in the strife.<br/>         Thanks because Thou didst arise<br/>         And hast opened paradise!<br/>         None can fully sing the glory<br/>         Of the resurrection story.</p> | <p><b>2</b> Thou hast died for my transgression,<br/>         All my sins on Thee were laid;<br/>         Thou hast won for me salvation,<br/>         On the cross my debt was paid.<br/>         From the grave I shall arise<br/>         And shall meet Thee in the skies.<br/>         Death itself is transitory;<br/>         I shall lift my head in glory.</p> |
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3 For the joy Thine advent gave me,  
 For Thy holy, precious Word;  
 For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,  
 For Thy blest Communion board;  
 For Thy death, the bitter scorn,  
 For Thy resurrection morn,  
 Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,  
 And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 206 – TEXT: LSB 741, STANZAS 1, 3–7

1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense  
 And my Savior, now is living!  
 Knowing this, my confidence  
 Rests upon the hope here given,  
 Though the night of death be fraught  
 Still with many'n anxious thought.

2 No, too closely I am bound  
 By my hope to Christ forever;  
 Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,  
 Grasped it, and will leave it never;  
 Even death now cannot part  
 From its Lord the trusting heart.

3 I am flesh and must return  
 To the dust, whence I am taken;  
 But by faith I now discern  
 That from death I shall awaken  
 With my Savior to abide  
 In His glory, at His side.

4 Glorified, I shall anew  
 With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
 In this body I shall view  
 God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
 In this flesh I then shall see  
 Jesus Christ eternally.

5 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
 For His members Christ will cherish.  
 Fear not, they will hear His voice;  
 Dying, they will never perish;  
 For the very grave is stirred  
 When the trumpet's blast is heard.

6 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave  
 And at death no longer tremble;  
 He, the Lord, who came to save  
 Will at last His own assemble.  
 They will go their Lord to meet,  
 Treading death beneath their feet.

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32

Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised,  
 for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people,  
 a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your 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.

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

**And His mercy endures forever!**

## THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. We thank You, All-Powerful God, for refreshing us with this healing gift, and we pray: Father of mercy, by this Holy Food make us strong in faith toward You, and in deep love for each other, that through us other beloved sinners may kneel to You and receive with us grace and life in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

## THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

*Bless we the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

## THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

*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.*

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 26 – TEXT: LSB 797, STANZAS 1, 3–5

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| <p><b>1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!</b><br/> <b>Yes, I will laud Him until death;</b><br/> <b>With songs and anthems I come before Him</b><br/> <b>As long as He allows me breath.</b><br/> <b>From Him my life and all things came;</b><br/> <b>Bless, O my soul, His holy name.</b><br/> <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b></p>  | <p><b>3 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,</b><br/> <b>Pardon and peace from Him obtain;</b><br/> <b>Ever the wants of the poor supplying,</b><br/> <b>Their faithful God He will remain.</b><br/> <b>He helps His children in distress,</b><br/> <b>The widows and the fatherless.</b><br/> <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b></p>                 |
| <p><b>2 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever</b><br/> <b>Whose help is from the Lord Most High,</b><br/> <b>Whom from salvation can nothing sever,</b><br/> <b>And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.</b><br/> <b>To all who trust in Him, our Lord</b><br/> <b>Will aid and counsel now afford.</b><br/> <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> | <p><b>△ 4 Praise, all you people, the name so holy</b><br/> <b>Of Him who does such wondrous things!</b><br/> <b>All that has being, to praise Him solely,</b><br/> <b>With happy heart its amen sings.</b><br/> <b>Children of God, with angel host</b><br/> <b>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!</b><br/> <b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> |

# 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	Job 9:1–35	John 4:46–54
M	Job 10:1–22	John 5:1–18
Tu	Job 11:1–20	John 5:19–29
W	Job 12:1–6, 12–25	John 5:30–47
Th	Job 13:1–12	John 6:1–21
F	Job 13:13–28	John 6:22–40
Sa	Job 14:1–22	John 6:41–59

### The Table of Duties

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

#### Of Citizens

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and  
authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do  
whatever is good. Titus 3:1

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every  
authority instituted among men: whether to the  
king, as the supreme authority, or to governors,  
who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong  
and to commend those who do right. 1 Pet 2:13–14

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!

Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!

Death hath now no power o'er us,

Thou hast conquered in the strife.

Thanks because Thou didst arise

And hast opened paradise!

None can fully sing the glory

Of the resurrection story.

LSB 548:1

### Verse for Meditation

For I delivered to you as of first importance  
what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:3–4

### 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

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people  
that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin  
may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to  
the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord,. Amen.

#### Readings for the Sixth Sun. aft. Epiphany, Feb. 13

Genesis 45:3–15; Psalm 103:1–13;

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42; Luke 6:27–38