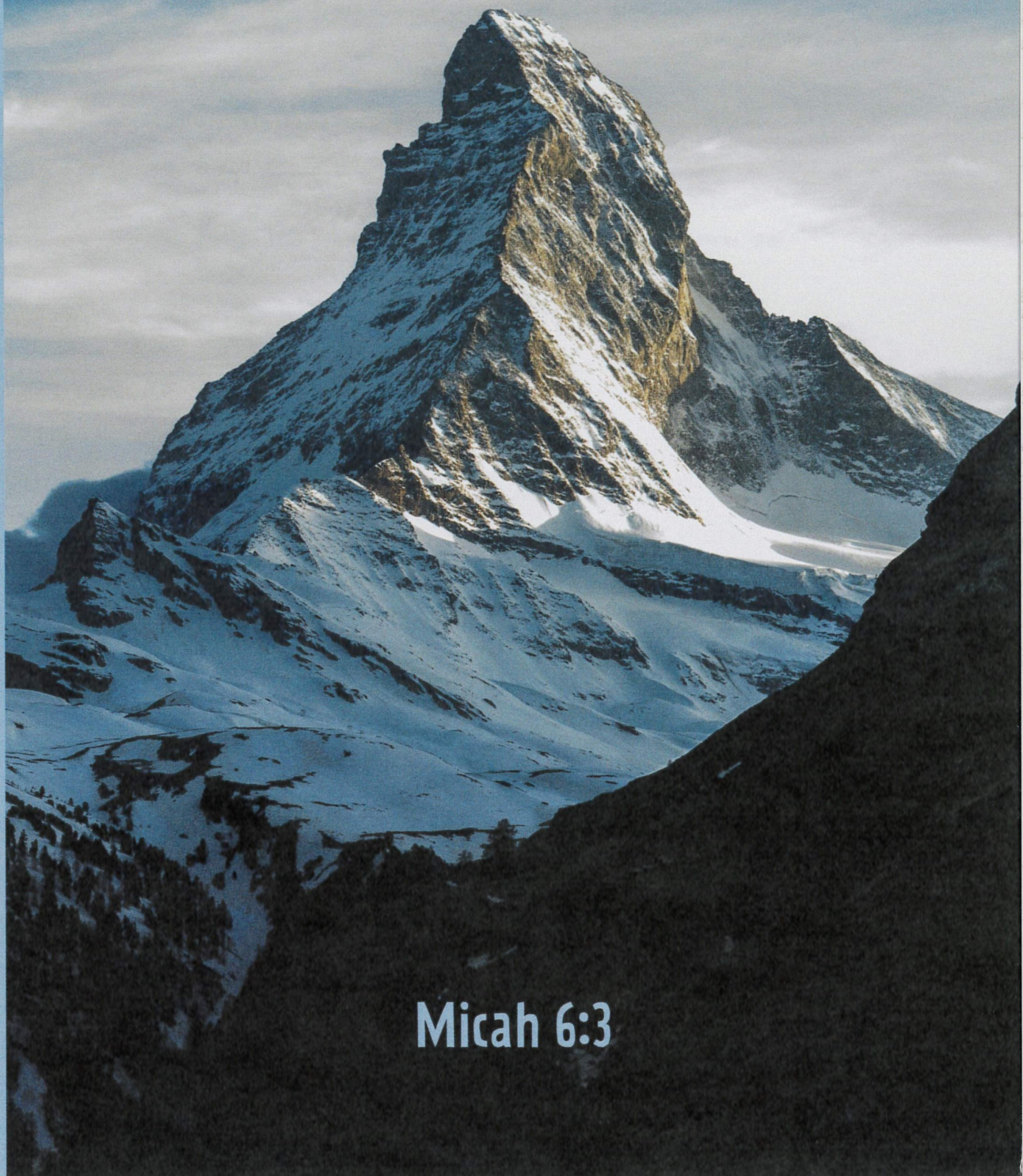


**Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
Plano, Texas**

**O My people,  
... how have I wearied you?**

**Answer Me!**

**Micah 6:3**



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### Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

### A Prayer before Worship

*Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so carefully hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given to us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941)*

### Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

### Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed at the 8:00AM service, but will be during Bible classes and 10:45AM service. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

### For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

*"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 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." 1Corinthians 11:27-29*

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

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## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service III – *LSB 184*

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### Prelude

*Stand*



### Opening Hymn

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

*LSB 904*



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

Text (sts. 1–3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, 1707, Berlin; (st. 4): tr. unknown, alt.  
Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

## Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 184

*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.

