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# ✠ The Second Sunday after the Epiphany ✠

## January 18, 2026

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**WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST OUR JUDGE AND KING!**

### **AS WE GATHER**

*Today we begin a three-week discussion of God's gifts to us and how we might think about what gifts we may return to Him. In His gifts, God says Yes to us. His Yes is a Yes to our salvation, forgiveness, and a life with Him that never ends. What gifts we give in return, no matter how large or small, are a way to say our Yes back to Him in gratitude for His Yes to us. Today, we receive that Yes again in the Lord's Supper.*

Guests: At Mount Olive, we confess Christ's words that the Lord's Supper is His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Paul writes in 1 Cor.11: 27-29 that one may receive this gift to their detriment if they do not discern the true Body and Blood. If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Torkelson before communing. He is happy to talk with you.

**Please fill out an attendance card available in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.**



# OPENING HYMN

## Christ, The Word Of God Incarnate

LSB 540



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

- 5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing  
 To the Father's home on high,  
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
 Christ, the life that cannot die.  
 Mediator to the Father,  
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,  
 There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the life and resurrection,  
 Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 Praise and thanks and adoration  
 And unending worship be  
 To the Father and the Spirit  
 And to You eternally.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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 our sins and need for Absolution.*

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

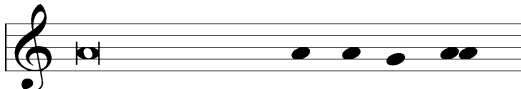
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your 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.**

**P** 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 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.

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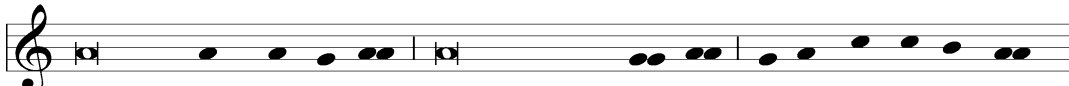
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



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



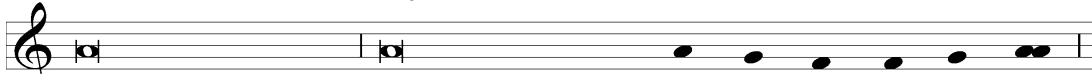
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



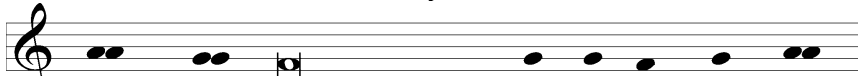
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



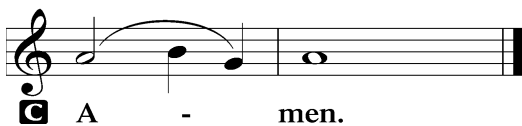
let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



A - men.

## THIS IS THE FEAST

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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength and



hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-



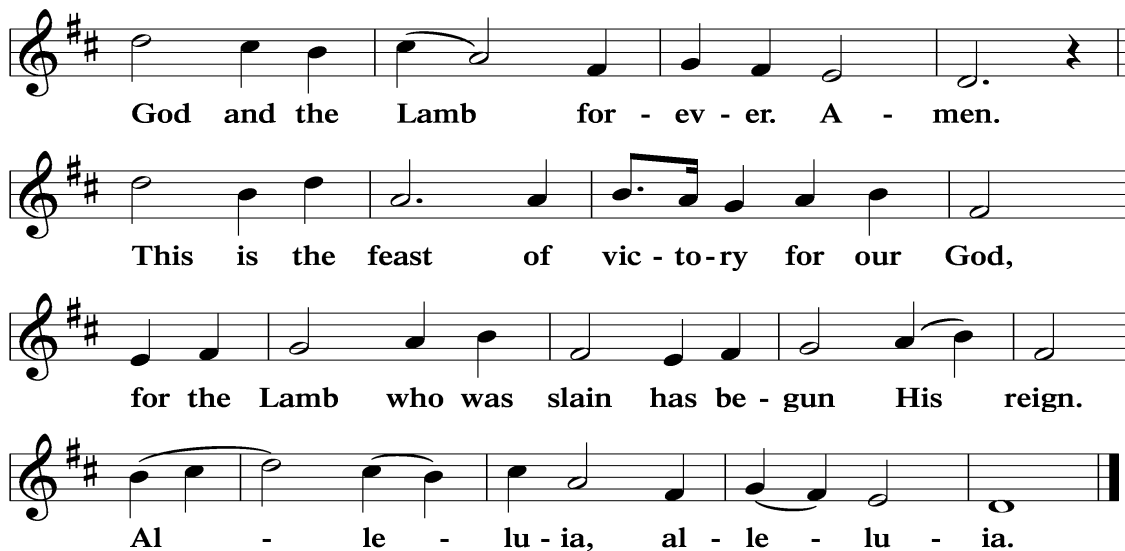
lu-ia. Sing with all the peo-ple of



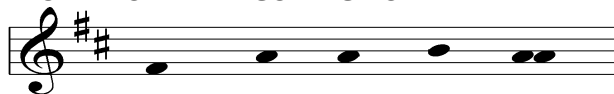
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:



Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are

my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

## PSALM

## *I Waited, Waited For The Lord*

*Psalm 40:1-11*

*Tune: KINGSFOLD*

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| <p>1. I waited, waited for the Lord;<br/>He turned and heard my plea.<br/>and from the pit, the mire, and clay,<br/>He fin'ly lifted me.<br/>High on a cliff He set my feet,<br/>gave me a base to stand,<br/>a new song put upon my lips<br/>to make his praises grand.</p>                   | <p>4. I tell your gathered people, Lord,<br/>what mercy you bestow;<br/>nor do I ever seal my lips,<br/>as you, my Lord, well know.<br/>I do not hide with-in my heart<br/>your holy righteousness,<br/>but speak a-loud your saving help,<br/>your per-fect faith-ful-ness.</p>  |
| <p>2. Thus many souls will fear the Lord<br/>and look to Him for aid.<br/>How blessed are all who trust in Him,<br/>not gods their hands have made.<br/>So many wonders, Lord my God,<br/>and marvels you have done!<br/>What lov-ing plans you made for us!<br/>Who can compare? Not one.</p> | <p>6. May all who seek to take my life<br/>be made to bear the blame;<br/>may all they do fall back on them<br/>and cover them with shame.<br/>Let all who follow you rejoice<br/>and say, “The Lord is great.”<br/>I am so poor. I need so much.<br/>My helper, do not wait.</p> |

## EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 1:18–22

<sup>18</sup>As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. <sup>19</sup>For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. <sup>20</sup>For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. <sup>21</sup>And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, <sup>22</sup>and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

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

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42a

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi"



(which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

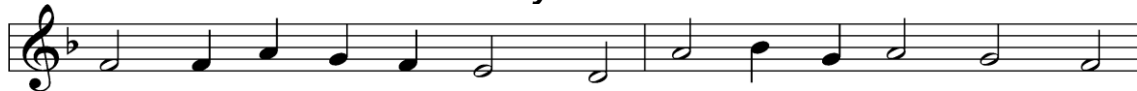


**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## *The Only Son From Heaven*

LSB 402



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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## SERMON

## *Yes IN Christ; Yes TO Christ*

2 Cor. 1

## NICENE CREED

**C** 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*

**P** ...let us pray to the Lord;

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

LSB 176



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to

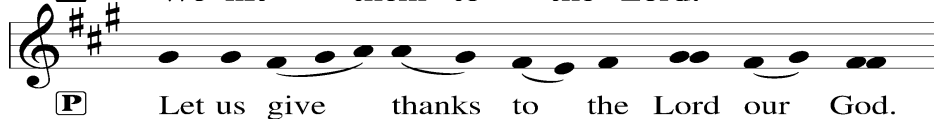
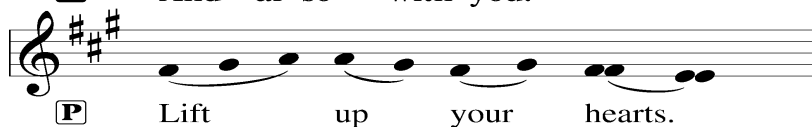


me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



## PREFACE

LSB 177





**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 177

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

LSB 178



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

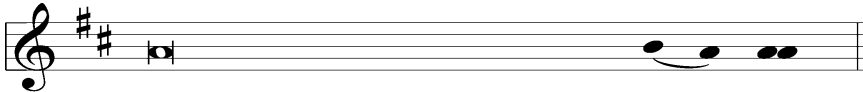
**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the

dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

## PAX DOMINI

LSB 180



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 180



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

### Hymns:

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

LSB 702

*O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright*

LSB 395

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

LSB 809

## THANK THE LORD

LSB 181

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

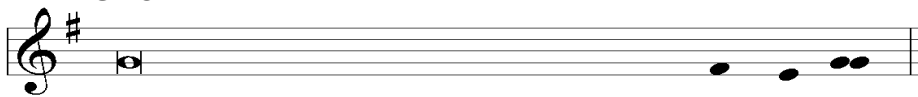
**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary 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.

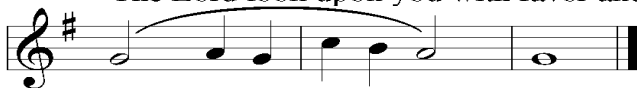
**C** A - men.

# BENEDICTION

LSB 183



**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** A - men.

# CLOSING HYMN

## Lord, Enthroned In Heav'nly Splendor

LSB 534



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten  
2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in  
3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when  
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,  
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,  
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished  
stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.  
ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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### DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**G** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

### SERVANTS IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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