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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

Celebrant & Preacher
Liturgist
Organist
Acolytes

Rev. Peter Gregory
Tim Terhune
Anne Bennet
Simeon Gregory
Matthew Connell

Prayers for Worship

For sanctified lives: Our Lord Jesus, Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light. Keep us from becoming burdened by laws fulfilled in You, and help us to live lives sanctified by Your Spirit that we might bear witness that in You all things have been made new; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For blessing on the Word: Lord God, bless Your Word here and wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For steadfast faith: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because of Your tender love toward us sinners You have given us Your Son that, believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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The sermon on the mount; Christ sits on a mound and raises His arm and preaches to a crowd; plate 5; after Maarten de Vos Engraving

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OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 650

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| <p>1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.</p> | <p>2 Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.</p> |
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- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working**
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

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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

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 98:2, 7–9

The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,
for He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 119:1–8; antiphon v. 1

*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,*

*who also do no wrong,
but walk in His ways!*

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

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

*Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments.*

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

*I will keep Your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!*

**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.**

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

from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 3:1–9

After the reading:

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Thanks be to God.

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21–37

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

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| 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! |
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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

Matthew 5:21–38

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 Receiving of New Members by Adult Confirmation & Reaffirmation of Faith

Ed Hillman, Jon & Erin Kate McGuire with Liam and Megan, Karen Stowell

The Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

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. <

Psalm 95 (antiphon: v. 6)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 343 – TEXT: LSB 395

- 1 **O Morning Star, how fair and bright!**
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,
All victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 2 **Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,**
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness
May perplex us and distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.
- 3 **Lord, when You look on us in love,**
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy warm and cheer us!
O draw near us! For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.
- 4 **Almighty Father, in Your Son**
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living,
To us giving life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!
- 5 **O let the harps break forth in sound!**
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation!
Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!
- 6 **What joy to know, when life is past,**
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness! We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!



1 Come, Thou bright and Morn - ing Star, Light of Light with -
 2 Let Thy grace, like morn - ing dew Fall - ing soft on
 3 May Thy fer - vent love de - stroy Our cold works, in
 4 Ah! Thou Day - spring from on high, Grant that at Thy
 5 Light us to those heav'n - ly spheres, Sun of grace, in



out be - gin - ning; Shine up - on us from a - far
 bar - ren plac - es, Com - fort, quick - en, and re - new
 us a - wak - ing Ar - dent zeal and ho - ly joy
 next ap - pear - ing We who in the graves do lie
 glo - ry shroud - ed; Lead us through this vale of tears



That we may be kept from sin - ning.
 Our dry souls and dy - ing grac - es;
 At the pur - ple morn's first break - ing.
 May a - rise, Thy sum - mons hear - ing,
 To the land where days un - cloud - ed,



Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.
 Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store Ev - er - more.
 Let us tru - ly rise ere yet Life has set.
 And re - joice in our new life, Far from strife.
 Pur - est joy, and per - fect peace Nev - er cease.

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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.**

THE THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1

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.

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE: TLH 310 -- & TEXT: LSB 610

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| 1 Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
And make me pure within. | 2 Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out Your chosen way. |
| 3 Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may th'eternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last. | |

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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	Job 8:1–22	John 4:27–45
M	Job 9:1–35	John 4:46–54
Tu	Job 10:1–22	John 5:1–18
W	Job 11:1–20	John 5:19–29
Th	Job 12:1–6, 12–25	John 5:30–47
F	Job 13:1–12	John 6:1–21
Sa	Job 13:13–28	John 6:22–40

The Lord's Prayer

As the head of the family should teach it to his household.

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

From the Large Catechism: We still stumble daily and transgress because we live in the world among people. They do us much harm and give us reasons for impatience, anger, revenge, and such. Besides, we have the devil at our back. He attacks us from every side and fights . . . against all the previous petitions. So it is not possible to stand firm at all times in such a constant conflict. . . . The purpose of

this prayer is that we might recognize and receive such forgiveness.

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Hymn

Sing or speak stanza #4 of LSB 395 on p. 7 of the bulletin.

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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings for Transfiguration Sunday, February 19

Exodus 24:8–18; Psalms 2:6–12 (v. 6) & 99 (v. 9);
2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9