*Matthew 28:19b, [18:20]*

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

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**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.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

## +++Service of the Word+++

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47; LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 189

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

*Micah 6:1–8*

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Psalm

*Psalm 15; antiphon: Psalm 16:1*



O LORD, who shall sojourn | in your tent?\*

Who shall dwell on your | holy hill?

**He who walks blamelessly and does | what is right\***  
**and speaks truth | in his heart;**

who does not slander with his tongue  
and does no evil to his | neighbor,\*  
nor takes up a reproach a- | gainst his friend;

**in whose eyes a vile person is despised,**  
**but who honors those who | fear the LORD;\***  
**who swears to his own hurt and | does not change;**

who does not put out his money at interest  
and does not take a bribe against the | innocent.\*  
He who does these things shall nev- | er be moved.

**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.**

O LORD, who shall sojourn | in your tent?\*

Who shall dwell on your | holy hill?

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

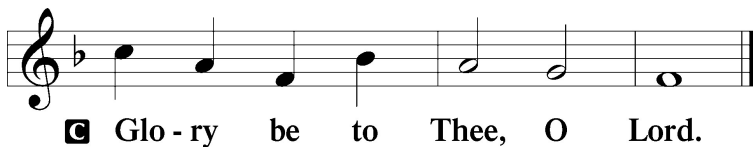
*LSB 190*



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

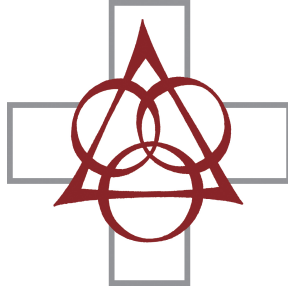
<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.





## Nicene Creed

*LSB 191*

**☐ 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.**

# Hymn of the Day

“Jesus Sat with His Disciples”

LSB 932



1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a  
2 “Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the  
3 “Bless-ed are God’s sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing

moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo - ple  
earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be  
peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -

gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:  
ho - ly, They are bless’d and will be filled.  
cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;

“Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en’s  
Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy  
Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the

king - dom they will share. Bless-ed are the sad and  
will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are  
king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My

mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.  
bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.  
suf - f’ring And re - joice to know My love.”

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## Sermon

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## Offertory

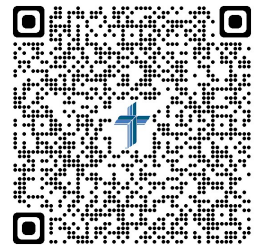
*Psalm 51:10-12; LSB 192*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Sit*

*(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. (This QR code points there.)*



*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

### +++Service of the Sacrament+++

## Communion Confession

*"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1st Corinthians 11:27-29*

**P** Being admonished to receive the sacrament in a worthy manner, prepare your hearts for reception of this sacrament by giving answer to the questions I will now ask you:

Do you believe that you are a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy?

**C** Yes, I know and believe that I am a sinner and that God has mercy on sinners for Christ's sake.

**P** Who is Christ and what has He done for you that you trust in Him?

**C** Christ is the only begotten Son of God, who came down from heaven, was born of the Virgin Mary, and is my Savior and the Savior of the entire world. He died on the cross and shed His blood for me, and for all, for the forgiveness of sins.

**P** Do you believe that the true body and blood of Jesus are in, with and under the bread and wine of the sacrament and that He is present there to bless and forgive you?

**C** Yes. I believe what Jesus said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you." And "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."

**P** Why do you wish to receive the sacrament?

**C** First, because Christ urges me to come, saying, "Do this in remembrance of me." Second, so that I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin. And finally, that I may also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

**P** Do you repent of all sin and desire with the help and aid of the Holy Spirit, to lead a godly life?

**C** Yes, I desire to be rid of my sin and want to do better. I pray for God to renew me, and help me to live a life worthy of the calling I have received.

**P** May the Almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit accomplish this in you.

Our Lord Jesus has given this sacrament to His Church, to bless all who in faith look to Him for forgiveness and salvation. Come now and receive the Lord's gifts offered to you in this holy sacrament for the forgiveness of your sins and the strengthening of your faith.

