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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE ORDER OF MATINS
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 2026
8:00 AM

PRESERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “All Glory Be to God on High” *LSB 947, sts. 1-4*

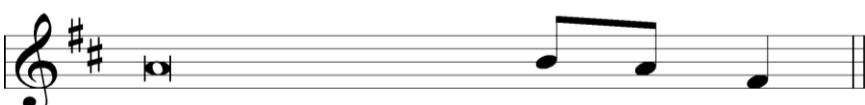
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INVOCATION

P We begin our service in the name of the Father, and of the +Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

P O Lord, open my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
 Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

PSALM 40:1-11 (Spoken responsively)

<p>P¹I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.</p> <p>C²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.</p> <p>P³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.</p>	<p>C⁴Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!</p> <p>P⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.</p>
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C **6**Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

P **7**Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

C **8**I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

P **9**I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

C **10**I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

P **11**As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING,
IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING **Isaiah 49:1-7**

L The First Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 49, verses 1-7.

1Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

2He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

3And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

4But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”

5And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—

(continued...)

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

L The Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 1-9.

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as

the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:29-42a

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, from chapter 1.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and

said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMON RESPONSORY

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

Refrain

C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Refrain

C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Refrain

C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” *LSB 688, sts. 1-5*

SERMON “Look! THE LAMB OF GOD. LISTEN TO HIM!”
(Text: John 1:29-42a) The Rev. Rudy Maurer

CANTICLE “I Lay My Sins on Jesus” *LSB 606, sts. 1-3*

Please stand

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

C 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.

Please be seated

TITHES & OFFERING “Come, Thou Almighty King” ~*Trinity Handbells*

Please stand

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray as our Savior 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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

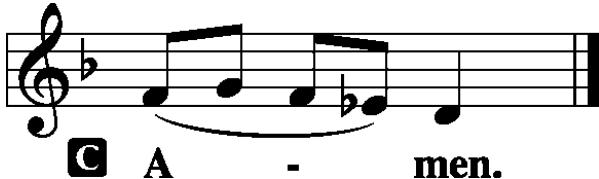
C And also with you.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Each intercession ends with the words **P** “Lord, in Your mercy,”
to which the congregation responds, **C** “**hear our prayer.**”

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God. Defend us with Your mighty power and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**BENDICAMUS**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *LSB 702, sts. 1-4*

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

* * * **To GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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