



## Epiphany 6

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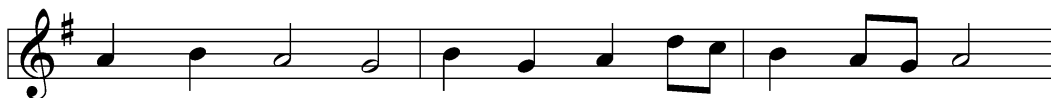
# Confession and Absolution

## 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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*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 T 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.**

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

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.**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Introit*

I will praise you with an | upright heart,\*  
**when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.**  
Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,\*  
**who walk in the law | of the LORD!**  
Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,\*  
**who seek him with their | whole heart.**  
You have commanded your | precepts\*  
**to be kept dil- | igently.**  
Oh that my ways may be | steadfast\*  
**in keeping your | statutes!**  
**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.**  
I will praise you with an | upright heart,\*  
**when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.**

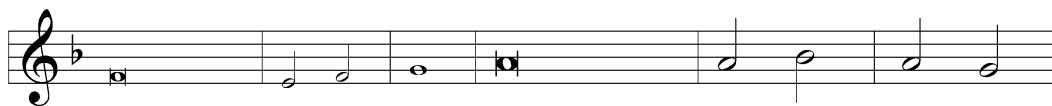
## Kyrie

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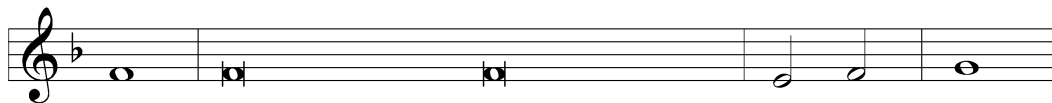
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

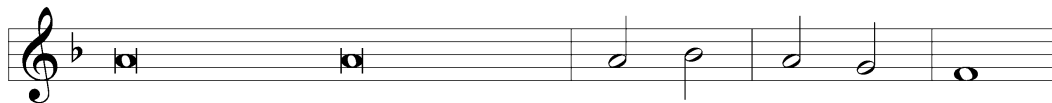
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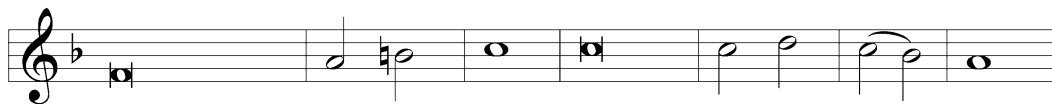
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



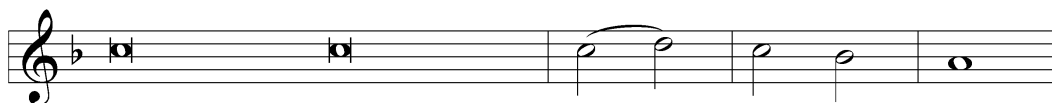
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



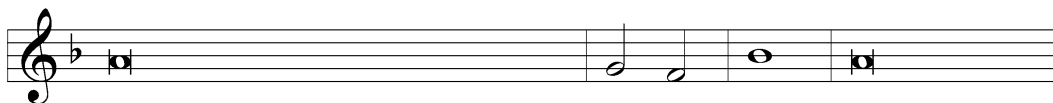
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



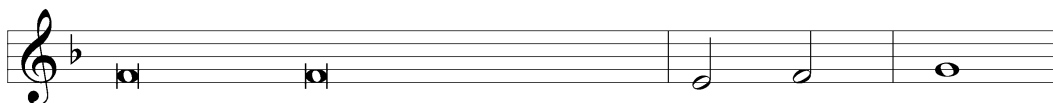
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



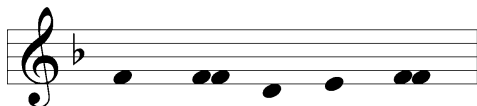
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Epiphany 6 / Septuagesima*



**P** The Lord be with you.



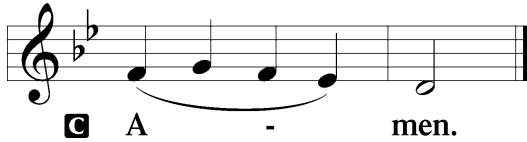
**G** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your

name; 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

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come.  
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.  
He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the  
stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to  
bear fruit.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 2*

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,\*  
**nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of |**  
**scoffers;**

but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,\*  
**and on his law he meditates | day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its  
season, and its leaf does not | wither.\*

**In all that he does, he | prospers.**

The wicked | are not so,\*  
**but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,\*  
**nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;**  
for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
**but the way of the wicked will | perish.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:1–20*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Stand

## Alleluia

LSB 190



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, 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 of the world to come. Amen.**

### 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God - head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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## Sermon

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

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Offertory

*LSB 192*

**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

### Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*LSB 194*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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; 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:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, . . . Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



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



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

## Distribution

### 705 The Man Is Ever Blessed

LSB 705

1 The man is ev - er blessed Who shuns the sin - ners' ways, A -  
2 But makes the Law of God His stud - y and de - light A -  
3 He like a tree shall thrive, With wa - ters near the root; Fresh  
4 Not so the wick - ed race, They no such bless - ings find; Their  
mong their coun - sels nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,  
mid the la - bors of the day And watch - es of the night.  
as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
hopes shall flee like emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing wind.

