Prelude

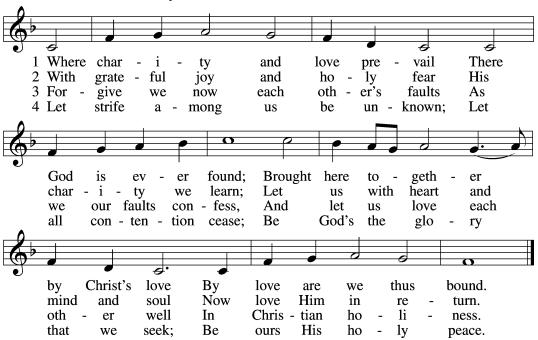
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Announcements

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

LSB #845 Where Charity and Love Prevail



- Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
 That names the Savior's name;
 His family embraces all
 Whose Father is the same.

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+ Confession and Absolution +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Stand

Introit

- **P** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
- **C** fret not yourself over the one who prospers in His way.
- **P** Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
- **C** be not envious of wrongdoers!
- **P** For they will soon fade like the grass
- **C** and wither like the green herb.
- **P** Trust in the LORD, and do good;
- C dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- **P** Delight yourself in the LORD,
- **C** and He will give you the desires of your heart.
- **P** Commit your way to the LORD;
- C trust in Him, and He will act.

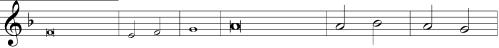


C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship men. Thee,





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3–15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in

the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

A 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 forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . . ³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins

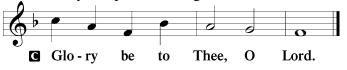
good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. ³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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



Holy Gospel Luke 6:27-38

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



²⁷Jesus said: "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away

your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³²"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."



Apostles' Creed

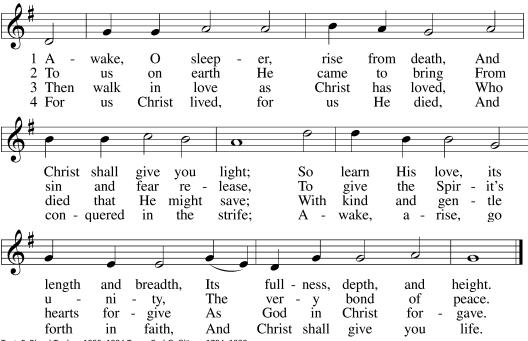
■ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

Hymn of the Day

LSB #697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



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Sermon

"Called to Be God's Gift"

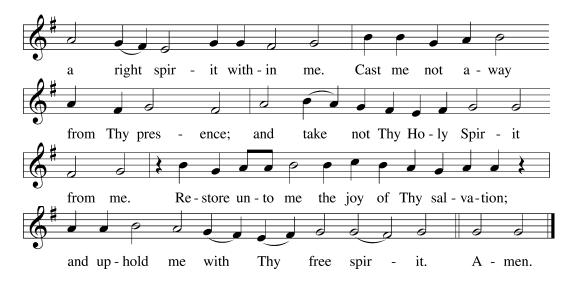
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Stand

Offertory

LSB #956 Create in Me





Offering

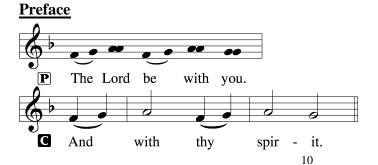
Prayer of the Church

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

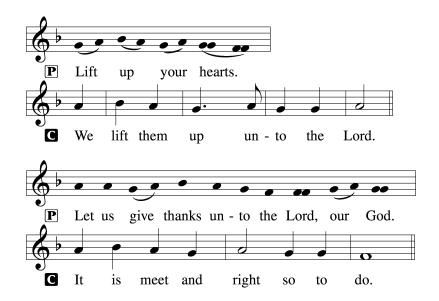
At the end of the prayers:

- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

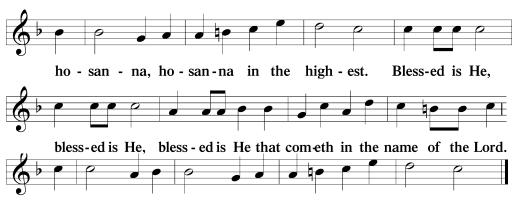


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It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

