

# **The Divine Service**

## **The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

### **February 5, 2023**

#### **AS WE GATHER**

*The Epiphany season continues to illuminate the miracle of Christmas shining its light forward to the goal and purpose of Christ's coming to us in the flesh. That purpose is the salvation of the world through the forgiveness of our sins. That forgiveness can and will happen only through the sacrifice on Christ's cross. As often as we Christians have heard this Gospel and believe it, however, the more often we tend to forget that this knowledge, this faith, remains a hidden mystery to the world, which ignores, rejects, or explains away "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Many really don't get it! Yet, here through the Divine Word and Sacraments, God the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, enlightens minds and hearts to a spiritual epiphany.*

#### **Call to Worship**

#### **Words of Welcome**

#### **Invocation**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

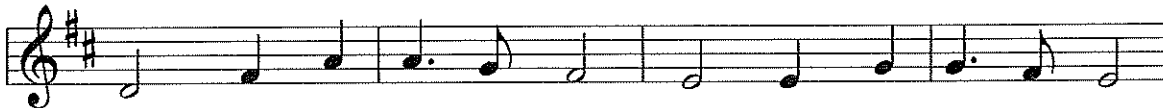
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*Silence for reflection.*

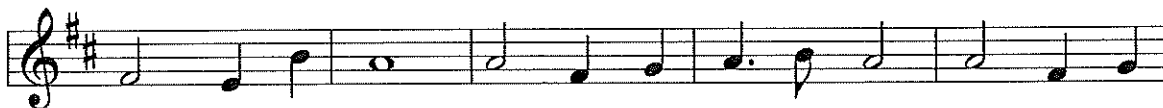
Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**Processional Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** LSB 702, verses 1 & 4



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

**Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

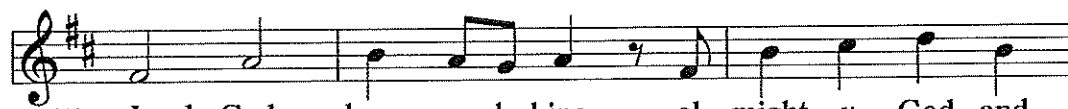
# Hymn of Praise

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



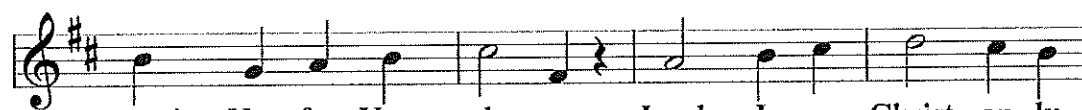
**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



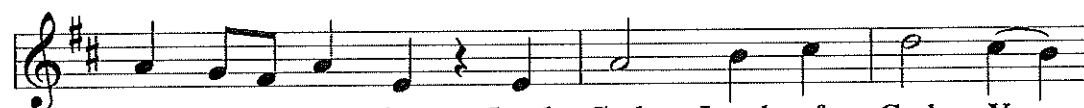
**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



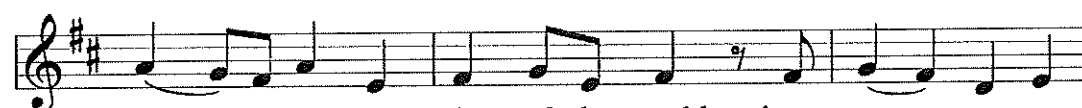
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Gracious God, by Your light of grace shining in our hearts and enlightened by the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, inspire in us a faith that is alive and glorifies You in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## Rite of Holy Baptism

11:00 AM Only

### "This is a Joyous Happy Day"

This is a joyous, happy day;  
We celebrate Your gift of life.  
Christ is with us, joy surrounds us.  
Christ takes our sin and sets us free;  
He fills our lives with endless life.  
Praise our Maker, praise the Spirit,  
Praise Christ Jesus.

