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At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Pastor comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte. If you are not a member of this congregation or a sister congregation within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it is suggested that you speak to the Pastor before partaking of Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN NO. **623**: "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

**At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with
Nunc Dimittis on p. 211**

† RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. **810**: "O God of God, O Light of Light"

† POSTLUDE

SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:

Lay Assistants – Bill Schneeloch & Rich Conroy

Lay Reader – Rebecca Conroy

Acolyte – Daniel Provost

Music Director – Jeff Windoloski

Altar Care – Jane McClure

THE FLOWERS in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my niece, Judy Lemoine and in honor of Sophie Sienkiewicz's Birthday from Grandma Sally Sienkiewicz.

Super Bowl Sunday Grinder Orders are now being taken. Order forms are on table in the foyer. See Jane McClure for questions.

2019 ALTAR CARE: A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer for those who are willing to volunteer to clean our church altar. If you are unable to do a full month, two weeks would be fine. All are encouraged to help with the task. Training will be provided if needed.

LUTHERAN WITNESS: Subscriptions for the Lutheran Witness, a publication of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are \$11.00 per year. To renew or enter a new subscription, please use the SUBSCRIPTION envelope in your box of 2019 offering envelopes. These envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or given to Jane McClure.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet located in the foyer to host a coffee hour after church. This activity is wonderful way to share in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please see Linda or Erika Slozak if you have any questions.

Sunday Worship Bulletin Third Sunday After EPIPHANY

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD!

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35



The Order of Holy Communion

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

AS WE GATHER

Today we welcome to our church an honored proclaimer of the Word. Despite the rejection He often has faced over the years—even from the people who knew Him best—let us welcome Him today with open ears and open hearts. This preacher is like none other. The way He communicates the Word of God makes you feel that He knows the Bible inside and out—and that's because He does! This proclaimer is none other than your Savior Jesus Christ. Much like He did in today's Gospel, Jesus stands among God's people to deliver the Good News of life and salvation. Unlike the neighbors in Nazareth, who ended up rejecting their hometown preacher, let us receive Him with glad and sincere hearts. In humble faith, we fix our eyes on Jesus and receive all He comes to give.

✠ OPENING HYMN NO. **872**: *"Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star"*

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Gloria in Excelsis

✠ SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon us in our weakness and lift us up through the power of Your Word, that our eyes of faith may behold Jesus Christ, who has come to fulfill all that You have spoken; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

✠ OLD TESTAMENT: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10
(The people gather as one to hear God's Word.)

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded

(Please Stand)

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ ADULT CONFIRMATION: Christopher John Ellis
(Congregation is invited to follow on Pages 272-274 for the Rite of Confirmation)

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the work of our triune God among us and among all people in the Holy Christian Church, that Jesus would be the One upon whom all eyes are fixed and in whom we see all the Scriptures find their fulfillment, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You.

P: For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Means of Grace, that the Lord Jesus would be glorified and His people edified through the faithful teaching and preaching of the Word of God, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You.

P: For the world in which we live and for all who work to care for the land and the people who dwell in it, that our gracious God would stand with those who serve in our government, military, and in all positions of public service, that they work wholeheartedly as for the Lord and not for men, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You.

P: For each member of the Body of Christ, the Church, that all of God's children would identify and put to use their God-given talents and that no members of the Body would see themselves as insignificant or unneeded but rather find their place of joyful service to Jesus and to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You.

P: For those who are shut-in and homebound, hospitalized and undergoing treatment, awaiting surgery and recovering from procedures, that our merciful Lord would fill them with the healing and peace that comes from His mighty presence in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You.

P: For these petitions and all others we silently carry before the Lord in our minds and hearts, that our faithful Father would hear and answer our prayers in the name of the One who stands among us and fulfills God's Word in our hearing, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord Jesus, open our hearts to receive You. Amen!

Offering

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS
Choir Anthem: *"How Good to Sing Your Praises"*

have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand and Sing Alleluia and Verse on Page 205)

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:16–30

(Jesus reads and fulfills God's Word in His hometown synagogue.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

✠ HYMN of the DAY NO. **410**: *“Within the Father's House”*

✠ SERMON: *“Today This Scripture Has Been Fulfilled in Your Hearing”* Luke 4:16-30

Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✠ GRADUAL

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

✠ EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a *(In Christ, we are one Body with many members.)*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may