- 5 How will they bear to stand  
Before the judgment seat  
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand  
In full assembly meet?
- 6 He knows and He approves  
The way the righteous go;

But sinners and their works shall meet  
A dreadful overthrow.

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**699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

LSB 699



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."  
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

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# 982 Blest Are They

LSB 982



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, All be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and  
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in  
 cause of Me. Re - joice and be glad, yours is the



sor - row; They shall be con - soled.  
 thirst; They shall have their fill.  
 heart; They shall see God!  
 faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 king - dom; Shine for all to see.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you,



ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the



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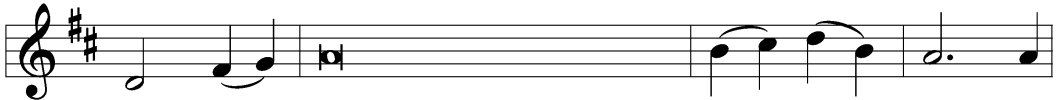
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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.

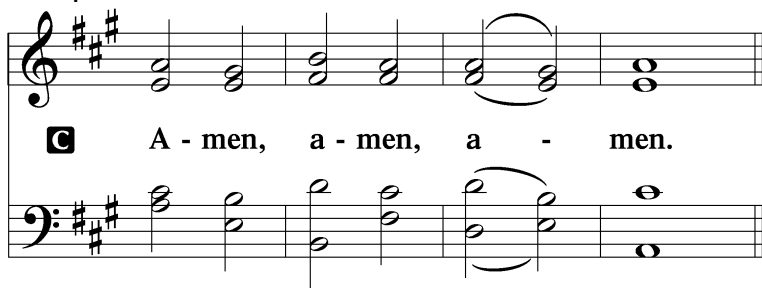


**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.



**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

# 797 Praise the Almighty

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!

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**Weekly Schedule for February 16- 23, 2025**

16 Today	Sunday School Adult Class Divine Service	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Sanctuary
17 Monday	Quilters Men’s Book Club. Ch 5.	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall Pelican Brewing Co.
18 Tuesday	Pastor at Circuit Winkel	9-4	Tigard
19 Wednesday	Men’s breakfast Confirmation	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Denny’s Fellowship Hall
20 Thursday	Midweek Studies 5 Rivers Study	1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall 5 Rivers
21 Friday			
22 Saturday			
23 Next Sunday	Sunday School Adult Bible Class Divine Service	9.30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Sanctuary

**February 16** “I love reminding them that the first diagnosis is, ‘It’s a baby,’ and no other diagnosis ever negates diagnosis number one. The baby is inherently valuable

and worthy of our love.” *Dr. Robin Pierucci – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

February 16 – Septuagesima Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” That’s not what they were expecting! The generosity of God is surprising because we are often so tightfisted. But the Lord gives out of His grace, better than we could deserve or even hope for. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His surprising generosity. How is the Lord calling you to generous living in His image?

KARAOKE FOR CHRISTIAN HYMNS... You can sing hymns like “Now Thank We All Our God,” “O Lord, Look Down from Heaven Behold,” “Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow,” “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done,” “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe,” and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 50 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at [lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke](http://lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke).

### ***Week Beginning Sunday, February 16, 2025 Septuagesima***

Catechism—Sacrament of the Altar: What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Where is this written?

Verse of the week: 1 Corinthians 10:4 All drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

Psalm of the week: Psalm 18

Hymn of the week: 566 “By Grace I’m Saved” (stanzas 1-4)

Bible Stories for the Week:

#### **Bible Narrative**

#### **Second Reading**

Sunday	<b>Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard—Matt 20:1-16</b>	
Monday	<b>Break:</b> Daniel’s Dream of the Four Beasts—Daniel 7:1-28	1 Peter 4:12-19
Tuesday	Daniel’s Prayer—Daniel 9:1-6, 17-27	1 Peter 5:1-14
Wednesday	Daniel’s Vision of a Man—Daniel 10:1–11:4 (12:1-13)	2 Peter 1:1-4
Thursday	Proclamation of Cyrus - King of Persia—2 Chron. 36:22-23	2 Peter 1:5-15
Friday	The End of the Babylonian Captivity—Ezra 1:1-11	2 Peter 1:16-21
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Isaiah 55:10-13	2 Cor. 11:19–12:9

### **Our Communion Practice**

First Corinthians chapter 11 (28-29) states, "Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." Therefore, we encourage you to examine yourself before taking the Lord's Supper using the following questions:

Do I realize that I am a sinner?

Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior, that I have been baptized into His death?

Do I believe that I will receive both bread and wine and Christ's body and blood?

Do I intend from this time forward to amend my sinful life?

Our reverence for and our understanding of this Sacrament compels us to ask that anyone who has not communed with us before please speak to the Pastor prior to approaching the rail. Children who have not been instructed and guests who wish to receive a blessing are welcome at the rail, please indicate this by folding your hands and placing them on the rail.