

**February 16, 2025**

**Welcome**

**The Hymn of Invocation**

**702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

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| 1 My faith looks up to Thee,<br>Thou Lamb of Calvary,<br>Savior divine.<br>Now hear me while I pray;<br>Take all my guilt away;<br>O let me from this day<br>Be wholly Thine!                 | 3 While life's dark maze I tread<br>And griefs around me spread,<br>Be Thou my guide;<br>Bid darkness turn to day,<br>Wipe sorrow's tears away,<br>Nor let me ever stray<br>From Thee aside.             |
| 2 May Thy rich grace impart<br>Strength to my fainting heart;<br>My zeal inspire!<br>As Thou hast died for me,<br>Oh, may my love to Thee<br>Pure, warm, and changeless be,<br>A living fire! | 4 When ends life's transient dream,<br>When death's cold, sullen stream<br>Shall o'er me roll,<br>Blest Savior, then, in love,<br>Fear and distrust remove;<br>O bear me safe above,<br>A ransomed soul! |

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**Invocation and Confession of Sins**.....(pg. 151 in Lutheran Service Book)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

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

Let us then confess all 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 the Word I therefore announce the full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**The Kyrie**.....(pg. 152 in Lutheran Service Book)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

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

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪ **Amen.**

**Hymn Of Praise**.....(pg. 155 in Lutheran Service Book)

### **This is the Feast of Victory**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

♪ **And also with you.**

Let us Pray: Heavenly Father, in the waters of the Jordan River you once washed away Naaman's leprosy, help us so follow his example of faith and willingly obey your command and receive the blessings you promise to those who are baptized; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Old Testament**

### **2 Kings 5:1-14 (excerpts)**

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

Naaman went....and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

### **Galatians 3:26-27**

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Verse**.....(pg. 156 in Lutheran Service Book)

♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**The Gospel**

**Mark 16:15-16, 19-20**

♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Object Lesson**

**The Hymn of the Day**

**765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

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| 1 | God moves in a mysterious way<br>His wonders to perform;<br>He plants His footsteps in the sea<br>And rides upon the storm.                | 3 | His purposes will ripen fast,<br>Unfolding ev'ry hour;<br>The bud may have a bitter taste,<br>But sweet will be the flow'r. |
| 2 | Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,<br>But trust Him for His grace;<br>Behind a frowning providence<br>Faith sees a smiling face.          | 4 | Blind unbelief is sure to err<br>And scan His work in vain;<br>God is His own interpreter,<br>And He will make it plain.    |
| 5 | You fearful saints, fresh courage take;<br>The clouds you so much dread<br>Are big with mercy and will break<br>In blessings on your head. |   |   |

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**Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

**The Prayers** *[If you need information to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus  
**And for all people according to their needs.**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

### **The 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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Habitat for Humanity

**The Offertory**.....(*sung to #955 in the Lutheran Service Book*)

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**The Preface**.....(*pg. 160 in Lutheran Service Book*)

The Lord be with you.

♪ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

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...evermore praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

### **Jesus' Instruction for Holy Communion**

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**The Agnus Dei**.....(pg. 163 in Lutheran Service Book)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol,  
the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]*

### **The Distribution Hymns**

#### **732 All Depends on Our Possessing**

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| 1 | All depends on our possessing<br>God's abundant grace and blessing,<br>Though all earthly wealth depart.<br>They who trust with faith unshaken<br>By their God are not forsaken<br>And will keep a dauntless heart. | 4 | When with sorrow I am stricken,<br>Hope anew my heart will quicken;<br>All my longing shall be stilled.<br>To His loving-kindness tender<br>Soul and body I surrender,<br>For on God alone I build.           |
| 2 | He who to this day has fed me<br>And to many joys has led me<br>Is and ever shall be mine.<br>He who ever gently schools me,<br>He who daily guides and rules me<br>Will remain my help divine.                     | 5 | Well He knows what best to grant me;<br>All the longing hopes that haunt me,<br>Joy and sorrow, have their day.<br>I shall doubt His wisdom never;<br>As God wills, so be it ever;<br>I commit to Him my way. |
| 3 | Many spend their lives in fretting<br>Over trifles and in getting<br>Things that have no solid ground.<br>I shall strive to win a treasure<br>That will bring me lasting pleasure<br>And that now is seldom found.  | 6 | If my days on earth He lengthen,<br>God my weary soul will strengthen;<br>All my trust in Him I place.<br>Earthly wealth is not abiding,<br>Like a stream away is gliding;<br>Safe I anchor in His grace.     |

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#### **737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing**

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| 1 | Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,<br>A cheerful trust maintain;<br>For God, the source of ev'rything,<br>Your portion shall remain. | 2 | He is your treasure, He your joy,<br>Your life and light and Lord,<br>Your counselor when doubts annoy,<br>Your shield and great reward. |
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3 Why spend the day in blank despair,  
In restless thought the night?  
On your Creator cast your care;  
He makes your burdens light.

5 He only will with patience chide,  
His rod falls gently down;  
And all your sins He casts aside  
In ocean depths to drown.

4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r  
Guard ev'ry childhood day?  
And did He not in threat'ning hour  
Turn dreaded ills away?

6 His wisdom never plans in vain  
Nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain  
A blessèd ending makes.

7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
And trust His guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
Here and in heav'n above.

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

**Amen.**

**The Post Communion Canticle**.....(pg. 164 in Lutheran Service Book)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.**

**He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy**

**With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Benediction**

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.

♪ **Amen.**

**The Final Hymn**

**700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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## Server Schedule

	2/16	2/23	3/2
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Dan	Erik	Gordon
Reader	Pat	Wanda	Nanette
PowerPoint	Wanda	Amy	Dan
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Amy	Benjamin	Greg
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Mike	Edwin	Herold
Reader	Rosemary	Kathy	Delka
PowerPoint	Vicki	Cole	Erik
Audio/Visuals	Conor/Preston	Mike/Conor	Hayden/Donovan
Counters	John Di/Wayne	John Da/James	John Di/Wayne
	Both	Both	Both
Altar Guild	Nancy D	Ron/Barb	Royce/Paula
Altar Flowers	Biancos	Bruce Family	Kluzek

Altar flowers are given by Mike Bianco. Happy Birthday Karen Bianco! May God bless your year.

## Birthdays this Week

02/18 Jan Jorgensen  
 02/19 Renette Berggren  
 02/21 Karen Bianco  
 02/22 Sharon Mark

## Anniversaries this Week

None on record