



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL



**Making
Disciples
for Life**



**NATIONAL
LUTHERAN
SCHOOLS WEEK** **2023**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 2023 - 5:00 PM

JANUARY 29, 2023- 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Please kneel or be seated.)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all Your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(*[10:45]Face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.*)

Hymn 790

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!**

***OPENING VERSES** (*Matthew 18:18-20*)

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: In Christ Jesus we are —

People: **making disciples for life!**

Leader: And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

People: **Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,**

Leader: baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
People: **And behold, I am with you always. To the end of the age.”**

***THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11:2-18

²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter’ ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell

silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

***SERMON HYMN**

“Once a Long, Long Time Ago”

(Grace Choristers and Congregation: V1: Choristers, V2: Men, V3: Women, V4: All)

**Once, a long, long time ago, Jesus told His students, “Go!
Tell all people of all nations That I’m King of all creation!
Tell them I came from above To this world to show God’s love.”**

**Jesus said, “Trust what I say. Make disciples ev’ry day!
In the name of God the Father, Son, and Spirit baptize others
So they come to faith in Me And from all their sins are freed.”**

**“Tell Good News, proclaim God’s Word To all nations so it’s heard
In all times and in all places To all people of all races.
Teach the world about God’s grace Till, in heav’n, they see My face.”**

**Jesus said, “I am with you! To you I am always true.
In those times when you are cheerful, And whenever you are fearful,
You are Mine and I will be With you through eternity!”**

[10:45] CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

THE SERMON

“I’m a Disciple, Now What?”
Peter’s Journey of Faith Part 3

Acts 10 -11

***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

*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.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

*SANCTUS

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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.

***WORDS OF PREPARATION**

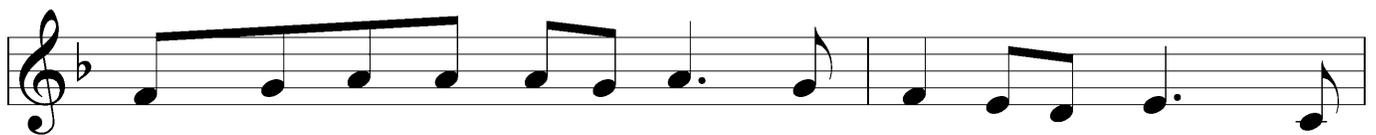
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***LORD’S PRAYER**

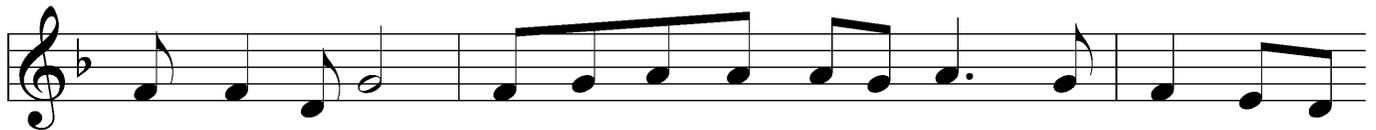
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

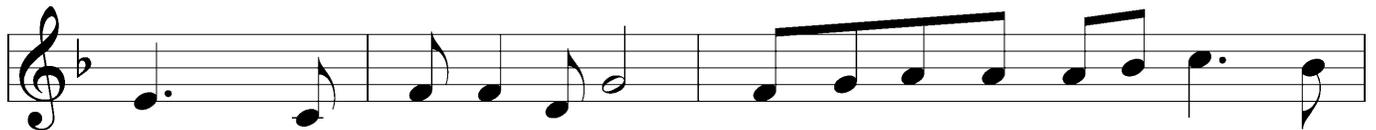
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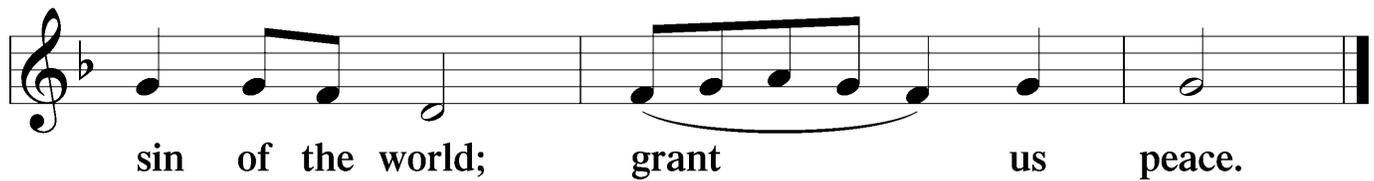
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world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Listen, God Is Calling”

Hymn 833

Refrain

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling

Through the Word inviting,

Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

Leader: Jesus gave His mandate:

All: Share the good news

Leader: That He came to save us

All: And set us free. *Refrain*

Leader: Let none be forgotten

All: Throughout the world.

Leader: In the triune name of God

All: Go and baptize. *Refrain*

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: Standing steadfast,

Leader: Walking in Your precepts,

All: Led by Your Word. *Refrain*

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymn 728

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!**

**What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!**

**“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

Hymn 829

**Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.**

**Christ the unchanging Word To ev’ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard Set forth on Scripture’s page;
Transform our thought and mind, Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find The bread of life indeed.**

Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.

Christ the unfading Light Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief journey ends.

Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(remain seated)*

90 SECOND "ROOTED" PRE-CAMPAIGN VIDEO

***THE BENEDICTION** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go" *(vv. 1, 4 & 5)*

Hymn 920

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

**We are the Church; Christ bids us show
That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores
True peace, true love to all mankind.**

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher	The Rev. Brendon T. Moore
The Organist	Sandy Hulse
The Communion Deacons	Jan Struck, Roger Walker
The Lector	Mike Britt
The Usher/Greeter Team	Chuck and Carol Smith

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher	The Rev. Brendon T. Moore
The Celebrant	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Liturgist	Vicar Sam Hoag
The Organist	Sandy Hulse
The Choir Director	Stephanie Klemetson
The Sound Technician	Bruce Wales
The Elder on Duty	Georgia Fisher
The Communion Deacons	Janet Hostler, Dr. Terry Hostler, Jennifer Smith
The Lectors	Richard Schumacher, Cindy Sensabaugh
The Robing Leader	Edie Trinklein
The Crucifer	Lilliann Witcher
The Acolytes	Lauren King, Gavin King
The Greeter	Jill Rogers, Pat Walker
The Ushers	Steve Hnatiuk, Dr. Ken Rogers, Barry Walker, Chris Zinsmeister

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