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Stewards Walking By Grace: Week 2



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Divine Services:

Sunday 10:00 AM; Wednesday 7:00 PM

WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

A COMFORT ROOM is available during the Sunday services for young children and their parents. There are many toys and books available. If you need help, directions, or have any questions, please ask an usher. Parents, please do not leave your children unattended.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the narthex.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

*Sharing the caring CHRIST,
...here, there, and everywhere*

HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith: we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray.

LIFE THOUGHT

God chose humankind in Christ Jesus. God chose you with the celebration of a wedding (John 2:11). God chose you with the love a husband has for his bride (Isaiah 62:4-5). God chose you and all offspring of Adam and Eve (Psalm 128:3). God chose you and every variety of human being, chose us into existence, chose us with forgiveness, chose us for making a difference (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

"HAVING ALL SUFFICIENCY"

This is our second week of the stewardship emphasis **Stewards Walking by Grace**. The theme for this week is "Having All Sufficiency." The world teaches us that we need to depend on our own sufficiency. Through the lens of faith, we see God's truth which enables us to see that we are not *"sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God"* (2 Corinthians 3:5). God's sufficiency is always sufficient. Without God's sufficiency, there is no forgiveness, no abundant life on earth, and no life eternal with Him. By God's grace, we can trust in God's sufficiency as we walk as stewards by God's grace.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

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| Preacher: | Pastor Robert Briggs |
| Liturgist: | Pastor Martin Dressler |
| Fieldworkers: | Daniel and Rachel Heitshusen Tim Schulte Matthew Vathauer |
| Organist/Pianist: | Elin Hogan-Gomez |
| Greeters: | Bill & Sharon Lichtenberg |

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Come, People of the Risen King

(Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend)



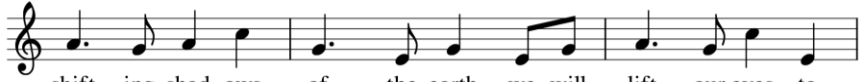
1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de -
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and



light to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your
weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of
wom - en of the faith. Come, those with full or



hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the
bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His
emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver



shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will lift our eyes to
per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er
all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to shore we hear them



Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to
cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the
call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our



gath - er chil - dren in. Re - joice! Re -
cer - tain hope of peace.
God is all in all."



joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One



heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re - joice!

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen!

OPENING RESPONSORY

P: Our God is such a gracious Father.
C: He has showered me with gift upon gift, grace upon grace.

P: He has made us His children through baptism.
C: He has given me His Holy Spirit.

P: He gives us His own presence in the Lord's Supper.
C: He daily and richly forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.

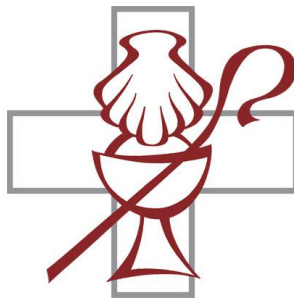
P: And yet others would often be hard-pressed to see that.
C: Often my life does not reflect how gracious God has been to me.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

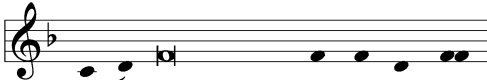
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: Most merciful Father, You have been so gracious, yet my actions have not demonstrated all that You have done for me. I confess that I have often been selfish with my time, harsh with my word, callous toward those in need, ungrateful for the gifts You've given, and mistrustful of Your continued faithfulness. Father, please be merciful to me and forgive me for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Silence to reflect on your need for a Savior.

P: Your Heavenly Father is gracious and merciful. He was gracious enough to send His only Son to die on the cross to forgive your sin and to rise that you might walk in newness of life. It is for Jesus' sake that God once again says "Yes" to you! Therefore, in the stead and by the command of Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Yes, it shall be so! Amen!



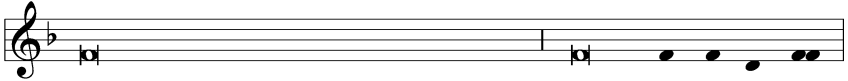
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



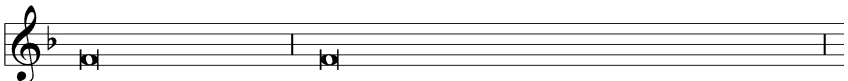
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



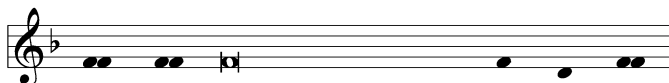
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - - men.

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THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia.



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia.

LITANY AND COLLECT

P: My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

C: Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

P: So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

C: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

P: In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

C: It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

P: Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

C: My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of His reproof, for the Lord reproves him who He loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

P: Let us pray.

C: Dear Jesus, we know that You came not to be served but to serve. As we walk by grace, help us to use our time, talents, and money in support and service of others. Amen.

