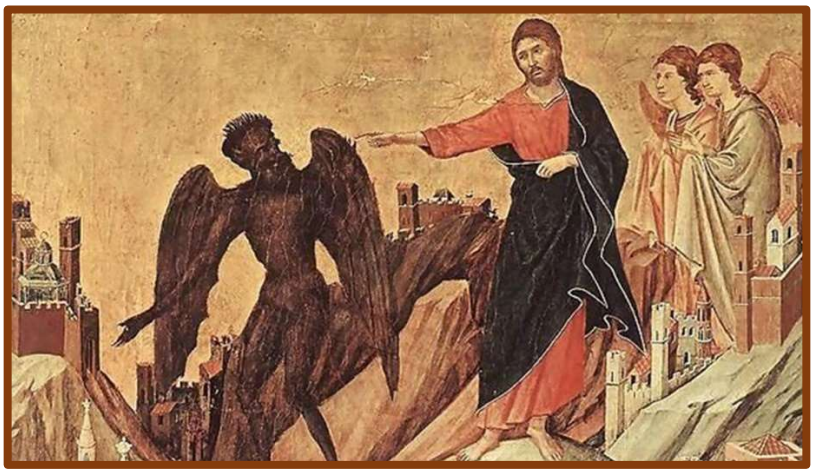
# Family of Christ Lutheran Church and Early Education Center

## *Welcome to the Family!*



*"A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."*

## *Third Sunday of the Epiphany of Our Lord*

### *January 31, 2021*

### Pastor's Greeting

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; Mark 1:14b-15*

(*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*.)

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Exhortation

*Psalm 32:1-2,5,10; 1 John 1:8-9*

P: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

**C: Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is covered.**

P: Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**C: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

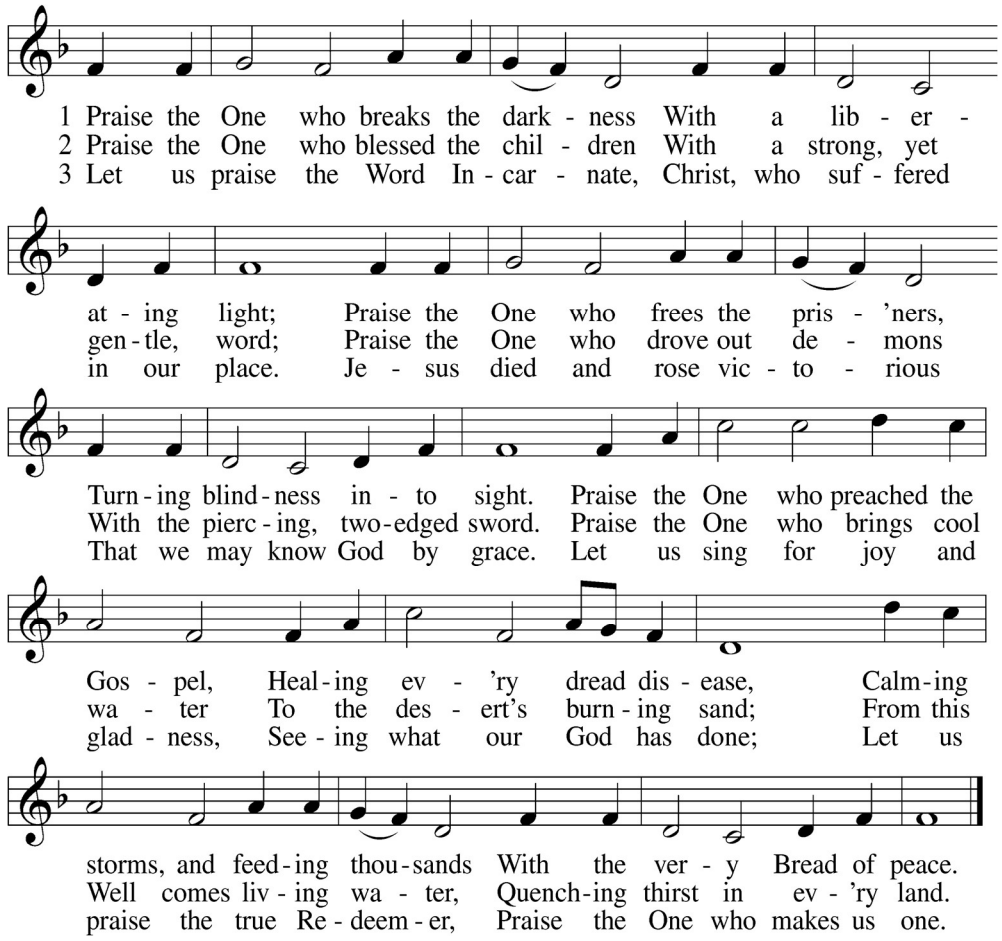
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: 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.**

