

February 16, 2025

Prelude & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Congregation may sit or kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

Christ + has forgiven you. God's Spirit had made you free.

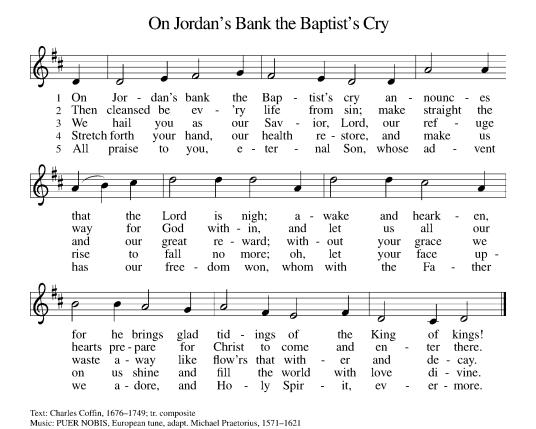
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God. Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Hymn On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry vv 1,2,4 ELW 249



Prayer of the Day

God of mystery, Just as the crowds wondered about Jesus, we too, wonder about you. Who are you to us? Are you the one? Show us that you are God, mysterious, wonderful, mighty. **Amen.**

Children's Bible Story

6th-8th Grade Milestone Presentation

First Reading-Isaiah 29:18-21

the words of a scroll, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹¹¹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

²¹⁰For the tyrant shall be no more, and the scoffer shall cease to be; all those alert to do evil shall be cut off —

²¹those who cause a person to lose a lawsuit, who set a trap for the arbiter in the gate, and without grounds deny justice to the one in the right.

After the reading concludes:

Word of God, word of Life. Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading - Psalm146:5-10

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

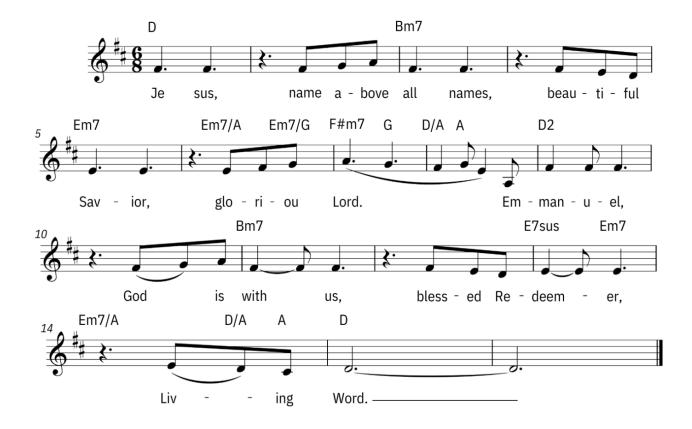
8the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Acclamation



The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke the seventh chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel – Luke 7:18-35

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ²⁰When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ²¹Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. ²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. ²³And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed

shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." ²⁹(And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. ³⁰But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

³¹To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

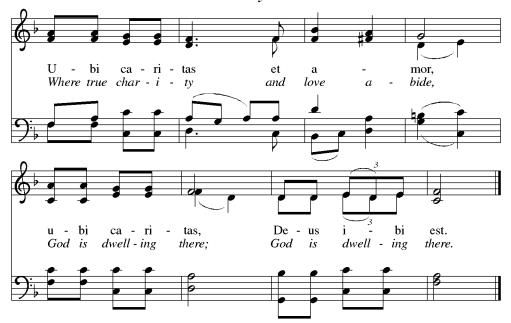
'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.'

³³For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon'; ³⁴the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' ³⁵Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Ubi caritas et amor Where True Charity and Love Abide



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Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

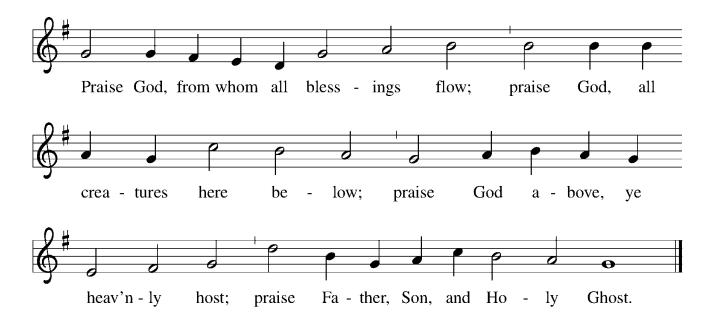
And also with you.

