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January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8:00 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

8001 NW 5th Street

Plantation, Florida 33324

Tony Durante, Pastor

“Serving Christ-Serving Others-Changing Lives”

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As we gather, please take a minute to fill out your Connection Card.

Divine Service—8:00 a.m.

Prelude

(Bells rung to begin service)

Announcements

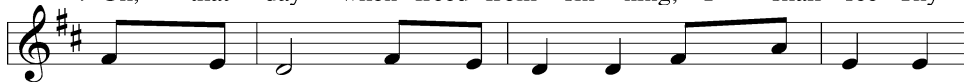
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Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Font of Ever Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Invocation

L In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L Let us then *kneel* and confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

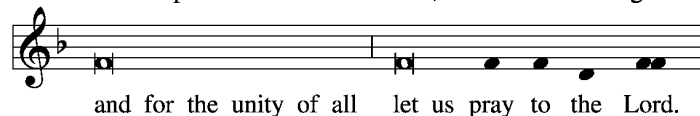
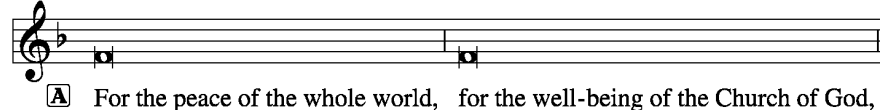
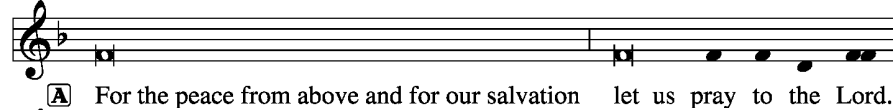
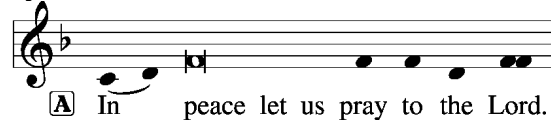
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

(Please stand)

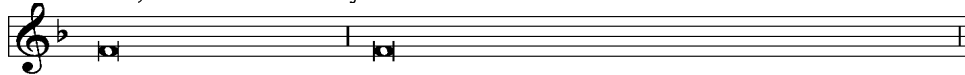
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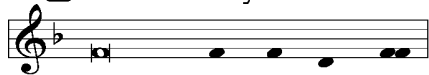
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C Lord, have mer - cy.



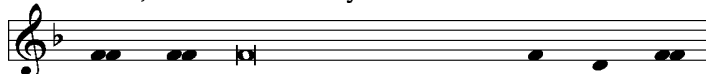
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



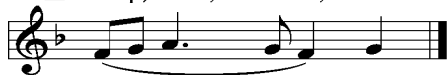
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

Refrain



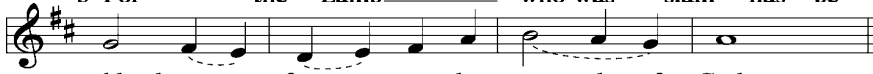
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



- 1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

L Almighty God, even when all else fails, Your grace persists. Even when we pull away, You hold us fast. Let the perseverance of Your love be stronger than the stubbornness of our humanity that we might be saved through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

L American author, Douglass Brinkley said, “Stubbornness is a positive quality of presidential leadership—if you’re right about what you’re stubborn about.” This is can also be true of an infallible God’s lordship, according to the scripture readings for this morning.

First Reading—Amos 2:4-5 This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Judah, even for four, I will not relent. Because they have rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept his decrees, because they have been led astray by false gods, the gods their ancestors followed, ⁵ I will send fire on Judah that will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading—Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter, verses 27-30

C Glory to You, O Lord.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

L Let us with one voice confess our faith saying the Creed.

C 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.

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Tune: Lofsånger och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden

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Sermon

Stubborn Love

John 10:27-30

Sharing of the Peace

(Share greetings with others by saying, "Peace be with you".)

Offering and Voluntary

(Please fill out your Connection Card.)

(Please stand)

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

C Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs. **(After each petition: Pastor: Lord in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.)**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

