

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Birthdays: Dave Tessin – 84 on January 29th
Thomas Cole – 80 on January 30th

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Monday: Ladies Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church conference)
Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
Youth Group 6:00 p.m. (Youth room)
Voters' Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft room)
Graceful Threads 3:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. (Office Conference)

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.
LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m. (Church conference)

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m. (Craft room)
Handbells 6:00 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time
Sunday Morning Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Dr. William L. Morris
Liturgist: Rev. Martin J. Hagenow
Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein
Choirs: All PS-8th, Cherub & Seraphim
Acolytes: Lucas Hagenow (9:30am)
Videographer: Anthony Wolter



Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“Life Together”

January 25 & 26, 2025

† Third Sunday after the Epiphany †

Introit *Psalm 102:18-22; antiphon: v. 13*

You will arise and have pity on | Zion;*

it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

Let this be recorded for a genera- | tion to come,*

so that a people yet to be created may | praise the LORD:

that he looked down from his | holy height;*

from heaven the LORD looked | at the earth,

to hear the groans of the | prisoners,*

to set free those who were | doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name | of the LORD,*

and in Jerusa- | lem his praise,

when peoples gather to- | gether,*

and kingdoms, to wor- | ship the LORD.

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.

You will arise and have pity on | Zion;*

it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

¹All 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 Israel. ²So 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. ³And 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. . . .

⁵And 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. ⁶And 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. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And 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. ¹⁰Then 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."

Gradual *Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8*

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*

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷If 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? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The 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." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and 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, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And 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. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

Holy Gospel *Luke 4:16-30*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

G Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

G Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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SERMON

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Theme: "Life Together"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G Hear our prayer.

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