**C** Amen.

## Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

*[Psalm 136]*



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

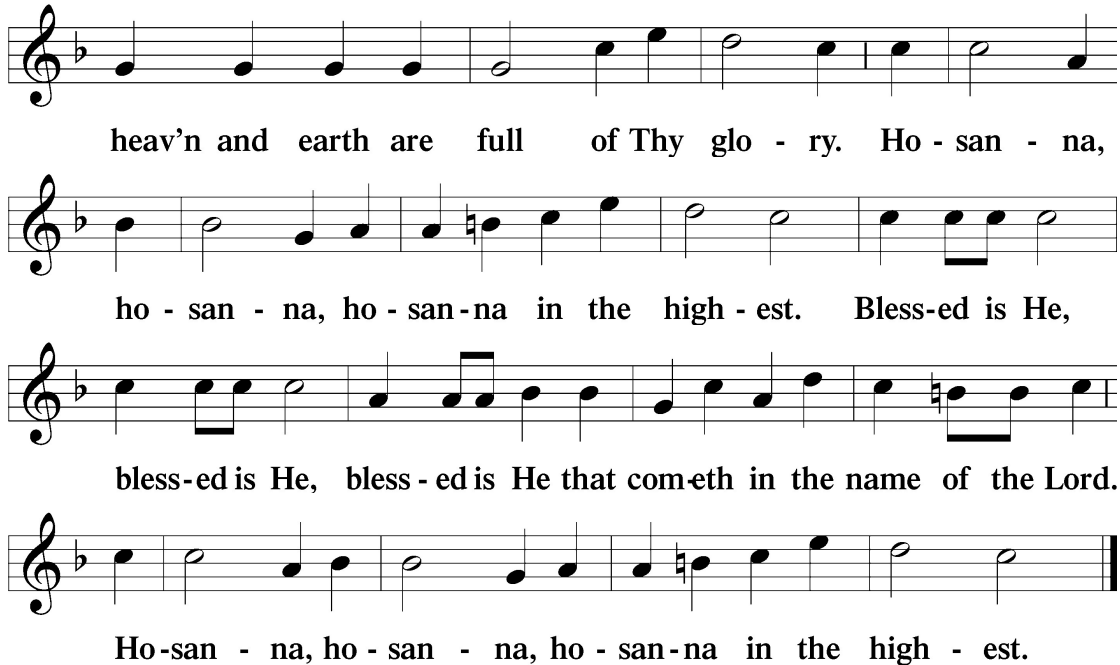
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In 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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13; LSB196*

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24  
 Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 197*

**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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

John 20:19

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

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29; LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

*Communicants are asked to hold open their hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.*

## Distribution Hymns

The *Lutheran Service Book* is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

**Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face  
Where Charity and Love Prevail**

LSB 631

LSB 845

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

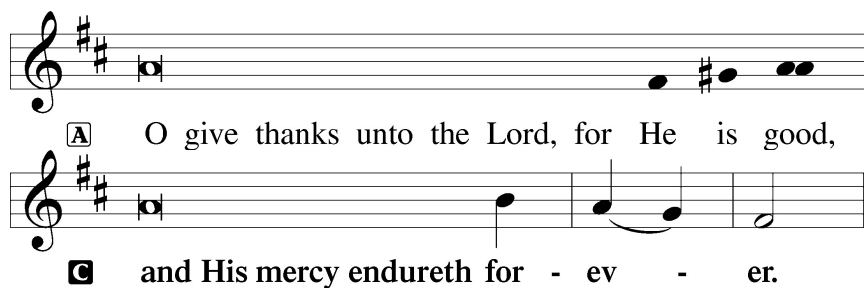
Luke 2:29-32; LSB 199



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1; LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

LSB 201

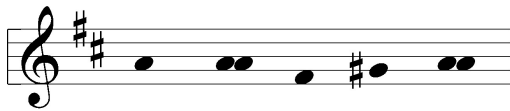
**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

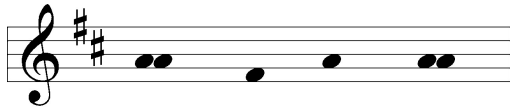
2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



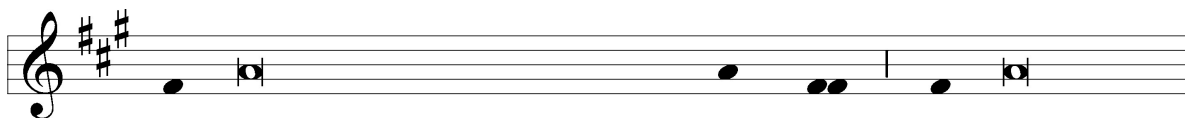
**A** Bless we the Lord.