## The Old Testament

Isaiah 58:3-9a

Reader: <sup>3</sup>"Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup>"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'"

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Reader:

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— <sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



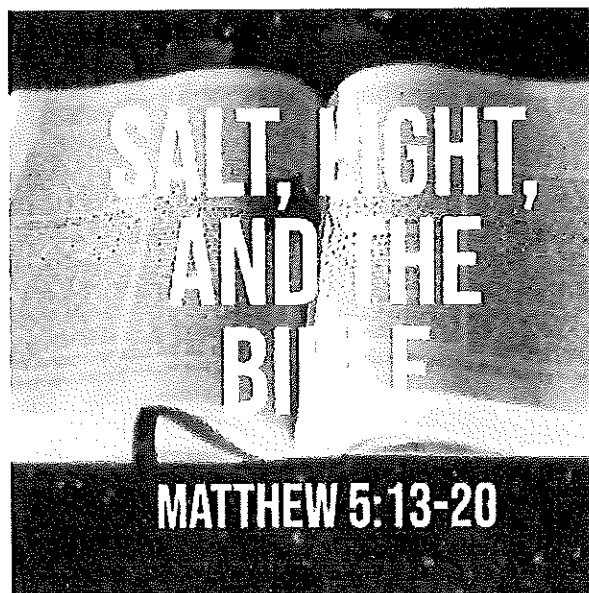
## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:13-20*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.  
People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. <sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

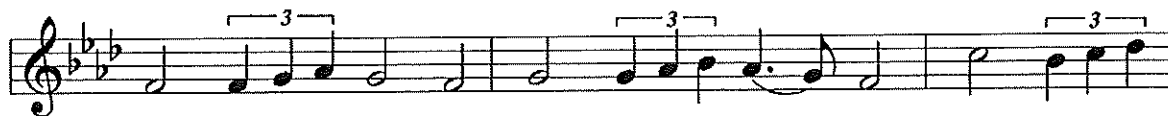
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**



Hymn of the Day

"Thy Strong Word"

LSB 578, Verse 1 & 5



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

Sermon

"Salt & Light"

Pastor Scott Henze

## Apostles' Creed

8:30 Only

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

*Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"*

## Gathering of Gifts

"The Lord is Our Refuge"

*Adult Choir, 8:30 am*

## Offertory Prayer

**Pastor:** Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People:** Amen.

***A word about Holy Communion:** We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements.*

## Service of the Sacrament

*Stand as you are able.*

### Preface

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

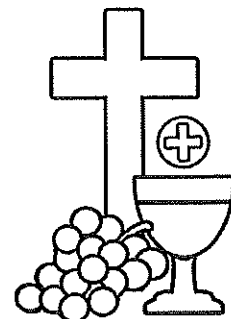
**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

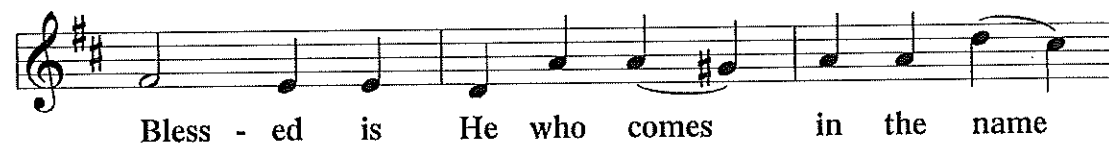
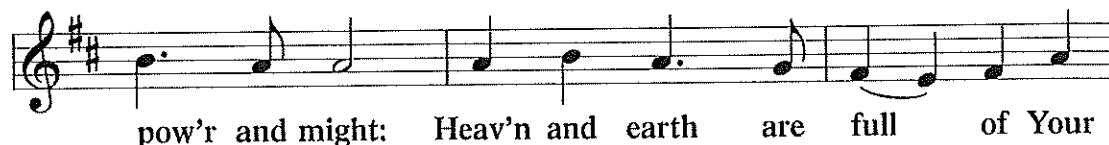
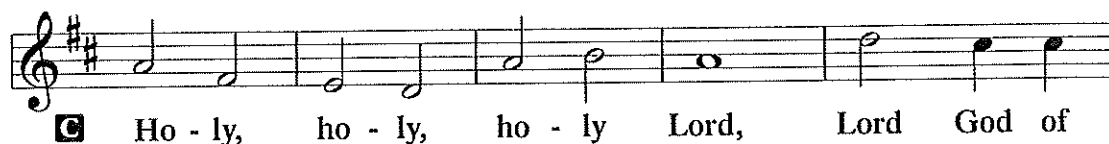




## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



## The Words of Institution

### Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: **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.**

## Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation may greet one another with the peace of the Lord.*

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



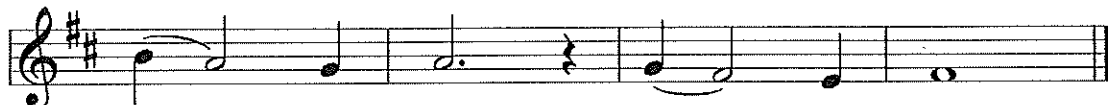
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymns

### "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB 425



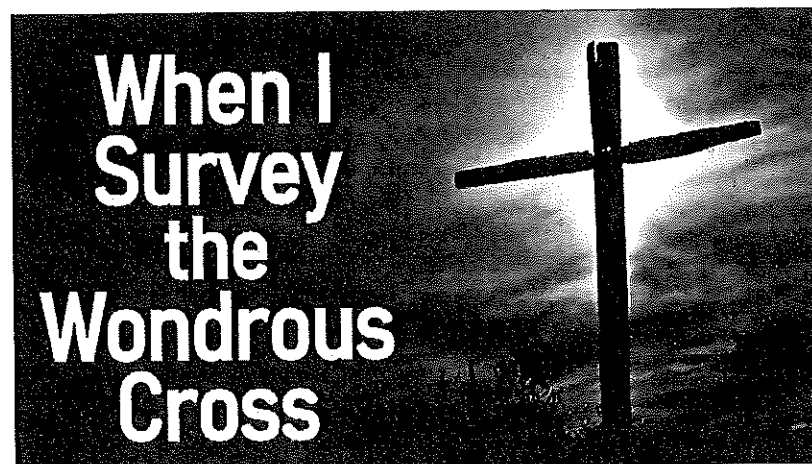
1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

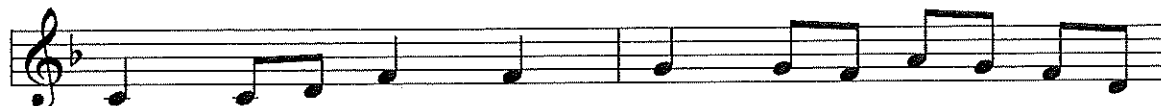


count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!



# "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

## *Refrain*



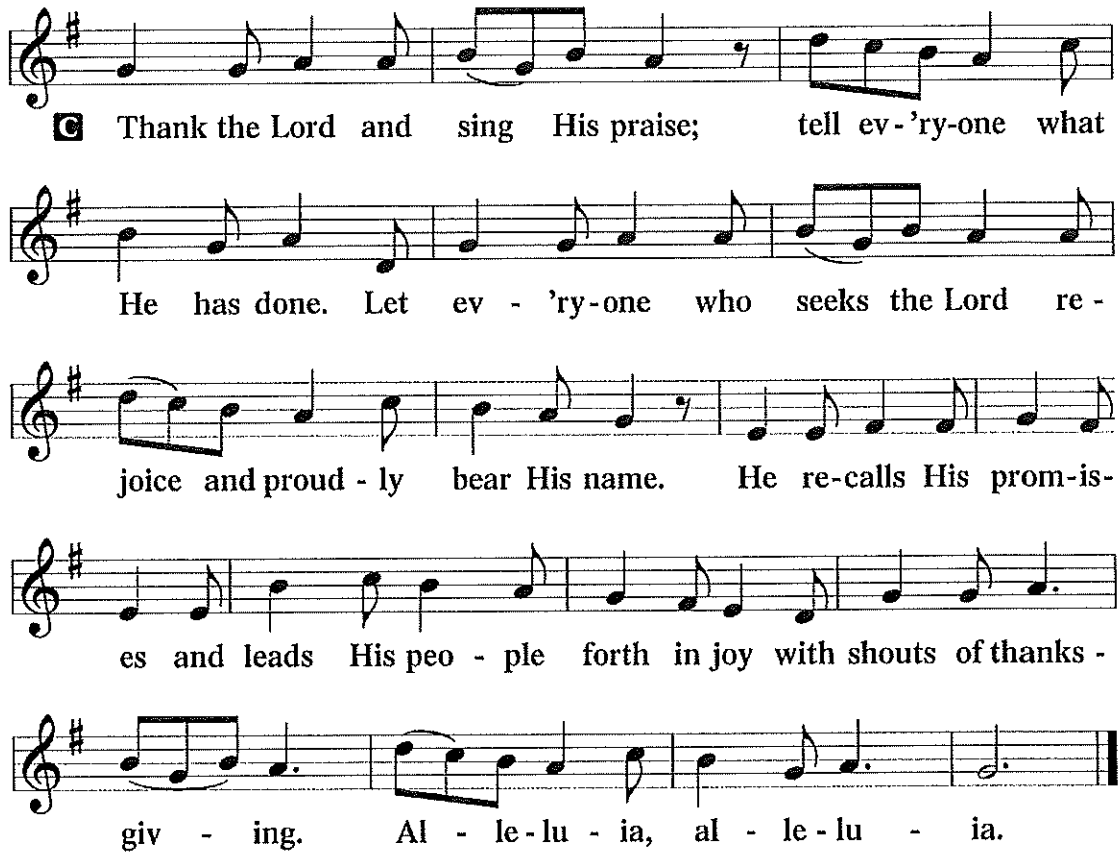
Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

## Closing the Table

## Post Communion Canticle



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

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. Amen.