This assembly is invited to share a sign of peace with one another.

Offering

Offertory Song

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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.

Communion Song

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



Text: Will L. Thompson Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Distribution

Special Music

Elaine Bodi

Song After Communion



Prayer After Communion

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

Council Installation

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor,
And give you peace.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Serving our congregation this morning:

Acolytes – Charlie Opfermann and Shane Clark

Altar Guild - Kim Cramer and Joy Fox

Fellowship Hour - Brianna Green, Denise and Jenna Drodt

Financial Stewards – Dave and Faye Lorenzo

Liturgical Minister - Kim Zietlow

Media – Kelsey DeLand

Organist - Ray Smith

Special Music – Elaine Bodi will sing *How Can I Keep from Singing* this morning during Holy Communion.

Ushers – Ron Zabawa, Head Usher; Roxie Boll, Dick Leonard, Lynne Zabawa

Schedule:

Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

Fellowship Hour – 10:00 AM

Sunday School & Catechism – 10:15 AM

Hymn Selection Committee Meeting – 11:30 AM

Youth Outing to Escape Room & Assemble College care packages

Monday: President's Day

Dartball – PoP @ Zion Summerfield - 7:30 PM

Tuesday: Adult Bible Study – 9:30 AM

AA - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: Mid-Week Service – 7:00 PM

Newsletter Deadline

Coming Soon...

Feb. 23 – Personal Care Items Due

March 02 – 9-12th Grade Vocation Milestone w/adult during Catechism

March 05 – Ash Wednesday Service 12 PM & 7 PM

Soup Lunch - 12:30 PM

Drive-Thru Ashes & Prayers 3-6 PM

Pancake Supper 6 PM

March o6 – Ida Kids Center Pre-school registration begins

March 12 – St. Patrick's Dinner Church

March 19, 26 & April 02 – Lenten Services – 7 PM

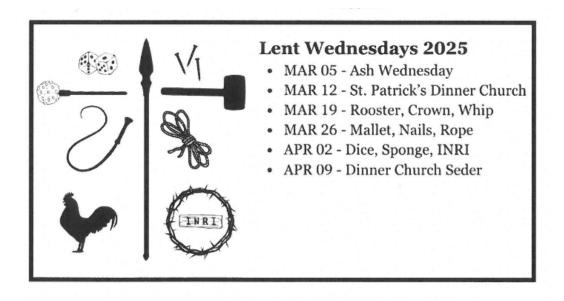
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Congratulations to Paul and Angela (Aksamit) Armintrout on the birth of their daughter, Blair Mae on February 10. Blair was born at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo and was welcomed home by her brother Jack!

Personal care items for distribution at Dundee Caring and Sharing are due next Sunday, Feb. 23. Shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, hand lotion, shaving products, toilet paper, etc. can be dropped off in the basket near the High School room. The organization is always in need of "**in season**" (only, please) clothes and small household items.



Local Event...

Feb. 21 – Roast beef dinner @ E Ida Immanuel Lutheran Church, 6272 W Albain Rd. Monroe. Meal includes roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans or corn, applesauce or coleslaw, dinner roll, beverage & dessert. Adults \$12; kids 5-10 \$8; kids 4 & under free. Carryout available! Proceeds benefit a different Monroe County charity organization each month

MILESTONES

Faith + Th

1 Corinthians 12:7
"The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others."



Parents, Grandparents, Godparents and anyone wanting to cultivate faith come along and attend with their young people.

Grades 9-12 Service - Vocation Milestone SUN MARCH 2 @ 10:15AM