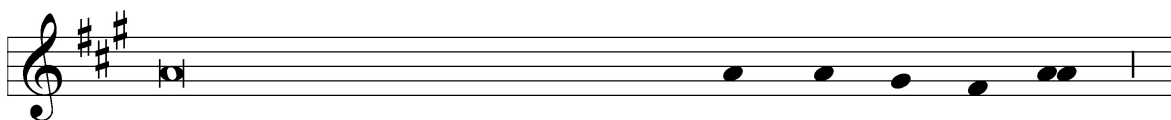
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

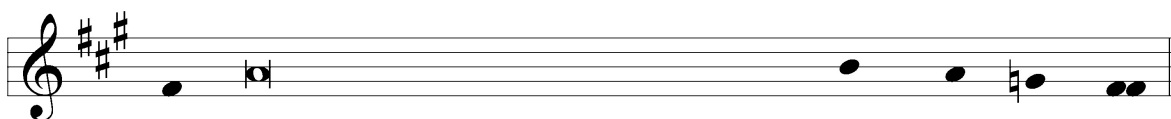
Numbers 6:24-26



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



**A-men, a-men, a - men.**

## Recessional Hymn

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
 2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
 Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
 Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, alt. Tune: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse . . . Contradanseu, c. 1710, Amsterdam

## Announcements

### Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

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An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

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### A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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### Sunday School - Children K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K – 5th graders from Room 113.

### Jr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 119 for a Bible study.

### Sr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Phaedra Shaltanis in Room 122.

### Special Needs Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 with Sandy Ehrett in the Library.

### Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study on St. Mark in the fellowship hall.

### Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Acts at 9:30 am in Room 115.

### Comfort Makers Needs

Comfort Makers are in need of gently used sheets, any size. They may be placed in the box in Fellowship Hall.

### Local Lutheran Lady Would Like a Lift

An older Lutheran lady just moved to Old Shepherd Place in Plano (about 2.5 miles West of Lord of Life) and would appreciate a ride to church to the late service. If you are interested in picking someone up, bringing them to church and taking them home afterwards, please contact the church office and we will get you more information.

## **2023 Flower Chart is in the Narthex - Many Dates Available!**

The flower chart consists of monthly pages in a “Flower” binder on a table in the narthex. Each monthly page has the Sundays listed with space for your name and the occasion you wish to recognize for each arrangement. A suggested donation of \$40 per Flower arrangement may be made when the occasion is near by placing a check in the offering plate with a “flowers” notation.

## **THRIVENT MEMBERS: 2022 Choice Dollars Expire on March 31, 2023**

Lord of Life has received thousands of Thrivent Choice Dollars from our Thrivent members over the years. These funds, unless directed otherwise, are deposited into our Endowment Fund. The deadline is approaching for directing your 2022 dollars. Once again, there are two ways to direct your dollars to Lord of Life: 1) On-line at [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or 2) by phone at [800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836) and say "thrivent choice" at the prompt. These grant dollars are awarded to Thrivent benefit members who can direct them to the church or charity of their choice. At Lord of Life, these dollars will play an important part in the future of our church and its ministries. If questions arise, see Dave Peters.

## **A Life Thought in the Church Year**

The coming of Jesus as Christ shows the way of the Lord: He exalts the lowly instead of abandoning or executing them (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). We ought neither encourage nor invite expectant mothers and fathers to sacrifice the fruit of their bodies for righting their wrongs (Micah 6:7). Christ Jesus has already become that redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30), and such compassion to the neighbor lifts us up to stand alongside God Himself (Micah 6:8).

## **CHRIST FOR YOU this Week on KFUD**

Study John 6 on Sharper Iron's "Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish studying Esther and hear about Funeral Texts on Free-Text-Friday on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear about the benefits of Baptism on Concord Matters (2/4 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or KFUD Radio app.



# FRANZ AUGUST OTTO PIEPER

## Teacher and Leader in the Church

BORN: JUNE 27, 1852 Karwitz, Pomerania, Germany

DIED: JUNE 3, 1931 Saint Louis, Missouri

**F**RANZ PIEPER WAS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LEADERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE LCMS during its first century, serving both as president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1887–1931), and Synod president (1899–1911). Born in northern Germany, Pieper emigrated to the U.S. in 1870 with his widowed mother and several brothers. The family settled in Watertown, Wis., where Franz attended a Wisconsin Synod college for men preparing for the pastoral ministry. Since the Wisconsin Synod did not have its own seminary at the time, Pieper was trained at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis (CSL), after which he served as pastor of Wisconsin Synod congregations in Centerville and Manitowoc, Wis.