## ABSOLUTION *John 20:19-23*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS *LSB 849*

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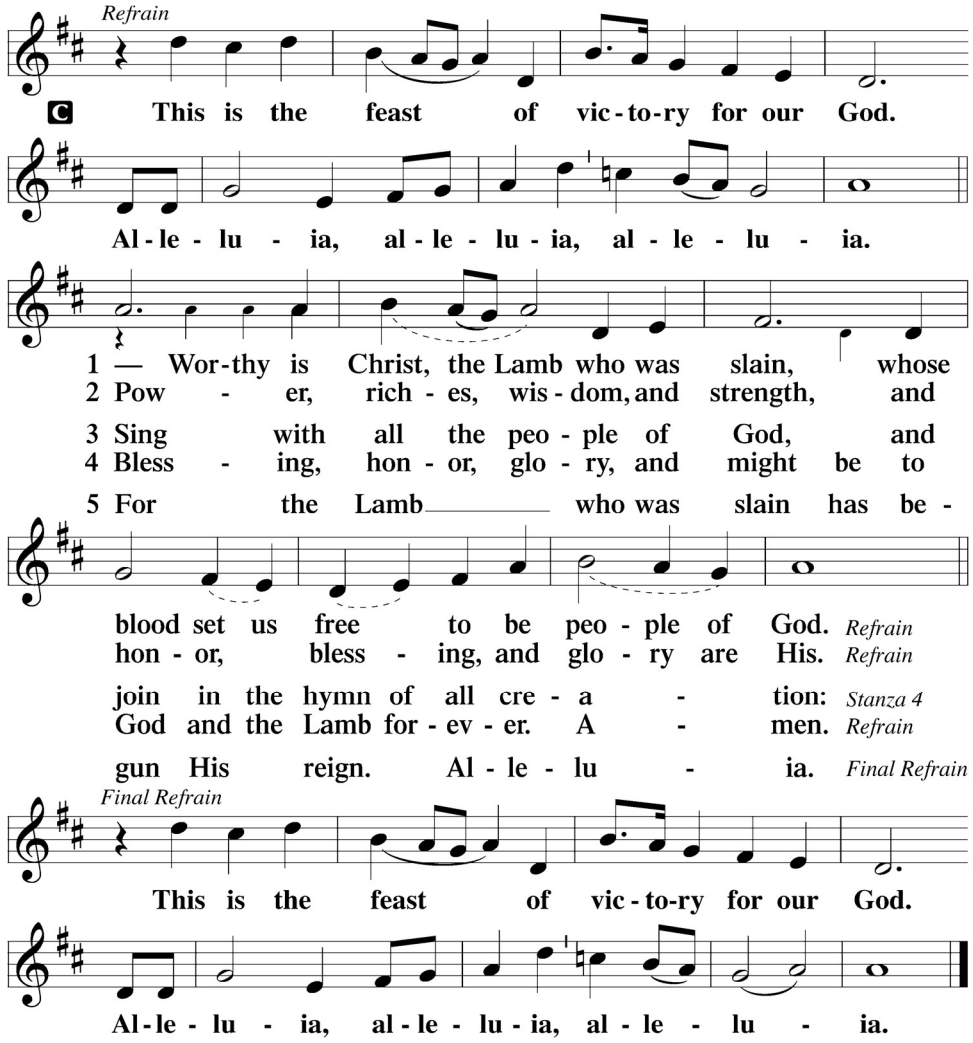
**PSALM OF THE DAY** *Psalm 111*

