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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 for children under three years old, 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 at the parsonage, and adults in the sanctuary.

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher & Celebrant The Rev. Dr. James Tino
Liturgist Tim Terhune
Organist Anne Bennet
Acolytes Liam McGuire, Riley Albert

Prayers for Worship

For strength and protection: 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. Amen.

Before communing: 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 forgive-ness 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.

Preparation for Confession

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a chaste and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Questions for self-examination

- Am I chaste?
- Have I held in highest regard God's gift of sexuality or have I debased it in any way by my thoughts, words, or conduct?
- Have I desired or cultivated an emotional or physical relationship with someone who is not my spouse?

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Simeon's Song of Praise by Arent de Gelder (1645–1727).

THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 10 & TEXT: LSB 903

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| <p>1 This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.</p> <p>2 Today He rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread
And all His wonders tell.</p> | <p>3 Hosanna to th'anointed King,
To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from Your throne.</p> <p>4 Blessèd is He who comes to us
With messages of grace;
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us
To save our fallen race.</p> <p>5 Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.</p> |
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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

> Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination. <

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.

We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of Your temple.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Within her citadels
God has made Himself known as a fortress.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God,
which God will establish forever.

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.

Let us pray.

> Silence for personal prayers. <

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, 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: 1 Samuel 1:21–28

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 84; antiphon v. 4

Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

Blessèd are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your Anointed!

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts, blessèd is the one who trusts in 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.

Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

from the Letters: Hebrews 2:14–18

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HALLELUJAH

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22–32

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: TLH 139 & TEXT: LSB 519

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| <p>1 In His temple now behold Him,
See the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him,
God has now fulfilled His word.
Now to praise Him, His redeemed
Shall break forth with one accord.</p> | <p>2 In the arms of her who bore Him,
Virgin pure, behold Him lie
While His aged saints adore Him
Ere in perfect faith they die.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lo, th'incarnate God Most High!</p> |
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**3 Jesus, by Your presentation,
When they blessed You, weak and poor,
Make us see Your great salvation,
Seal us with Your promise sure;
And present us in Your glory
To Your Father, cleansed and pure.**

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The Sermon

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

[1 Timothy 2:1–4]

after each petition

**Lord, in Your mercy:
hear our prayer.**

THE PREFACE

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

2 Timothy 4:22

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, who, sharing Your eternal splendor, was presented on this day in Your temple in the substance of our human flesh and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and the light of all peoples. 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.* <

1 Samuel 2:1–10 (antiphon: v. 1a, c)

This hymn invites the entire communion of saints to join in praising the Triune God: the nine ranks of angels, “watchers and holy ones” (stanza 1); the virgin Mary, “bearer of the eternal Word” (stanza 2); the faithful departed, including patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints triumphant (stanza 3); and then all of us gathered in the congregation on earth (stanza 4).

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| <p>1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
 Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”
Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, pow’rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:
 “Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”</p> <p>2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
 Lead their praises: “Alleluia!”
Thou bearer of the_ eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
 “Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”</p> | <p>3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
 “Alleluia, alleluia!”
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
 “Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”</p> <p>△ 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
 “Alleluia, alleluia!”
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
 “Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”</p> |
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- 1** Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2** He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3** Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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| 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! | 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. |
| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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. |

△ 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 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. Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for sending Your Only Son into the world that we might become Your children, and for giving us now the very body and blood born of Mary in Bethlehem to set us free from sin, death, Satan, and hell. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us to the end with our Lord Jesus, that as we rejoice with angels in His birth, we may rejoice with angels in His glory, and behold Him with You and the Spirit in the kingdom of the Triune Majesty, which has no end. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

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.

THE HYMN TO DEPART — TUNE: TLH 50 & TEXT: LSB 924

- 1 **Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.**
- 2 **Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.**
- 3 **Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.**

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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 12:1–13:9	Titus 1:1–2:6
M	Zechariah 14:1–21	Titus 2:7–3:15
Tu	Job 1:1–22	John 1:1–18
W	Job 2:1–3:10	John 1:19–34
Th	Job 3:11–26	John 1:35–51
F	Job 4:1–21	John 2:1–12
Sa	Job 5:1–27	John 2:13–25

The Lord's Prayer

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

What is the Sixth Petition? And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

From the Large Catechism: Great and grievous, indeed, are these dangers and temptations [of the flesh, the world, and the devil], which every Christian must bear. We bear them even though each one were alone by himself. So every hour that we are in this vile life, we are attacked on all sides, chased and hunted down. We are moved to cry out and to pray that God would not allow us to become weary and faint and to fall again into sin, shame, and unbelief. For otherwise it is impossible to overcome even the least temptation.

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Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

Jesus, by Your presentation,
When they blessed You, weak and poor,
Make us see Your great salvation,
Seal us with Your promise sure;
And present us in Your glory
To Your Father, cleansed and pure. LSB 519:3

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 and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the Fifth Sun, after the Epiphany

Isa. 6:1–13; Ps. 138 (v. 5) & 1 Cor. 12:31b–13:13 (v. 13);
1 Corinthians 14:12b–20; Luke 5:1–11