## Announcements

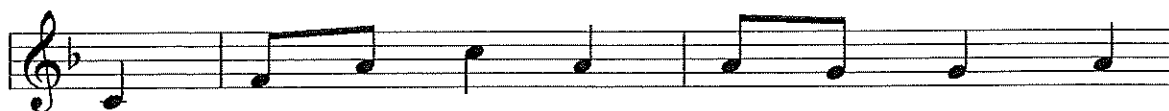
**St. Paul Child Enrichment Center**

**Benediction**

## Recessional Hymn

### "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 576, verses 1 & 4



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

#### *Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## Dismissal

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

**People: Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

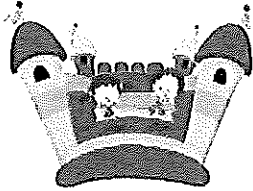
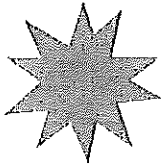
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## Bounce House Sunday!

All are invited!

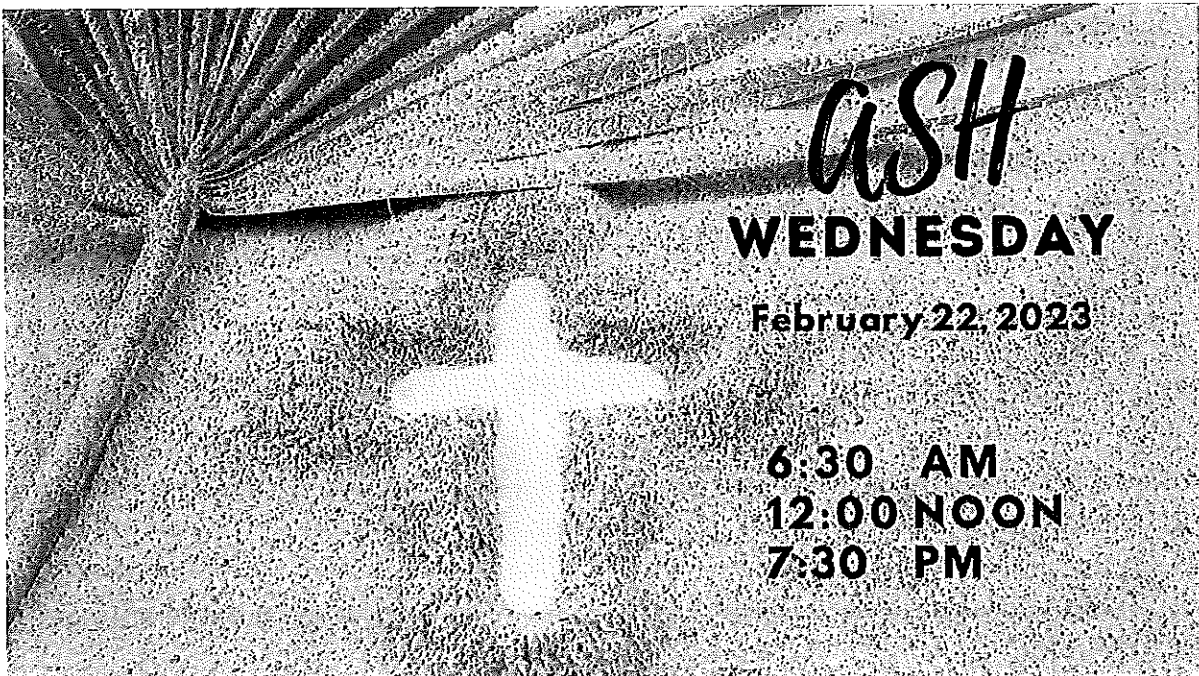
COME CELEBRATE THE CULMINATION OF LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK WITH US.  
**BOUNCE HOUSE SUNDAY!**

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 FROM 12:30 PM-2:00 PM



Preschool children will sing at the 11:00 service followed by bounce houses, lunch, and more fun!  
*All are welcome!*

## Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion



*Amen!*

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Sunday School for children and Youth at 9:45 AM

Adult Bible Study at 10:00 AM