



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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As We Gather

National Lutheran Schools Week provides more than 1,900 preschools, elementary schools and high schools, including our own school, with the opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

Morning Prayer

LSB pg. 239

Prelude & Welcome

Ringling of the Tower Bell

Versicles

LSB 235

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
C 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 forever. Amen.

- C** Alleluia, alleluia.

Psalmody

- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

LSB 236

- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to
the rock of our salvation.
I Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a
joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
II For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
I In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the
mountains are His also.
II The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.
I O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the
Lord, our maker.
II For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the
sheep of His hand.
C 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 forever. Amen.

- L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.
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Psalm

Psalm 111

- ¹Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
²**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**
³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

- ⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- ⁶**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- ⁸**they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- ⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
- ¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!**

- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.**

- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.**

- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.**

- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.**

- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.**

- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.**

Readings

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

New Testament

Acts 6:1-7

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Reading

Matthew 20:20-28

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.²¹ And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.”²² Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.”²³ He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”

²⁴And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones

exercise authority over them. ²⁶It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- L** In many and various ways,
God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** **But now in these last days,**
He has spoken to us by His Son.

NLSW Theme Hymn

"We Have Been Sent to Serve"

[Tune: LSB 525]

- 1 We have been sent to serve
By Christ, our Servant King,
Who gave His life that we might live;
New life to others bring.
Our Lord and Master's grace
Impels each faithful one
To hold the lost in His embrace;
Each daughter, ev'ry son!
- 2 No longer slaves to sin
We serve in lowliness.
Through Word and water we begin
A life of holiness.
May we, through servanthood,
Proclaim Lord Jesus' love,
So all might know that God is good,
And trust the LORD above.
- 3 To those who are ignored,
Who live with troubled hearts,
May we, as servants of the LORD,
Tend them till fear departs.
May they, by grace, be blest
Through faith in Jesus Christ,
Who gave His life so all would rest
In His great sacrifice.
- 4 Our ransom has been paid
For Christ, who conquered death,
Rose from the grave, came to our aid,
With His life-saving breath.
He reigns as LORD of all;
He shall return again.
Until His coming, heed His call
That all might heaven gain.

- 5 △ To God the Father sing
 A high doxology;
 Unto Christ Jesus ever bring
 A hymn sung glor'ously!
 Then to the Spirit raise
 Psalms of unending joy,
 As we, with willing spirit, praise
 Our LORD and God on high!

Sermon "Sent to Serve" *Matthew 20:20-28*

833 Listen, God Is Calling

Refrain:

- L** Listen,
C listen, God is calling
 Through the Word inviting,
 Offering forgiveness,
 Comfort, and joy.

1

- L** Jesus gave His mandate;
C Share the good news
L That He came to save us
C And set us free. *Refrain*

2

- L** Let none be forgotten
C Throughout the world.
L In the triune name of God
C Go and baptize. *Refrain*

3

- L** Help us to be faithful,
C Standing steadfast,
L Walking in Your precepts,
C Led by Your Word. *Refrain*

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Organ Offertory and Steward *MINUTE*

- Offering Prayer

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- **Give electronically:** go to SJL.ORG and click the blue 'Give Online' button.
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Prayer

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Additional Prayers

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

Benedicamus

LSB 241

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 242

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!

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✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

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