

**February 23, 2025**

**Welcome**

**The Hymn of Invocation**

**903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made**

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| 1   | This is the day the Lord has made;<br>He calls the hours His own.<br>Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad<br>And praise surround the throne. | 3 | Hosanna to the anointed King,<br>To David's holy Son!<br>Help us, O Lord; descend and bring<br>Salvation from Your throne. |
| 5   |   |   |  |
| Hosanna in the highest strains<br>The Church on earth can raise.<br>The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,<br>Shall give Him nobler praise. |   |   |  |

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This is the day the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God with a pure heart for "if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not with us."  
**But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."**

**Kyrie**.....*sung to: Amazing Grace*  
Have mercy on your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King;  
Renew us by your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

*(Silence for prayers of confession.)*

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.**

**Hymn of Praise** .....*sung to: Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Glory to God on high, and to the earth God's peace!  
With thanks God's name we glorify; let gladsome praise increase!  
With angel hosts we sing your holy name to bless,  
Almighty Father, heav'nly King, enthroned in holiness.

## Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray: Lord God Almighty, in baptism You unite us to the death and resurrection of Your Son, continue to grant us the grace to daily reaffirm this dying and rising by repenting and turning to You for new life in Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Old Testament

**Isaiah 54:10**

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

**Romans 6:3-7, 11-14**

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Verse**.....*sung to: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

**Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord! Forever be God's name adored!**

**Alleluia! God's saving Word Throughout the earth in faith be heard!**

### The Gospel

**John 3:16-21**

[Jesus said:] "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Object Lesson

### The Hymn of the Day

#### 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

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| 1 Today Your mercy calls us<br>To wash away our sin.<br>However great our trespass,<br>Whatever we have been,<br>However long from mercy<br>Our hearts have turned away,<br>Your precious blood can wash us<br>And make us clean today.   | 3 Today our Father calls us;<br>His Holy Spirit waits;<br>His blessed angels gather<br>Around the heav'nly gates.<br>No question will be asked us<br>How often we have come;<br>Although we oft have wandered,<br>It is our Father's home.  |
| 2 Today Your gate is open,<br>And all who enter in<br>Shall find a Father's welcome<br>And pardon for their sin.<br>The past shall be forgotten,<br>A present joy be giv'n,<br>A future grace be promised,<br>A glorious crown in heav'n. | 4 O all-embracing Mercy,<br>O ever-open Door,<br>What should we do without You<br>When heart and eye run o'er?<br>When all things seem against us,<br>To drive us to despair,<br>We know one gate is open,<br>One ear will hear our prayer. |

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## Sermon

### 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.**

**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 prayer)*

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

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.**

### **Our offerings help to support:**

Lutheran World Relief

### **Offertory** .....*sung to: We Give You But Your Own*

**We give you but your own In any gift we bring;  
All that we have is yours alone, A trust from you, our king.  
May we your bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, Lord, as you bless us, To you our first-fruits give.**

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.**

Always and everywhere praise and thanksgiving are due to you, holy Lord, God of power and might! Today we are chiefly bound to praise you for the promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ; sin is forgiven, death is defeated, life is restored both now and forevermore, therefore the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven join in their unending hymn:

### **The Sanctus** .....*sung to: Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.  
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Through Jesus Christ, your beloved we give you thanks, heavenly Father for the love with which you loved the world, for the salvation you prepared for us through Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit sent into our hearts and into our midst, that we may receive and share our living Lord with living faith.

**Amen.**

### **Jesus' Directions for Communion**

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **The Agnus Dei** .....*sung to: My Faith Looks up to Thee*

**O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away—  
Our faith increase, Have mercy on us all,  
Strengthen us when we fall,  
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.**

### **Distribution of Communion**

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

## The Distribution Hymns

### 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.   | 4 | Did not His love and truth and pow'r<br>Guard ev'ry childhood day?<br>And did He not in threat'ning hour<br>Turn dreaded ills away?         |
| 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. | 5 | He only will with patience chide,<br>His rod falls gently down;<br>And all your sins He casts aside<br>In ocean depths to drown.            |
| 3 | Why spend the day in blank despair,<br>In restless thought the night?<br>On your Creator cast your care;<br>He makes your burdens light. | 6 | His wisdom never plans in vain<br>Nor falters nor mistakes.<br>All that His counsels may ordain<br>A blessèd ending makes.                  |
|   | 7  |   | Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,<br>And trust His guiding love;<br>Then like a rock your peace shall stand<br>Here and in heav'n above. |

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### 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

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| 1 | Jesus comes today with healing,<br>Knocking at my door, appealing,<br>Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.<br>He Himself makes preparation,<br>And I hear His invitation:<br>"Come and taste the blessèd feast." | 4 | God descends with heav'nly power,<br>Gives Himself to me this hour<br>In this ordinary sign.<br>On my tongue His pledge receiving,<br>I accept His grace, believing<br>That I taste His love divine.             |
| 2 | Christ Himself, the priest presiding,<br>Yet in bread and wine abiding<br>In this holy sacrament,<br>Gives the bread of life, once broken,<br>And the cup, the precious token<br>Of His sacred covenant.       | 5 | Let me praise God's boundless favor,<br>Whose own feast of love I savor,<br>Bidden by His gracious call.<br>Wedding garments He provides me,<br>With a robe of white He hides me,<br>Fits me for the royal hall. |
| 3 | Under bread and wine, though lowly,<br>I receive the Savior holy,<br>Blood and body, giv'n for me,<br>Very Lamb of God from heaven,<br>Who to bitter death was given,<br>Hung upon the cursèd tree.            | 6 | Now have I found consolation,<br>Comfort in my tribulation,<br>Balm to heal the troubled soul.<br>God, my shield from ev'ry terror,<br>Cleanses me from sin and error,<br>Makes my wounded spirit whole.         |

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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.**

**Post-Communion Canticle**.....*sung to: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness!  
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, tell His love, His name confess.  
Praise the Father, Son and Spirit, Living God, who sets us free  
By His mercy to inherit life and joy eternally!

**Post-Communion Prayer**

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**

**389 Let All Together Praise Our God**

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|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | Let all together praise our God<br>Before His glorious throne;<br>Today He opens heav'n again<br>To give us His own Son,<br>To give us His own Son. | 4 | He undertakes a great exchange,<br>Puts on our human frame,<br>And in return gives us His realm,<br>His glory, and His name,<br>His glory, and His name. |
|   | 7   |   | Your grace in lowliness revealed,<br>Lord Jesus, we adore<br>And praise to God the Father yield<br>And Spirit evermore;<br>We praise You evermore.       |

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## Server Schedule

	2/23	3/2	3/9
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Erik	Gordon	Mike
Reader	Wanda	Nanette	Amy
PowerPoint	Amy	Dan	Gordon
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Benjamin	Greg	Preston
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Edwin	Herold	Bill
Reader	Kathy	Delka	Cole
PowerPoint	Cole	Erik	Vicki
Audio/Visuals	Mike/Conor	Hayden/Donovan	Conor/Edwin
Counters	John Da/James	Adria/Michelle	John Di/Wayne
	Both	Both	Both
Altar Guild	Ron/Barb	Royce/Paula	Williams/Koob
Altar Flowers	Bruce Family	Kluzek	Heller

Altar flowers are provided by Julie and David Bruce in celebration of Hudson's birthday, who picked them out.

Happy Birthday Hudson!

## Birthdays this Week

02/24 Jackie Pierce  
02/25 Tony Mumm  
02/25 Rich Repp  
02/27 Hudson Gilberto  
02/28 Teagan Mumm  
02/29 Wilma Henderer

## Anniversaries this Week

None on record