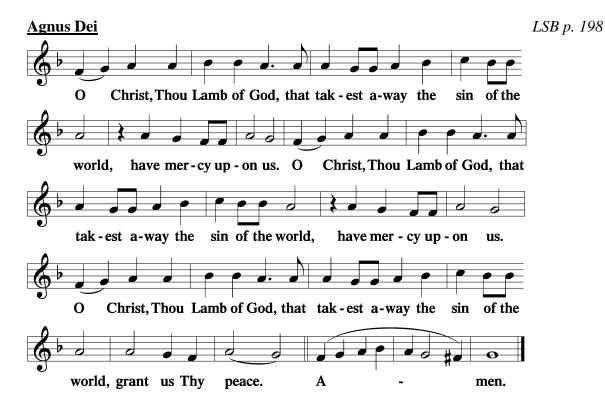
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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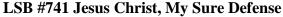
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.





Distribution

Please fill out a white communion card and leave it on the table next to the hand sanitizer as you come forward for communion. If you have not communed with us before, please see our statement of belief about communion on the inside front cover of the bulletin. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor for one. Also available in the center of the communion trays are two individual cups with water and a drop of wine.





- 5 Glorified, I shall anew With this flesh then be enshrouded; In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded; In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.
- 6 Then take comfort and rejoice,
 For His members Christ will cherish.
 Fear not, they will hear His voice;
 Dying, they will never perish;
 For the very grave is stirred
 When the trumpet's blast is heard.
- And at death no longer tremble;
 He, the Lord, who came to save
 Will at last His own assemble.
 They will go their Lord to meet,
 Treading death beneath their feet.
- 8 O, then, draw away your hearts
 From all pleasures base and hollow;
 Strive to share what He imparts
 While you here His footsteps follow.
 As you now still wait to rise,
 Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

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LSB #814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul



- He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the suff'rers rest.
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud
 And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
 He made by Moses known,
 But sent the world His truth and grace
 By His belovèd Son.

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LSB #692 Praise to You and Adoration



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The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

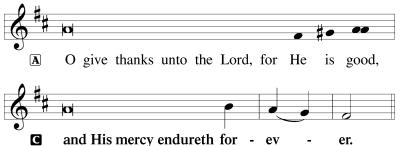
 → in peace.
- C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis



<u>Thanksgiving</u>

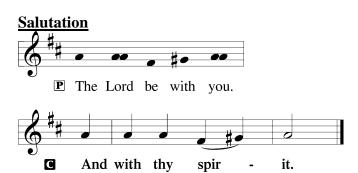
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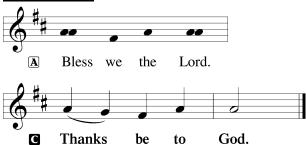
A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

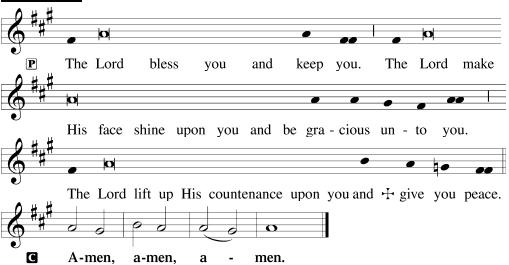




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Benediction





Closing Hymn

LSB #660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



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Silent Prayer & Postlude



NOTE to All Members: To connect your hearing aid to the <u>Listen Everywhere</u> feature you will need a smart phone. You can control the volume through your hearing aid volume buttons or the hearing aid app on your phone (if you have one



installed.)

- 1. On your phone, connect to the "BLC Guest" network with password Bethlehem 1837.
- 2. Go to the app store and search "Listen Everywhere" and download.
- 3. Open the app and touch "Allow" when asked.

The 2025 Flower Chart is up in the narthex and awaiting your names for flowers for the sanctuary for this coming year. Any questions, please contact Lora. Thanking you in advance for your beautiful flowers.

Serving Next Sunday February 23, 2025

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke

Elder: Bill Scott

Ushers: Tom Ruhoff, Philip Broderick,

Bill Egbert

Acolytes:Shane BarryAccompanist:Ingrid KargesAltar Guild:Kathy Jackson

Food bank needs: Peanut butter, SpaghettiOs and macaroni and cheese boxes. Thank you for all your donations.

Outreach committee will meet February 24th at 10:00am to do some planning. Helping to raise youth funds to attend the National Gathering. Interested? Come and join us.

Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping

For the month of <u>February</u>, we would like donations of hair clips, costume jewelry, sunglasses, combs and brushes – please place them in the yellow container in the narthex.

