



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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## Silent Prayer Before Worship

Lord Jesus, my heart is in awe of Your sacrifice as the spotless Lamb of God. You freely gave Your life to conquer sin and death, offering me eternal life. Help me never to forget the magnitude of Your love. May my life be a testament to Your redeeming power and grace. In Your holy name, Amen.

## Congregational Prayers

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✠ Sam Konakowitz	✠ Allen Kvittem	✠ Dorothy Kuecker
✠ Patricia Meyer	✠ Pat Swanson	✠ Jon Swanson

## Lectionary Summary for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### *God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross*

*“The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel,”* calls forth *“his Holy One”* (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, *“from the womb”* of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also *“as a light for the nations,”* whose salvation reaches *“to the end of the earth”* (Is. 49:6). John came *“baptizing with water”* (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as *“the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world”* (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended *“from heaven like a dove”* and *“remained on him”* (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and *“called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we *“are not lacking in any gift,”* but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, *“guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 1:7–8).

# Hymn of Invocation

## LSB 948 All Glory Be to God Alone

Text: attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, 1541, Strassburg, alt.

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1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the  
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in  
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -  
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,  
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And  
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The  
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord  
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O  
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His  
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry  
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -  
Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your  
and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.  
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.  
mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.  
more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

- 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.**

## Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## Absolution

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**



## Introit

*Psalm 19:1-4a; antiphon: Psalm 19:14*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable |  
in your sight,\*  
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.  
The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.  
Day to day | pours out speech,\*  
and night to night reveals | knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor | are there words,\*  
whose voice | is not heard.  
Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end |  
of the world.\*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun.  
**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.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable |  
in your sight,\*  
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

## Gloria Patri

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Kyrie

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**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** **Amen.**



## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7 (see insert)

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Psalms 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!

## Choir Anthem

Let the Light Shine Out of Darkness

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (see insert)

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42a (see insert)

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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



## 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.

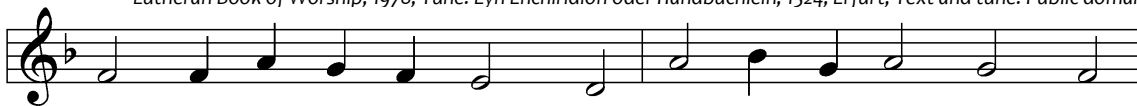
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.



## Hymn of the Day

## 402 The Only Son From Heaven

Text (sts. 1–3): Elisabeth Cruciger, c. 1500–1535; (sts. 1–3): tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.; (st. 4): Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; Tune: Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein, 1524, Erfurt; Text and tune: Public domain



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!"

## Sermon

## Votum

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## Offertory

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.



## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

### **In Preparation for Holy Communion**

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, is asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23, 10:32, 18:15-35, 26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34*

## Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

## Proper Preface (Full)

- P** 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in 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:

## Sanctus

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

- 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

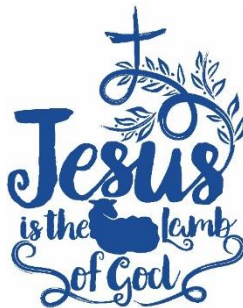
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, 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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.



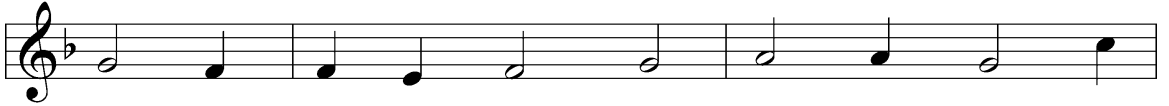
# Distribution Hymn

## LSB 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

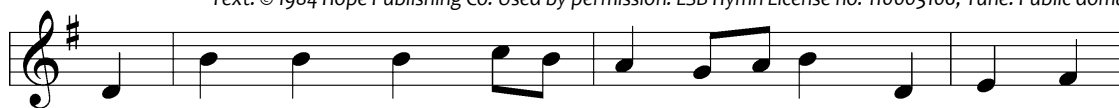


## Distribution Hymn

## LSB 551 When to the World Our Savior Came

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926–2024; Tune: Robert Schumann, 1810–56

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1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and  
2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple  
3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened  
4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for  
5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness  
thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from  
ears and loos - ened tongue; While light - ened eyes could  
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver  
pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.  
soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"  
see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.  
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.  
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.



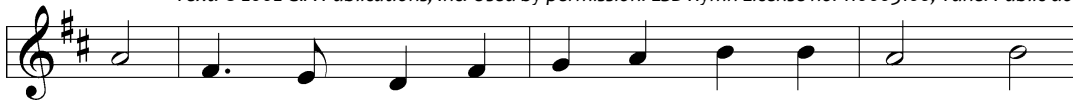
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## LSB 639 Wide Open Stand the Gates

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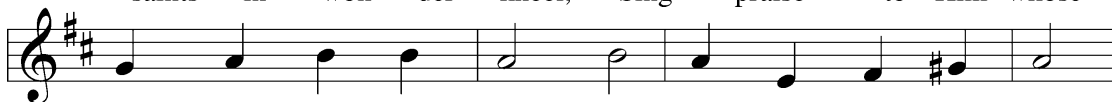
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1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While  
2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This  
3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While



round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in  
is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and  
saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!  
drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.  
face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.  
All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,  
This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,



The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!  
Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!  
Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

## Nunc Dimittis

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## 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** Amen.

## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- 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** Amen.



# Hymn to Depart

## LSB 810 O God of God, O Light of Light

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1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'  
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in  
4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo - ry bright The song of  
wing-ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions  
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our  
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,  
saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night  
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!  
earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry  
Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first - born  
So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your  
For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.  
sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.  
King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.  
throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.



Thank you for joining us today!  
God's Blessings on your week!

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