1878 was a turning point in Pieper's life, when he was called as professor of theology at CSL. There he taught and worked under Seminary President C.F.W. Walther. Eventually, Pieper would succeed Walther as president of the school.

Pieper committed himself to theological education. One of his students recalled that in the classroom, he was "a great teacher, a sound theologian, a true Lutheran, a sincere Christian" (Theodore Graebner, *Dr. Francis Pieper: A Biographical Sketch*, 58).

In addition to teaching seminary students biblical and doctrinal theology, Pieper quickly began to work as a writer and essayist. He wrote numerous articles for seminary and Synod publications. He was a regular presenter of essays at theological conferences and at district and national conventions. He was a key defender of the Synod's doctrinal position in the controversy over predestination and election in American Lutheranism starting in the 1880s.

Pieper was a strong supporter of home and foreign mission work, serving on boards and committees to promote the work of bringing the Gospel to the world.

His work in doctrinal theology made Pieper a leading voice in the LCMS and he was elected Synod president in 1899, a position he held for 11 years even while he served as professor and president at Concordia Seminary.

The culmination of his work as a theologian was the publication of his three-volume *Christliche Dogmatik* (1917–1924), later translated into English as *Christian Dogmatics*. He began the work as he was convalescing after serious illness; he started by writing on the doctrine of Christ.

Pieper's *Dogmatics* became the standard theological textbook for the Synod's seminaries even into the present time and has helped to maintain a strong Lutheran confessional basis in the Synod for over a century.

Pieper's legacy as a teacher, theologian and seminary and church administrator will not be soon forgotten in the Synod to which he dedicated himself in service.

**For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit [lcms.org/175](https://lcms.org/175).**

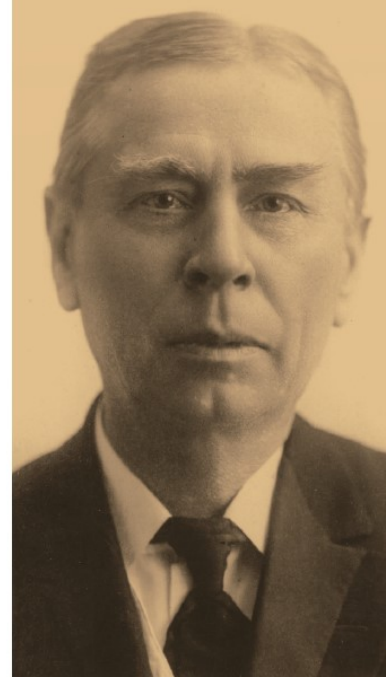


### DISCOVER MORE

Francis Pieper, *The Church and Her Treasure: Lectures on Justification* trans. O. Marc Tangner (Fort Wayne, IN: Luther Academy, 2007).

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– 175 YEARS –

## Serving Our Worship Today:

|              |                                                             |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pastor:      | Pastor Joel Shaltanis                                       |
| Organist:    | Victoria Frinsko                                            |
| Acolytes:    | Ana Scarth, Robert Duff                                     |
| Altar Guild: | Clarice Lundquist, Gail Senter, Charis Bennett, Mary Ravitz |
| Elder:       | Mike Kunschke                                               |
| Greeters:    | Stu and Sandy Ehrett, Charis Bennett and Cheryl Tyler       |
| Ushers:      | John Frinsko, Alex Duff                                     |
| Sound:       | Kaitlyn Hacker, Randy Rippey                                |

## This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Jan. 29, 2023

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| 8:00 am  | Early Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 9:30 am  | Children's Sunday School<br>(K-5 <sup>th</sup> Gr, Room 113)<br>Jr IMPACT Class (Room 119)<br>Sr IMPACT Class (Room 122)<br>Special Needs Class (Library)<br>Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)<br>Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115) |
| 10:45 am | Late Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

Wednesday, February 1

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| 10:00 am | Midweek Bible Study |
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Friday, February 3

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| 9:00 am | Comfort Makers |
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Saturday, February 4

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| 7:30 am | Men's Bible Breakfast |
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## Next Sunday's Readings February 5, 2023

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| Old Testament: | Is. 58:3-9a           |
| Epistle:       | 1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16) |
| Gospel:        | Matt. 5:13-20         |



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by the elders



Epiphany

About the Cover: Micah's vision presents the people of Israel on trial before the mountains for their continued refusal to listen to the Word of the Lord. Yet the Lord presents *His* case by pointing to His saving deeds in the past. For us today, though our sin is ever before us, in Christ, the Lord does not give testimony against us but *for* our sake!