



*Welcome to*

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“In Nomine Iesu”

# *Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

February 12, 2023

## *Welcome!*

We are delighted to have you with us as we celebrate God's love for us in Jesus! If you have any questions or needs please feel free to ask an usher, Pastor Noble, or anyone here at St. Paul's.

## **As We Worship**

**Prepare** for worship in stillness and prayer.

**Enjoy** worship by lifting your voice and heart to God.

**Close** worship by enjoying the fellowship of one another.

**After** worship, the service begins!

Go out and serve the Lord in all areas of life!

*A special welcome* is extended to all our guests. We hope you will worship with us again soon. *Members and guests* are asked to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. Just jot down the names of those in attendance and hand it to the usher as you leave.

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells**

## **The Order of Worship**

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Divine Service Setting One

## Entrance Hymn

*“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

LSB #873

## Invocation *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Commissioning of Stephen Ministry Leader (10:30 a.m.)

### Confession and Absolution

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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

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

All **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 punish-  
ment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for  
you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an  
ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I  
therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the  
Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Ps. 98:7-9; antiphon: Ps. 98:2*

P the Lord has made known his salvation;  
C **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
C **let the world and those who dwell in it!**

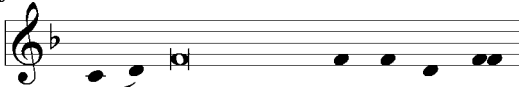
P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,  
C **for he comes to judge the earth.**

P He will judge the world with righteousness,  
C **and the peoples with equity.**

All **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.**

P the Lord has made known his salvation;  
C **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

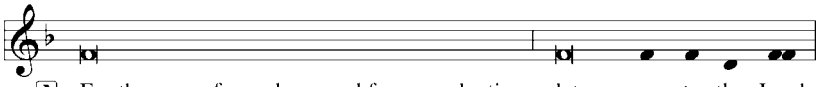
### Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



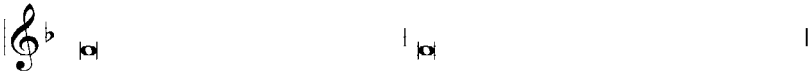
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



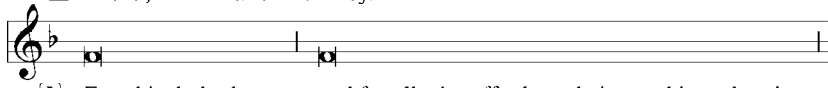
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



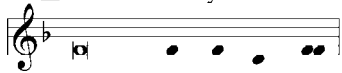
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



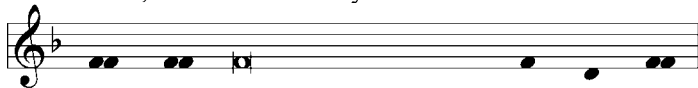
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



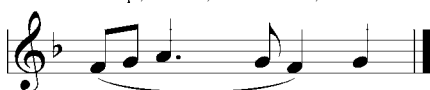
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

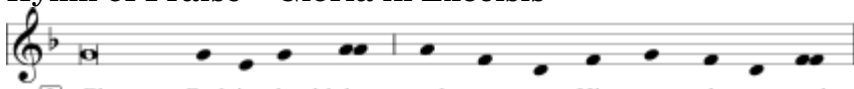


**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn of Praise ~ Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,  
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Salutation

P The Lord be with you.  
 C **And also with you.**

### Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.  
 O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

*(be seated)*

### Choir Anthem "Walk With the Lord"

Words and music by Nancy Price and Don Besig.

### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.  
<sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely

perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

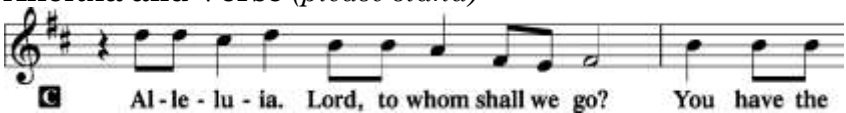
*1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? <sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

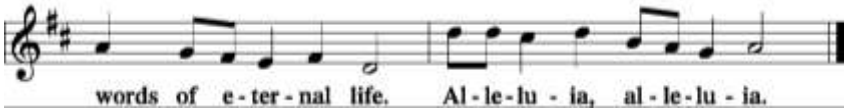
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)



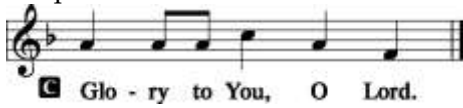
A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the".



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:21-37*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.



“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’<sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.<sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,<sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.<sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.<sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’<sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.<sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.<sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

<sup>31</sup> “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’<sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.



<sup>33</sup> “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ <sup>34</sup> But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*(be seated)*

## Children’s Message

### Hymn of the Day

*“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”*

LSB #686

## Sermon

### Apostles' Creed *(please stand)*

All 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.

*(be seated)*

## Presentation of the Offering

### Offertory ~ Create in Me

*LSB #956*

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.

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## Prayers of the Church

*(After each portion of the prayers)*

**P** Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Commissioning of Stephen Ministry Leader (8:00 a.m.)

#### **Benedicamus**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Benediction** (*please stand*)

P 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.

C **Amen.**

#### **Sending Hymn**

*“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”*

LSB #707

#### **Silent Prayer**

*(be seated)*

#### **Postlude**

**“Soli Deo Gloria”**

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