



**THE
SPIRITUALLY
VIBRANT
HOME**

MESSY PRAYERS

🌀 WELCOME TO WORSHIP 🌀

We are glad you are here today! Please fill out our friendship book, and come back to join us again. If you have children we'd encourage you to take a risk. Try sitting up front. We love having children in worship! Children also love to see the action. In the event your child becomes **overly** "restless" and begins to disturb either you or the people around you, we have a nursery available during worship services and the education hour. An usher can help you locate the nursery. **Thanks for being here!**

🌀 EDUCATION HOUR 🌀

Every Sunday immediately following the 8:00 a.m. worship service, we have a coffee fellowship in the Gathering Space. From 9:30 to 10:30 Sunday school and Bible classes are in session for toddlers to 95+. Our second service begins at 10:45. We invite **all members and our visiting friends** to join us in any or all of these growth opportunities.

Please check your cell phone and/or pager to be sure it is turned off or set to vibrate. Thank you for considering those around you.

AVAILABLE—Large Print bulletins, **Hearing Assist** for those who have a hearing device with a "T" setting use that setting, and information for wheelchair seating.

“CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS”

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/SANCTITY OF LIFE

Saturday/Sunday, January 21/22, 2023

WELCOME & THEME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

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OPENING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

LSB 850

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P In the name of God the Father,
C who creates every life.

P In the name of God the Son,
C who redeemed every life.

P In the name of God the Holy Spirit,
C who desires to call every life.

P In the name of our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
C Amen.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P We confess our sins to God our Father,
C Father, we confess our sinful nature clings closely to us. It manifests itself in so many ways. It causes us to doubt the value of our lives. It causes us to doubt the value of other lives. It causes us to value life for the wrong reasons. It so often makes us indifferent when we see life being devalued all around us. We fail to protect and defend life. We fail to proclaim the great value You give to life. Father, have mercy on us and forgive us for Jesus' sake.

We silently reflect on God's Word and our need for God's forgiveness.

P The hands of God that created you stretched out in love upon the cross to pay the price for all your sins. Therefore, be assured that God's hand of mercy is upon you, and it is my joy, in the stead and by the command of the risen Jesus, to proclaim to you the full and free forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE FOUNDATION

- P** The Bible, we hold, is God’s Word from cover to cover;
- C** it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;
- P** it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;
- C** I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 6:1-10a,12

¹These are the commands, decrees, and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ²so that you, your children, and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all His decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the Lord is one. ⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

¹⁰When the LORD your God brings you into the land He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you—...¹²be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

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

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42a

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me. ³¹I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on Him. ³³I would not have known Him, except that the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is He who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?

They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “Where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” He replied, “and you will see.

So they went and saw where He was staying, and spent that day with Him. It was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

WHAT WE BELIEVE *(Luther's Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed)*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

All: This is most certainly true.

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(Sunday only) Children's Message in A202 for children age 3 through second grade. (Parents: Please keep your phone near you on vibrate so that we can contact you quietly if needed.)

SERMON HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

THWC 382

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

SERMON

Spiritually Vibrant Homes
"Messy Prayers"

THANK OFFERINGS *(See page 11 for offering information.)*

ANTHEM *(Sunday)*

"To Sing God's Praise"

CELEBRATION RINGERS

by Krug
Keaton Connell, *director*

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PRAYERS

- P** Father in heaven, thank You for creating us and knitting us together in our mothers' wombs.
- C** Thank You for the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and through His loving arms welcoming us as Your children.
- P** When we look upon those not yet born,
- C** help us see them as children who need to be welcomed and brought to the arms of Jesus.
- P** We pray for an end to abortion and euthanasia in our country and world. Turn the hearts of those who permit, promote, or participate in this violence against life to You. Convince all medical professionals always and only to care and heal and never to terminate life as a solution to unplanned pregnancy.
- C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P** When we look upon those struggling with an unplanned pregnancy,
- C** help us see them as precious children, welcome them, help them, and be for them the compassionate arms of Jesus.
- P** When we are aware of those who are wounded by a past abortion decision,
- C** help us see them as precious children, welcome them, and be for them the healing arms of Jesus.
- P** We pray for caring pregnancy centers, counselors, pastors, and all those who have opportunity to serve others in difficult situations.
- C** Thank You for these people. Strengthen them in their service and help them be the caring arms of Jesus.
- (Special intercessions may be offered here.)*
- P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray:
- 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.

✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB p 179

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.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(See page 11 for communion information.)*

HYMNS

“We Gather Together”

THWC 561

**We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side all glory to be Thine!**

**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
and pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.**

**Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
 lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
 O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
 ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, alleluia!
 Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
 ye lights of evening find a voice,
 O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
 make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou fire so masterful and bright,
 that givest man both warmth and light,
 O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
 forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
 praise God and on Him cast your care,
 O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
 O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All creatures of our God and King,
 lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
 O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

LSB 549, vv. 1-4

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Heavenly Father, who gives value to every life, give Your people the wisdom to see the value You give to life and the love to reflect that value in our living, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord look upon you with favor
and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

THWC 58

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.

P We enter to worship

C We exit to witness.

✠ TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY ✠

⌘ REGARDING THANK OFFERINGS ⌘

To our Guests – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Offerings can be given in the following ways:

- Place in the offering plate as it is passed down the pew.
- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit.
- Drop off or mail to the church office.
- Go to oursaviorbett.org and click on “Give” at the top of the page.
- Give offerings/donate from your smart phone. Scan the QR code to access the online giving page.



⌘ REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION ⌘

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord’s Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ’s body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you’ve had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. ***If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.***

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord’s Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God’s Word, especially the Apostles’ Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

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✧ THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND ✧

Pastor	Keith Piotter
Acolyte (<i>Saturday/Sunday</i>).....	John Gayton/Hadley James
Children’s Message (<i>Sunday</i>)	Marsha Beck
Projectionist (<i>Saturday/Sunday</i>).....	Travis & Katie Hanson/Trevor Zimmerman
Live Stream/Sound Tech	Trevor Zimmerman, <i>tech director</i>
Reader (<i>Sunday</i>)	Andrew Piotter