P: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

**C: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** **"*THIS IS THE FEAST*"** *LSB 155* *Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: *Let us pray*: 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

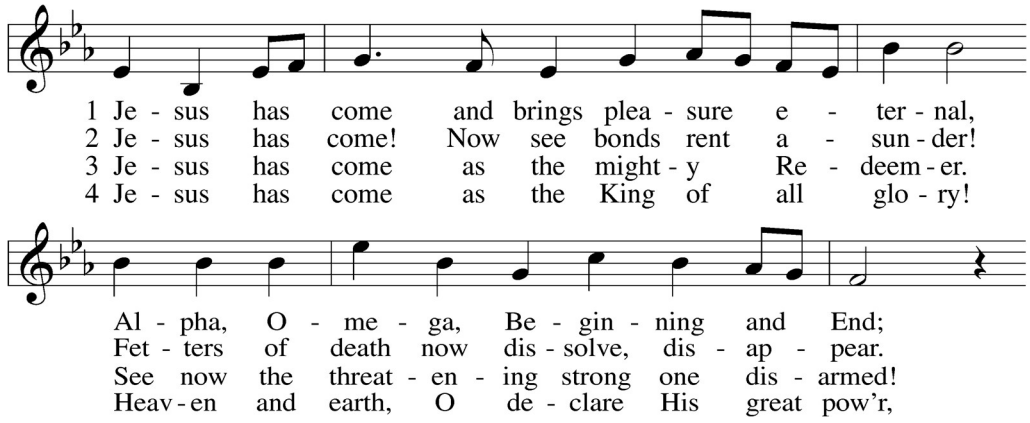
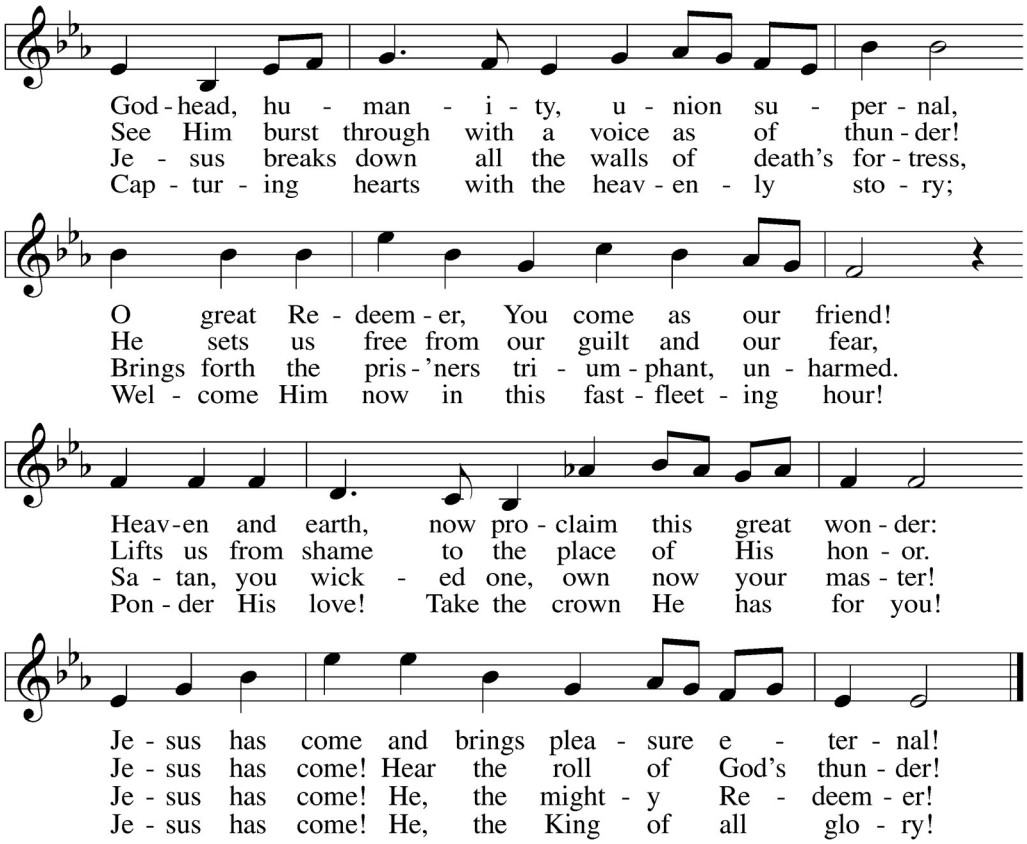
P: The Old Testament reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy 18:15-20