Any questions, please contact Bonnie Krenz.

Elders' Corner: If you have something you would like to discuss with your Elder concerning the church and your life, please don't hesitate to contact him. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail and/or message.

Members	Your Elder is:	
Abbott – Davey	Bill Scott	909-838-2129
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New Sunday Morning Bible study

Join us for a study led by Pastor Maschke. Together, we will delve into the **Augsburg Confession**, a cornerstone of Lutheran doctrine that boldly proclaims the truths of Scripture and our faith.

Studying the Augsburg Confession is not just a look at history—it's an opportunity to understand what we believe, why we believe it, and how it shapes our lives today. This confession of faith provides clarity on essential teachings such as grace, justification, and the sacraments, helping us grow in confidence as we live and share our faith in a complex world.

Copies of the Augsburg Confession will be available to take home for \$8. Whether you're new to Lutheranism or seeking to deepen your knowledge, this study is for you. We look forward to learning together!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 1 @ 11:00am Are you interested in assisting with making sleeping mats for the homeless? We need those who can cut material, sew them together, and then wrap up and tie-up the mats. Come and help, bring a friend or two.

Israel Trip

If you're interested in traveling to Israel this June Pastor Mark Duerr is leading a trip. Come walk where Jesus walked, see what Abraham saw, and experience what David experienced. If you are interested in learning more fill out the interest form on the website or email Pastor Duerr at: mduerr@trinitylutheranmonroe.org

Lutheran Heritage Tour – You are invited to join an exciting tour that will explore the world of Martin Luther. This 11-day tour is hosted by Rev, Robert Flohrs, Director for Wittenberg English Ministry. See Lora in the office for more information.

Extra long electric adjustable bed frame in good condition is available for free to a good home. Interested, contact Heather Bugg.

Upcoming 2025 Holiday Church Schedule

March 5th – Ash Wednesday @6:30pm

March 12th —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm

March 19th —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm

March 26th —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm

April 2nd —Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm

April 9th — Wednesday @6:30pm—Lent Supper @5:30pm

April 13th —Palm Sunday @9:15am

April 17th —Maundy Thursday @6:30pm (communion)

April 18th —Good Friday @6:30pm

April 20th —Easter @9:15am with brunch after service.

Weekly Prayer Page

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us." (1 John 5:14)

Remember in Your Prayers – (New Additions noted in Bold print)

Jean Armer – medical issues
DeAnna McDaniel Blomberg
& her daughter & granddaughter
medical issues

Judi Bugg – health issues (Delbert Bugg's mother)

Joe & Donna Chambers - medical issues

Grace Marie — medical issues (Lynn Tappan's great niece) Richard & Sandra Hartley medical issues

Ernie Hernandez – health issues (Austin Stone's father-in-law) John Huss – brain tumor recovery

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Robyn Izquierdo – medical issues (Jim Gansberg's daughter) Gale Jackson – medical issues

Amanda Kilbourn – health issues

(Heather Bugg's friend)

Lisa Lariviere (Rindi Fredlund's mother)

Laurel & Ed – medical issues (Spiker's family friends)

Darlene McClurg – medical issues

Dianne Medlock - medical issues

Norm Milz – medical issues

(Retired pastor of Shepherd of the Sierra)

Mike Tappan – medical issues (Lynn Tappan's husband)

Steve Timko – medical issues – friend and neighbor of Rev. Abbott

 $Allyson\ Underwood-{\it cancer}$

Karen Woodmansee

coping with medical issues

Stan Zuber – medical issues

Deacon Mike Hudson – Pastoral Training (Bethany Lutheran Church, Hawthorne, NV)

Guidelines for the Weekly Prayer Page

- 1) Anyone requesting prayers from the church must receive permission from the person before adding him/her.
- People will be added to the prayer list for two weeks, after which they will be removed, or by contacting the Church Secretary, be included for another two weeks.
- 3) Prayers will be offered for the friends and family of the deceased until three weeks after the memorial/funeral service or burial. If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please speak to your Elder, Lora Spiker, the Church Secretary, or Pastor Maschke. Please submit your prayer request with pertinent information to the Church Office by Wednesday.

Armed Forces:

Justin Jorstad (Sally & Wayne Allen's grandson) Jonathan Krenz – Navy (David & Bonnie Krenz's son) MSgt (E-7) Benjamin Welter – 192nd Airlift Squadron