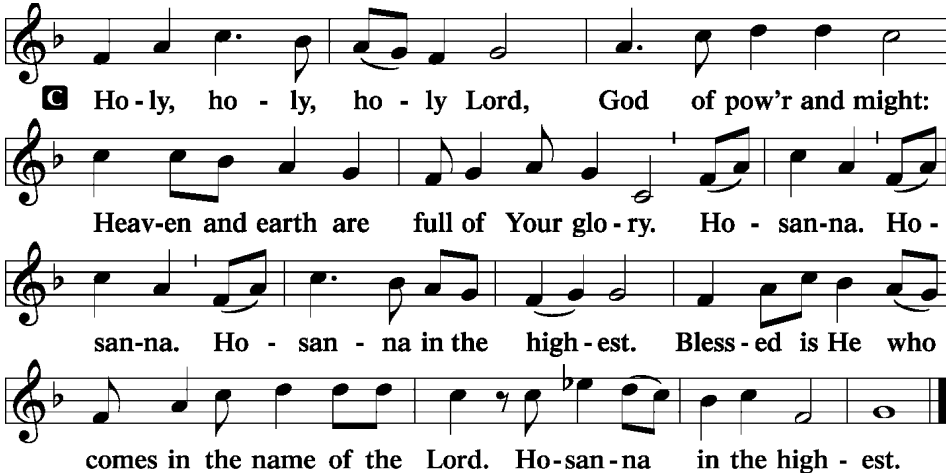
Service of the Sacrament

As we turn our thoughts toward Holy Communion we are reminded that this is a sacrament of God's Grace intended for baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, repent or turn from their sins and believe that in and with the bread and wine is Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to live a new life.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise
- P** 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, 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 singing:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

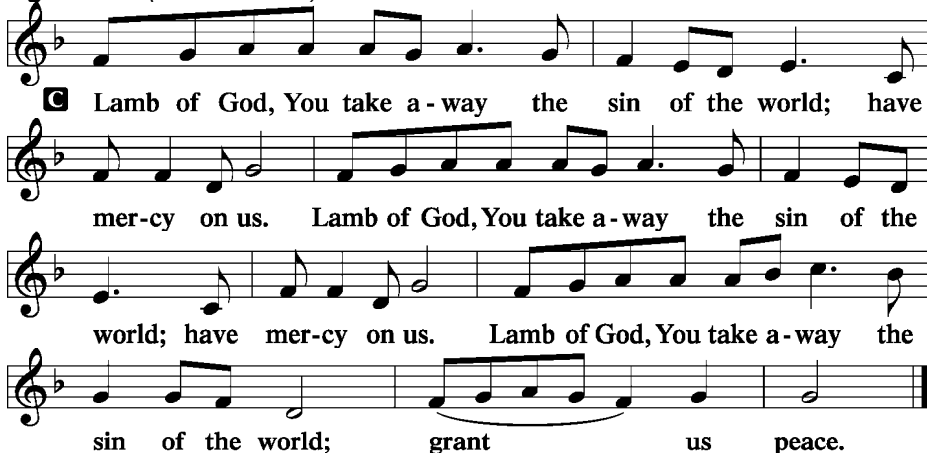
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord (*Pastor*)

Peace of God

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** And also with you.

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

Distribution

Holy Communion is a gift from God. It is the Lord's Table to which He invites us. As we prepare to receive the Sacrament, we might ask ourselves the following questions: Do I realize that I am a sinful human being? Do I understand that our Lord gave His life, His body and blood, for me on the cross that I might be forgiven of my sins and in His resurrection raised me to a new life? Do I realize that in the Lord's Supper He gives me His true body and blood that I might be assured of forgiveness and that my faith is strengthened that I might serve my Lord and through Him serve others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please join us in the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not yet been baptized or received instruction, please come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving the elements.

General Distribution: We invite you to come up to the altar for communion.

Special Distribution: Those who are unable to use the stairs to commune at the altar, please stay seated until a communion assistant team comes to the bottom of the stairs. An usher will guide you to walk up and receive communion. For those who cannot walk to the front, communion assistants will commune you at your seat.

Distribution Hymn Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



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.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt.

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93

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(Please stand)

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.

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P 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 in faith toward You and in 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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Abide with Me



1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid e with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bid e with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY.

Altar Guild: Nicole Linley and Kathy Thurn 8:00
Cheryl Moore 10:30
Greeters: Junko Durante 8:00
Jan Withers and Mercedes Camacho 10:30
Preacher: Pastor Tony Durante
Liturgist: John Wheeler 8:00—Haroldo Camacho 10:30
Cantor: Ian Johnson 8:00
Lay Reader: Lerryn Latimer 8:00—Carol Tucek 10:30
Communion Asst: Pamela King and Neville Morrison 8:00
Bob and Rose Johnson 10:30
Ushers: Anthony and Nicole Linley, David Volz, Mark Williamson 8:00
Greg and Karen Goth, Doug and Myke MacLeay 10:30
Sound and visuals: Andy Clark and Renee Bilodeau/Nyla Green
Prayer Team: Jodi Waldron and Robert Spencer
Organist: Carisa Meier
Praise Team Leader: Wayne Rediker 10:30
Viola/Music Leader: Ian Johnson 10:30
Keyboard: Nancy Volz 10:30
Bass: Duane Srot 10:30
Drummer: Crystal Gossard 10:30

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Services
Tony Durante, Pastor
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