P: "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'

And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY JESUS HAS COME AND BRINGS PLEASURE *LSB 533*

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## THE GRADUAL

*Psalm 117; Psalm 96:8*

P: Praise the **LORD**, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

**C: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts!**

## THE EPISTLE READING

P: The Epistle reading is from Colossians 1:15-20

P: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell and through him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE *LSB 156*

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28

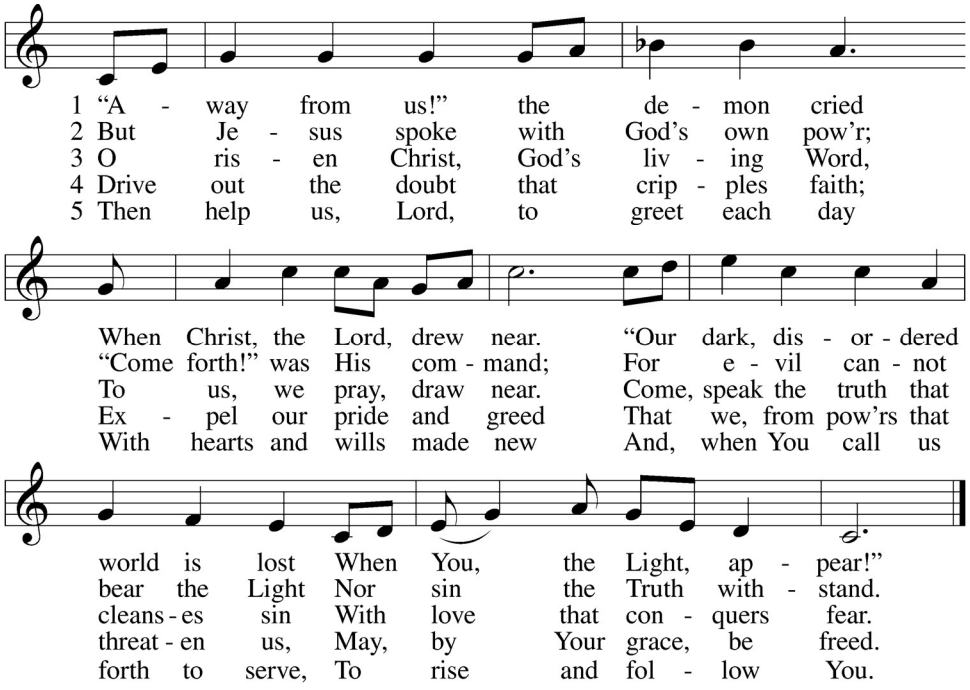
**C: Glory to You O Lord!**

P: They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You O Christ!**

## SERMON HYMN "AWAY FROM US!" THE DEMON CRIED *LSB 541*

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## Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

**All: 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.**

## Offertory

*As we celebrate the holy gifts and blessings God has given to us, please pray concerning your first fruits offering of thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us.*

## Prayers of the Church

*(Prayer requests may be submitted online at www.FamilyofChristLutheranAZ.org or emailed to Pastor@familyofchristlutheranaz.org or Prayer@familyofchristlutheranaz.org )*

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the educational institutions of our synod: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our colleges and universities, and for our seminaries, that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, we pray for President Joe Biden, Governor Ducey, all those who make and administer our laws, our Justices, and all those who serve in our military, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who are sick, especially Gerri, Inge and all those we name in our hearts: _____

that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who mourn, especially _____, that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

