

# Come Lord Jesus

## Be Our Guest

January 19,  
2025



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

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**Welcome, guests!** We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services (hymnals are available in the entryway for the hymns), and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register in the entranceway; your information is only for the pastor's records. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS:** Jesus reveals himself as the Anointed one with the Father's authority to proclaim himself as fulfillment of prophecy. The Word made flesh points to the Word and boldly proclaims, "Fulfillment." This bold proclamation carries joy to the very heart of the body of Christ and emboldens its members to proclaim the same.

**MORNING PRAYER:** Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things in heaven and earth. Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, and grant us Your peace all the days of our life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God now and forever. Amen.

**ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE:** RITE II w/ COMMUNION— ELH, Pg.60



## OPENING HYMN: (ELH)

#172

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

*\*\*Please Stand for The Last Verse\*\**

(p. 60) In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



**G** A - men.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**G** Who made heav'n and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



**G** And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(p.61) 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. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

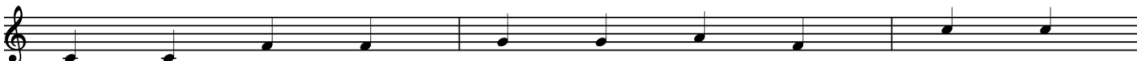
(p. 62) **O most merciful God, You have given your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us for his sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only-begotten Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name, He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.**

### GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

*The Gloria Patri #410*



1. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther! Glo - ry  
2. Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us  
3. Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the

be to God the Son! Glo - ry be to  
 from each spot and stain! Glo - ry be to  
 choir of an - gels sings, Ho - nor, rich - es,  
 God the Spir - it! God E - ter - nal Three in One!  
 Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
 pow'r, do - min - ion! Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings.

(P. 64) GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO*

Glory be to God on high And on earth peace, good will toward men.  
 We praise You, we bless You, we wor - ship You, we glorify You,  
 we give thanks to You, for Your 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, You take away the  
 sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. You take away the sin of the  
 world, re - ceive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the  
 Father, have mercy up - on us. For You only are holy. You on - ly  
 are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the  
 glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray: (Collect 22)

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



A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON:

**Exodus 7: 14 – 24**

*Before Pharaoh, God turned water into blood; this was an act of divine judgment on an unbelieving people. The power of God aimed to break open hearts of stone or harden them further. Like all the plagues, this occurred so Pharaoh would know the LORD. It is incredible to read about this miracle of God's judgment transforming water into a stinking, undrinkable liquid and then read the Gospel where the Son of God does just the opposite.*

***Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding. He refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning. When he goes out by the water, stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him. Take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake.***

***"You are to tell him: 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you. He says, "Let my people go so that they may serve me in the wilderness." But look, until now you have not listened. So this is what the Lord says: "In this way, you will know that I am the Lord." Look! With the staff that is in my hand, I will strike the water in the Nile, and it will be turned to blood. The fish that are in the Nile will die, and the Nile will stink. The Egyptians will not be able to drink water from the Nile.'" The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Take your staff, and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over its rivers, its streams, its ponds, and all the reservoirs—and they will become blood. There will be blood in the entire land of Egypt, even in containers made of wood and stone.'"***

***Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord had commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and his officials, Aaron lifted up the staff and struck the water that was in the Nile. All the water in the Nile was turned to blood. The fish that were in the river died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians were not able to drink water from the Nile. There was blood in the entire land of Egypt. But the magicians of Egypt did the same thing by their occult practices. So Pharaoh's heart was hard, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had told***

*them. Pharaoh turned and went to his palace. He did not take to heart even this. All the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, because they were not able to drink the water from the Nile.*

**GRADUAL OF THE DAY: (p. 142, Epiphany 2)**

*All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You. They shall sing praises to Your name. Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.*

**SECOND LESSON**

**1 CORINTHIANS 12: 1 – 11**

*On this day of reverent joy at the glory of the Lord revealed to weary hearts, we rejoice in the Lord's pleasure to make the Church His bride. As gifts to His bride, there come the gifts of the Spirit for the common good.*

*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were deceived and somehow led away to mute idols. Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.*

*There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.*

*Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.*

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations! Exalt Him, all you people! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Alleluia.



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

*\*\*Please Stand\*\**

**GOSPEL**

**JOHN 2: 1 – 11**

*This account from the Gospel of John is not so much a stamp of approval on wedding celebrations as a display of glory by our bridegroom, Jesus the Christ. The Savior's meeting of an*

*immediate need was a secondary benefit to the revelation of his glorious power and divine authority and the confirmation of his first disciples’ faith.*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

*Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no wine.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet.”*

*His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to the brim. Then he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” And they did.*

*When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!”*

*This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.*

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

**THE CHIEF HYMN: (ELH)**

**#173**

THE STAR PROCLAIMS THE KING IS HERE

SERMON TEXT:

JOHN 2: 1 – 11

SERMON THEME:

EXPECTING GOD'S GLORY

**CREATE IN ME**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Your pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it. A - men.