(Please be seated)

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 9:1-21

Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God. On the stairs of the Levites stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani; and they cried with a loud voice to the LORD their God. Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

"You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. You are the LORD, the God who chose Abram and brought

him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. You found his heart faithful before you, and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous.

“And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea, and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for you knew that they acted arrogantly against our fathers. And you made a name for yourself, as it is to this day. And you divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and you cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters. By a pillar of cloud you led them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night to light for them the way in which they should go. You came down on Mount Sinai and spoke with them from heaven and gave them right rules and true laws, good statutes and commandments, and you made known to them your holy Sabbath and commanded them commandments and statutes and a law by Moses your servant. You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them.

“But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commandments. They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. Even when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said, ‘This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,’ and had committed great blasphemies, you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud to lead them in the way did not depart from them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night to light for them the way by which they should go. You gave your good Spirit to instruct them and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst. Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 54

L: O God, save me, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

C: **O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L: For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men seek my life;

C: **they do not set God before themselves.**

L: Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

**C: He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

L: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

**C: For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

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EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:45—21:4

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth and twenty-first chapters.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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**C: 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
 glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian 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.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



SERMON HYMN: By Grace I'm Saved (LSB 566)



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - lone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

The hymn continues on the following page.

- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

SERMON: "What's the Point?" 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Pastor Briggs

OFFERING (*prayer requests*)

*OFFERING VERSE - "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;
I will give thanks to Your name, O Lord, for it is good." Psalm 54:6*

(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin. Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

PREFACE

LSB 160

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

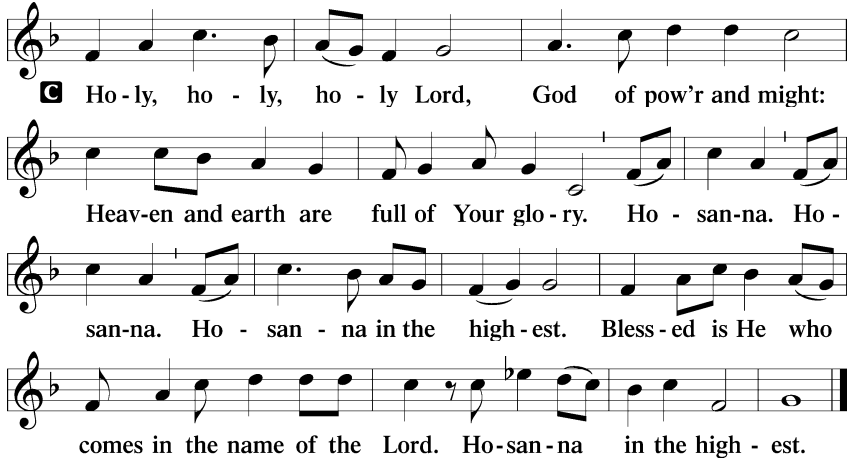
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, 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:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

G 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.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Jesus Comes Today with Healing (LSB 620)



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (LSB 621)



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence

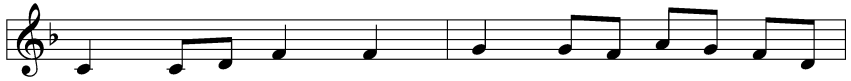


For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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
 Δ 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.

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(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank the Lord

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (LSB 793)



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "Fruit is always the miraculous, the created; it is never the result of willing, but always a growth. The fruit of the Spirit is a gift of God, and only He can produce it. They who bear it know as little about it as the tree knows of its fruit. They know only the power of Him on whom their life depends."—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY: God is merciful. God is gracious. God is love! So is it possible for God to hate? According to Amos 6, the answer is Yes! Join us next week to find out what it is that sparks God's ire. Can't make it in person? Join us online! It's not difficult and you won't regret having taken a small block of time to dive more deeply into God's Word.

To access by phone: 415-762-9988 or 646-568-7788. Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (798 4070 1280#). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 798 4070 1280 in meeting ID box. The passcode is 5180. If you've not used Zoom on your computer before, it will ask if you want to download and install it. You do, and it's okay to allow it to make changes to your computer. NOTE: You can do this part ahead of time, so you're all ready to go before Sunday morning. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

2. E-GIVING IS POSSIBLE for making your gifts to Salem! You can download the Abundant app on your smart device and search for Salem Lutheran Church, you can text SALEMBJ to 73256 to receive a link to make your donation, or you can go to:

<https://abundant.co/salemlutheranchurch>

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Briggs (314) 330-2674.

3. COME TO THE MANGER DEBRIEFING: A big thank-you to everyone who helped make Come to the Manger such a joyful event! I've heard many good things from many folks, and some are already talking about next year! While it's still fresh in our minds, *now* is the time to debrief. I invite all volunteers who participated in Come to the Manger to join us after church **NEXT Sunday, January 23** to discuss what went well and what can be improved. Please bring your insights and critiques with you! We will meet for **1 hour** and work through a topical agenda so as to cover as much ground as possible. See you then!

4. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850: Hear specials on the sanctity of life leading up to the March for Life on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), study Luke 2-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Matthew 10-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Listen live or on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

5. VALENTINES VENDOR FAIR - Grace Lutheran Chapel and School will host a Valentines Vendor Fair Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the school gym. Come see all the vendors and crafters! Food will be available for purchase. Grace Chapel is located at 10015 Lance Dr. (Hwy. 367 & Chambers Rd.). Proceeds will go towards support of our school. Call 314-867-6564, ext. 224 for more information.

Lutherans for Life - Please visit the "babies" on the table in the narthex today. Please hold them. We were all this size once. The smallest baby is a model of a 12-week baby. A baby this size has a brain, lungs, stomach, kidneys and a beating heart—all the things we have now, except very, very tiny! God is surely great. He has wonderfully made us.

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Lutherans for Life Sunday Chili Lunch is postponed. HOWEVER:

Our Lutherans for Life Chapter is excited to introduce you to **Coalition for Life**. Our Chapter is supporting Coalition for this year. The following is a real life story of what happens at the Planned Parenthood facilities every day!

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Ten years ago when we first started this we had been sidewalk counseling for two days and no one was noticing much. Third day . . .

Across the leafy sidewalk, a young high school girl stepped out of a bus and fearfully walked towards the looming abortion building. She responded to my friendly greeting and stopped to talk. I quickly learned that her name was Jada, and she had skipped class with her friend **to hide an abortion from her parents.**

Jada learned we had something **she desperately needed - HOPE.**

She accepted my offer of help, and we walked together a couple blocks up to the nearest pregnancy resource center. As we continued, Jada's eyes filled with tears as her terror and fears began to evaporate.

Jada was the first Turnaround in our ministry.

On that fateful Wednesday **5 more women** followed suit and left the abortion facility. We were so grateful then that we had followed God's call to stand in the gap for these women and children hour after hour.

Today we don't just celebrate the 10th Birthday of Coalition for Life of St. Louis. We celebrate the **3,000 women** who have turned around with our sidewalk counselors to pursue life instead of death.

Jada's child, along with all the children saved that first year, **is now in 5th grade.**

(Adapted from Coalition newsletter)

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Please support Coalition for Life this year with us. Our Chili Lunch will be announced at a later, safer date. In the meantime, please help by donating to Lutherans for Life with an offering marked with L.F.L.

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of January 16 through January 23

TODAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM

MONDAY: NO SCHOOL
Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study 6:00PM
Church Council 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY: School Chapel 8:30AM
Newsletter and Voters' Booklet Deadlines 9:00AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM

THURSDAY: Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM

FRIDAY: Proverbs Bible Class 10:30AM-12N

NEXT SUNDAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM
Come to the Manger Debrief 11:15AM

A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD
For the week of January 9, 2022
Sunday School 3 students, 2 teachers/helpers
Adult Bible Class 12
Friday Bible Class 4

Worship Service Attendance

January 9 - 70
January 12 - 13
Total - 83

Online views

January 9 - 62

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Tithes and Offerings

January 9: Physical-\$5,441.00 Online-\$361.00
Total-\$5,802.00

Weekly Offerings Budget: \$7,500.00

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Week of January 16, 2022

- OUR MEMBERS:

Craig Tampow; Ryan Taylor; Ferol Thaemert

- OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Lois Niehaus; Alice Schroeder; Mary Warner

- OUR ILL / HOSPITALIZED:

Steve Dubois (son-in-law of Randy & Kathy Adler)

Tony Fields (friend of Tim Schulte)

Dowbnia family

Greg Dewberry

Cliff Fuller

Myrna Goris

Debra Vandever

Cynthia Schroeder

Nancy Brower

Melissa Crawford (daughter of Bob & Karen Becker)

Cindi Bohmann (sister of Jeff Burkee)

Cindy Schulz

Eddie, Antoinette, and Shuanice Ray

Della Lee (sister-in-law of Landolph)

June (sister of Cindy Schulz)

Jan and Rodger Altevogt

Alicia Waller

Marilyn Patterson

Leo Russavage

Anthony Mueller (grandson of Larry Riedisser)

Bernie Pikal (son-in-law of the Gronemeiers)

Steve Ziegler

-The family and friends of MARY HEETLAND (friend of Tim Schulte) who passed away

- **OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS:** St. Stephen Lutheran Church in St. Louis, MO; Redeemer Lutheran Church in Arkansas City, Kansas; and Victory in Christ Lutheran Church in Newark, Texas

- **BIRTHDAYS:** Steven Drion (1/16), Nancy Delvecchio (1/16), Regina Meyer (1/17), Rachel Buenger (1/17), Jane Thur (1/18), Mark Lichtenberg (1/18), Larry Jerrod (1/19), Melba Linhardt (1/20), Alex Schutte (1/20), Cameron Menke (1/20), Reggie Miller (1/21), Madison Pence (1/21)

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LEARN BY HEART: Psalm 111:10