## CLOSING COLLECT

P: *Let us pray*: We thank You Dear Lord for the Word received this day. Guide and protect us this week from the assaults of the Devil and the world. Grant us wisdom from above to be good stewards of both the earthly and spiritual gifts You have given to us. Let us be a comforted by the promise and hope of the resurrection and return of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reign with You and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever,

**All: Amen**.

## BENEDICAMUS *LSB 218*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

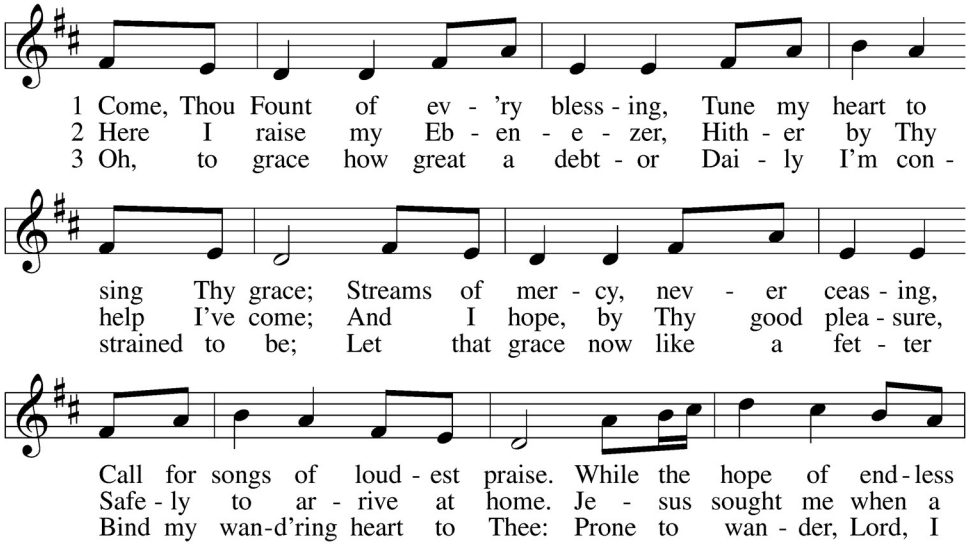
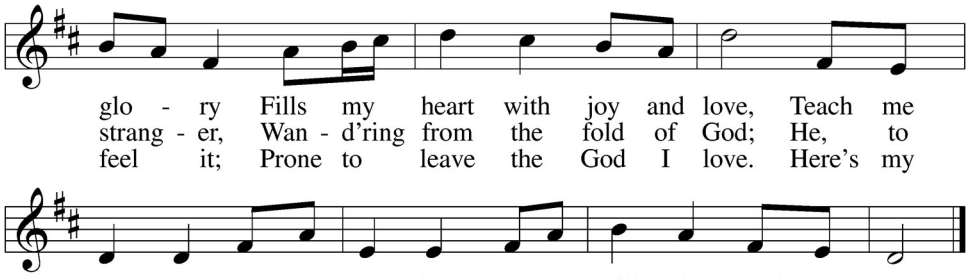
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION *LSB 228*

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

## DEPARTING HYMN COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING *LSB 686 STS.1-3*



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## ***This Week at Family of Christ***

***1/31– 2/7***

***Sunday***

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| 9:30AM | Divine Worship *(with communion)*; |
| 11:00AM | Bible Study on Large Catechism |
| 11:00AM | Girl Scout Cookie drive-thru at the church until 5:00PM (Hailea Austin) |

***Thursday***

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| 5:30PM | Confirmation Class at the Church |

***Friday***

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| 6:30AM | Men's Bible Study in Leviticus |

***Next Sunday***

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| 9:30AM | Divine Worship |
| 11:00AM | Bible Study on Large Catechism |

***PLEASE NOTE***: *Church Services and Bible Studies are currently offered in person and via Zoom. In-person meetings follow all CDC-recommended protocols and procedures.*

Pastor is available upon request for: *(call the Church office or Pastor's cell to schedule)*

- ✝ Individual Confession and Absolution
- ✝ Home, hospital or nursing home visits
- ✝ Communion
- ✝ Prayer