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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2023

The Preservice Music, The Call to Worship & Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 812 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

- 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 Ho Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*

O LORD, my rock and my re- deemer.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*

and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork. Day to day | pours out speech,*

and night to night reveals | knowledge.

There is no speech, nor | are there words,*

whose voice | is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.*

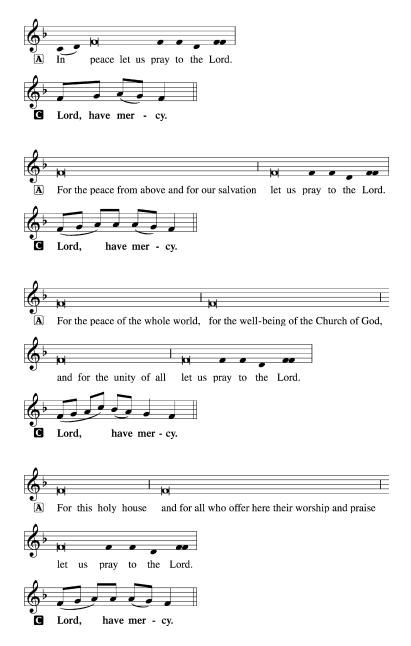
In them he has set a tent | for the sun.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

- as it was in the be- | ginning,*
- is now, and will be forever. | Amen. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*

O LORD, my rock and my re- deemer.

Kyrie





This Is the Feast

LSB 155





Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Isaiah 49:1-7

P

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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-

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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Song: "O the Blood of Jesus" (Selah)

Verse 1 O the blood crimson love Price of life's demand Shameful sin placed on Him The Hope of ev'ry man

Chorus O the blood of Jesus washes me O the blood of Jesus shed for me What a sacrifice that saved my life Yes the blood it is my victory

Verse 2 Savior Son Holy One Slain so I can live O see the Lamb the great I Am Who takes away my sin (Chorus)

Bridge O the blood of the Lamb O the blood of the Lamb O the blood of the Lamb The precious blood of the Lamb What a sacrifice that saved my life Yes the blood it is my victory

Verse 3 O what love no greater love Grace how can it be That in my sin yes even then He shed His blood for me (Chorus)

Ending What a sacrifice that saved my life Yes the blood it is my victory

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1 Corinthians 1:1–9

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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.

- This is the Word of the Lord. A
- C
- Thanks be to God.



John 1:29–42a

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first P chapter.



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."

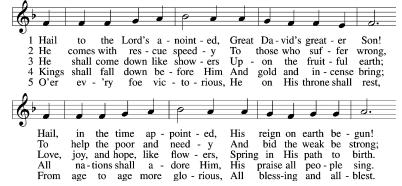
³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said 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.

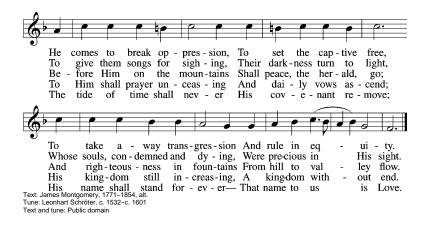
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed



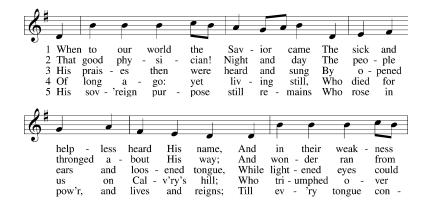


The Sermon (During the sermon, children who are ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ Time. Children can make their way to the back of the sanctuary where the KIDZ Time teacher is waiting. The children will return to the service following the sermon.)

The Offering (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

The Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: LSB 551, "When to Our World the Savior Came"



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i	- lee.
soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us	whole!"
see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a	- go.
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to	save.
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all ou	r days.
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Announcements & Blessing

Preface

LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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





Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

The Words of Institution

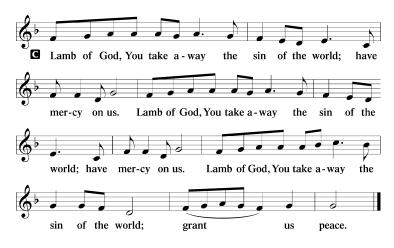
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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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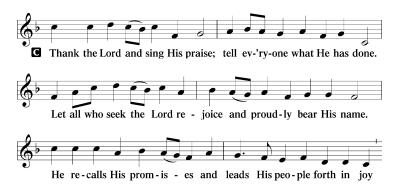
Distribution Hymn: 630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling



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Thank the Lord

LSB 164





Post-Communion Collect



Benediction

LSB 166

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen. С

Hymn to Depart: The Blessing (Brown, Carnes, Jobi)

Verse The Lord bless you And keep you Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you The Lord turn his Face toward you And give you peace (2Xs)

Chorus Amen Amen Amen (2Xs)

Verse The Lord bless you And keep you Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you

The Lord turn his Face toward you And give you peace

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The Postlude

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Events of the Week: January 16-22, 2023

Monday Tuesday Thursday

Friday Sunday 6:30 p.m. Communion service 6:30 p.m. Discovery Class 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Pastor's Day off 8:00 a.m. Gizmo on FB 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Bible study

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: January 8, 2023

General Fund ISJ Academy Tessaro Ministry **TOTAL** \$5850.00 \$200.00 <u>\$250.00</u> **\$6300.00**

Those who serve Today:

Officiant: Pastor Glenn Schaeffer Lector: Kelsey Butler Organist: Beth McKay Deacons: Craig Popma; Bryan Ensing, David Hood Ushers: Orlin Bowman Video/Sound/Recording: Nathan Urbanski, John, and Marjie Weiss January Altar Guild: Cindy McAuliffe

Announcements

Hello from Ashley Beffrey!

I just wanted to say thank you for the worm welcome I have received here at St. James. I am so blessed to have the opportunity to work with Pastor and all of you. I am a mother of two beautiful children Lydia (9) and Simeon (7). I am also the wife of Rev. Ryan Beffrey who is serving Epiphany Lutheran Church in Dorr. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and helping where I can.

February Cookie Love Outreach

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else ..."

1 Thessaloníans 3:12

You are invited to let your love overflow! For Valentine's Day St. James' LWML will be assembling trays of cookies to show St. James love to first responders, care staff at congregate settings, neighborhood school staffs, and other care-givers in our community. Everyone can help share the love of our Lord by getting involved!

You can use your hands to embrace our neighbors by doing one of the following...

Bake some cookies with love!

Assemble trays of delicious cookies at the February 5th LWML meeting!

Carry the love into the community by delivering a tray!

Wrap individual baked goods with plastic wrap or small snack bags. Deliver your goodies to church on or before Sunday, February 5th. If you would like to write cards of encouragement for the organizations that receive the treats, or if you would like to help deliver trays, speak to Sandra before January 29th.

The Discovery Class has begun, but it's not too late to participate. The Discovery class met for the first time this past Tuesday. If you would like to attend this 12-session review of the Christian faith, please come out to the class. The class meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The ISJ children will NOT be singing at St. James on January 29th. Therefore, we will have Holy Communion per usual on the Fifth Sunday of the month, January 29th.

Navigating Culture's Challenges: Saturday, January 28, 3:30-7:30 PM -- Most Christian people have a sense that the world around them is dramatically out of step with their own convictions about what is true and right. It's no doubt that our culture has changed significantly in many of our lifetimes about how it thinks of things like identity, sexuality, and morality in general. Understanding the ideas and forces that brought these dramatic changes in the surrounding culture can help Christians better negotiate the world around them. More importantly, it helps them clarify and sharpen their own thinking and interactions with family, friends, and coworkers who embrace the world's latest ideas about individual autonomy, personal identity, and sexuality. The seminar will not only explore the reality of the world in which we live but will consider the truth about what it means to grow and thrive as a human being uniquely created by God. It's presented by Dr. Joel Biermann, a professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, and includes a catered dinner. The cost is \$10 per person. Childcare is available for kids potty-trained and up. Register by January 24 at stmatthewgr.com/navigatingculture.

Knit/Crocheted Together in Love

Please join us after church on Sunday, January 22, 2023 from 10:45am to 1:00pm anyone ages 13 and up. Bring your own snacks or lunch, knitting needles or crochet hook and yarn if you have some.

A Statement on Holy Communion

We rejoice in the celebration of the LORD'S Supper as the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very personal manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper.

Members of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations, who:

- Repent of their sin;
- Believe in Jesus as their Savior;
- Trust that they are receiving, not only bread and wine, but also the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of their sins; and
- Intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as forgiven sinners resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the newness of life;

are invited to partake of this Holy Meal with us. We request that ALL guests who desire to commune, kindly speak to the Pastor before the service.

If you prefer to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion, please do so. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that Pastor knows you want to receive a blessing.

NOTE: We provide gluten-free communion host and non-alcohol grape juice. Just let Pastor and/or the assistants know when you come for Holy Communion.