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

*OFFERING: In 2 Corinthians 9: 7, Paul tells us, "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver." This service is our gift to our guests; if you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EPIPHANY**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time, you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

**You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts so we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far so that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home, where we will stand in the full light of your glory and, with all your saints and angels, sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**Amen.**

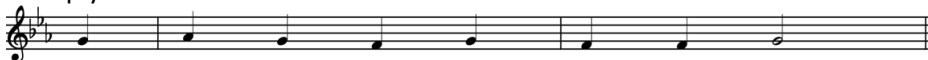
### THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



☐ And\_ with your\_ spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we praise You that You sent us Your only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You 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:

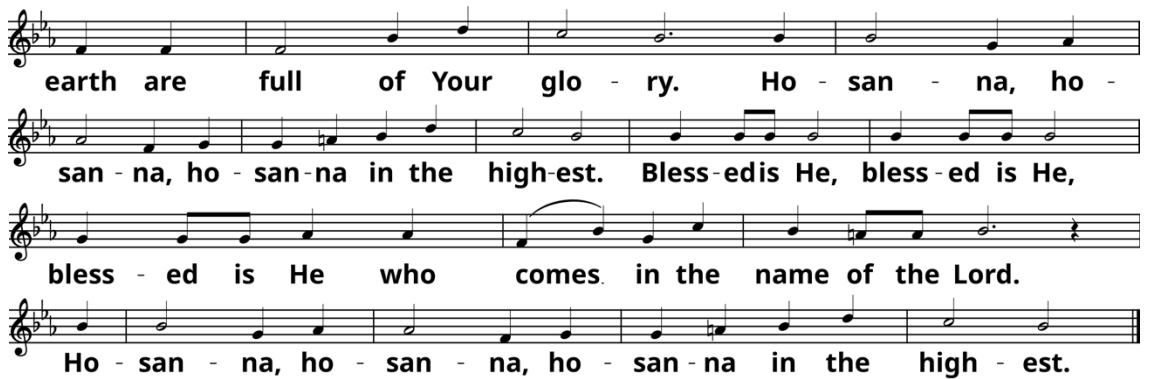
### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*SANCTUS*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth; Heav'n and





earth are full of Your 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 who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*(sung p.77)* 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 pow'r and the  
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament is my (†) blood, which is shed for you and the many, for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**A - men.**

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

*AGNUS DEI*



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,

have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You  
 take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,  
 grant us Your peace. A - - - - - men.

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN (ELH)**

**#327**

O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE

**DISTRIBUTION**

*DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.*

*\*\*Please Stand\*\**

**SONG OF SIMEON**

*NUNC DIMITTIS*

Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in\_ peace ac - cord - ing to Your  
 word. For my\_ eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have pre -  
 pared. be - fore the face of all people, a Light to light - en the  
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - - - - - rael.  
 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, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

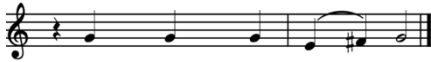
Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, for refreshing us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that, in Your mercy, You would strengthen us through them in faith toward

You and fervent toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



**A - men.**

The Lord be with you.



**And with your spir - it.**

Let us bless the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



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

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

#### **CLOSING HYMN:**

**#206**

I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS

#### **NEXT WEEK'S HYMNS: FROM THE ELH**

HARK THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOR COMES

**#109**

JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'RE THE SUN

**#193**

RISE, THOU LIGHT OF GENTILE NATIONS

**#197**

SEND, O LORD, THY HOLY SPIRIT

**#507**

#### **WHAT WE BELIEVE:**

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.

- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Bible Study:** Please join us for our Sunday morning Bible Study as we consider the book of Luke. Bring your questions, reading is always optional, and you can come and go as you like. We begin at 9 a.m.

**Potluck:** We will hold our first potluck of the new year on 16 February. The event will be themed around Valentine's Day, welcoming our newest members.

**Council Position:** In May, our council president, Mitch Breyton, will have served two terms. According to our constitution and by-laws, he is ineligible to serve an additional term. Please consider serving in this capacity. The requirements are as follows: He must be one of the primary signatures on all legal paperwork for our congregation, coordinate all council and voter meetings, and work with the council members to oversee all administrative work of the congregation.

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