

# First Sunday after the Epiphany

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*THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD*

*Prelude: O Welt, Ich Muss Dich Lassen* by Johann Walther

**Hymn of Invocation: 396 Arise and Shine in Splendor**

**Order of Worship: p. 184**

**Introit**



*Psalm 100:1-2a; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

On a throne, high and | lifted up,\*

I saw a Man | sitting,

whom the multitude of angels adores, singing to- | gether:

Behold, His dominion endureth | forever.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, | all ye lands:\*

serve the LORD with | gladness.



Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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I saw a Man | sitting,

whom the multitude of angels adores, singing to- | gether:

Behold, His dominion endureth | forever.

**Kyrie - Salutation** p. 186ff

**Collect of the Day**

**P** O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee, and grant that they may both perceive what things they ought to do and also may have power to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Prophecy**

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

Thus says the LORD God: "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, my Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for His law." Thus says God the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, to open blind eyes, to bring

out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house. I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

- A** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 72:18, 3*



Blessèd be the LORD God, the God of | Israel,\*

who only doeth | wondrous things.

The mountains shall bring peace to the | people,\*

and the little hills by | righteousness.

### Epistle

*Romans 12:1–6a*

Brethren: I beseech you by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- A** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia & Verse of the Day

*Psalm 100:1–2a*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Alleluia.** Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, | all ye lands! Serve the LORD with | gladness! **Alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:41–52*

- P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten**

**Sermon**

**Offering Hymn: 401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born**

*Stand*

**Offertory p. 192 ff**

**Prayer of the Church** **P** let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

**Preface p. 194**

**Proper Preface**

**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 - Agnus Dei p. 195 ff**

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymns:**

**395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright /**

**394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise /**

**410 Within the Father's House /**

**839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light /**

864 Shepherd of Tender Youth /  
TLH 130 O Jesus, King of Glory



1 O Je - sus, King of Glo - ry, Both Da - vid's Lord and Son!  
2 The East - ern sa - ges, bring - ing Their trib - ute gifts to Thee,  
3 Thou art a might - y Mon - arch, As by Thy Word is told,  
4 Yet art Thou decked with beau - ty, With rays of glo - rious light;



Thy realm en - dures for - ev - er, In heav'n is fixed Thy throne.  
Bear wit - ness to Thy king - dom And hum - bly bow the knee.  
Yet car - est Thou but lit - tle For earth - ly goods or gold;  
Thy works pro - claim Thy good - ness, And all Thy ways are right.



Help that in earth's do - min - ions, Thro' - out from pole to pole,  
To Thee the star is point - ing, And the pro - phet - ic Word;  
On no proud steed Thou rid - est, Thou wear'st no jew - eled crown  
Vouch - safe to shield Thy peo - ple With Thine al - might - y arm



Thy reign may spread sal - va - tion To each be - night - ed soul.  
Hence joy - ous - ly we hail Thee; Our Sav - ior and our Lord!  
Nor dwell'st in lord - ly cas - tle, But bear - est scoff and frown.  
That they may dwell in safe - ty From those who mean them harm.

5 Ah, look on me with pity  
Though I am weak and poor;  
Admit me to Thy kingdom  
To dwell there, blest and sure.  
I pray Thee, guide and keep me  
Safe from my bitter foes,  
From sin and death and Satan;  
Free me from all my woes.

6 And bid Thy Word within me  
Shine as the fairest star;  
Keep sin and all false doctrine  
Forever from me far.  
Help me confess Thee truly  
And with Thy Christendom  
Here own Thee King and Savior  
And in the world to come. **A-men.**

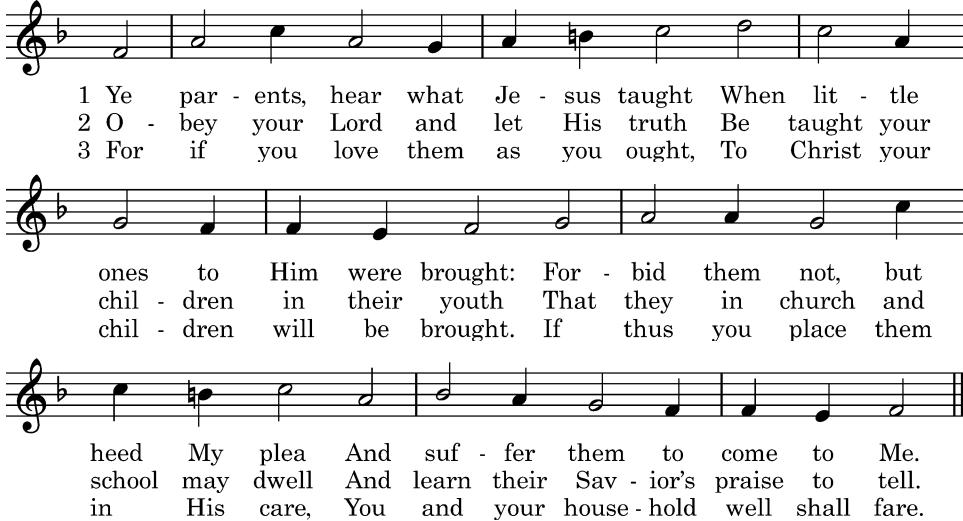
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Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1613

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimitiss - Benediction** *p. 199 ff*

## Hymn to Depart: TLH 630 Ye Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught



1 Ye par - ents, hear what Je - sus taught When lit - tle  
2 O - bey your Lord and let His truth Be taught your  
3 For if you love them as you ought, To Christ your

ones to Him were brought: For - bid them not, but  
chil - dren in their youth That they in church and  
chil - dren will be brought. If thus you place them

heed My plea And suf - fer them to come to Me.  
school may dwell And learn their Sav - ior's praise to tell.  
in His care, You and your house - hold well shall fare. **A-men.**

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1596, cento; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1939

Tune: Cantionale Germanicum, Dresden, 1628

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## Postlude: Herr Jesu Christ, Dich by Dietrich Buxtehude

### Looking Forward to Wednesday (Baptism of Our Lord)

Lessons: Romans 3:19-26, Matthew 3:13-17

Hymns: 604-406-403-601

### Looking Forward to Next Sunday (The Second Sunday after the Epiphany)

Lessons: Amos 9:11-15, Romans 12:6-16a, John 2:1-12

Hymns: 399-862-394/514/385/636/402/858-922

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## We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

### Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

### The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



### Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

*"Repetitio est mater studiorum:* Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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