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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the **Gospel**  
and  
**Go**  
with the **Gospel**

**Welcome!** We thank  
God that you have  
joined us at worship  
today.

Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children need  
to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the service  
in the basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He is  
present among us in a  
special way through  
his Word and  
Sacrament. We  
acknowledge our sin  
and rejoice in the good  
news of forgiveness  
through the life and  
death of Christ. This is  
the focus of our  
worship.

January 25 & 28, 2024  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**



From Jordan's Shore to Mountain's Glory:  
**Absolute Authority**

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Authority is the power to determine what happens, the ability to give direction or even commands. Authority is limited. Authority is limited in duration. Parents have authority over their children until they grow up and move out. Authority is limited in scope. A governor has authority over the people of his state only, not the neighboring state. Authority is limited by levels. A manager has authority over employees unless the company owner—a higher authority—demotes him. Authority is limited in duration and scope. It is limited by higher levels of authority.

This week we see that there is one man—only one!—who has absolute authority. There is no one, not even the demons, who is outside his authority. As the Son of God there is no higher authority than Jesus. And his authority is everlasting. But here is the best part of this epiphany: Jesus graciously uses his absolute authority for our benefit and blessing.

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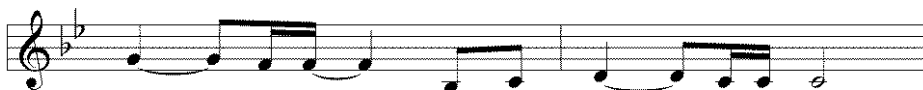
*Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith and warns us against the dangers of not understanding what communion is, we practice close communion. WELS, ELS, and members of other churches around the world who are in fellowship with WELS are welcome to commune with us. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member and communing with us in the future, please contact pastor.*

Opening Hymn

Speak O Lord CWS 735



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -  
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly  
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



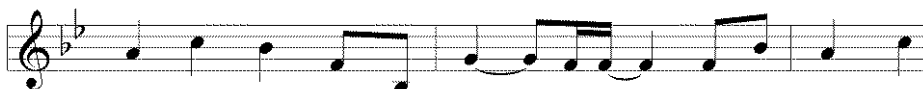
ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.  
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the  
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



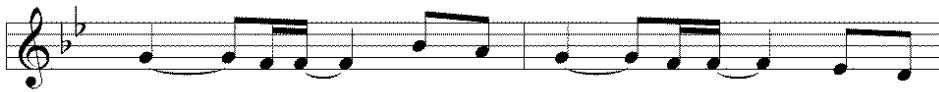
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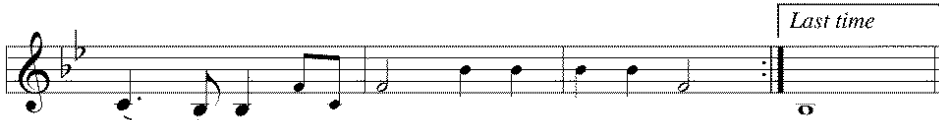
light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of  
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic  
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your  
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre-vail o - ver  
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.  
 un - be-lief.  
 glo - ry.

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*Stand*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### Glory Be To God (sung)



C: 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 on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly 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.

**Prayer of the Day**

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely 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.**

*Be Seated*

**Grades 1-2** (Sunday 8:00 am)

There is power in the name of Jesus,  
 There is power in the name of Jesus,  
 There is power in the name of Jesus,  
 There is power in that wonderful name.

There is glory in the name of Jesus,  
 There is glory in the name of Jesus,  
 There is glory in the name of Jesus,  
 There is glory in that wonderful name.

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**There Is Power In The Name Of Jesus**

There is healing in the name of Jesus,  
 There is healing in the name of Jesus,  
 There is healing in the name of Jesus,  
 There is healing in that wonderful name.

There is power in the name of Jesus,  
 There is power in the name of Jesus,  
 There is power in the name of Jesus,  
 There is power in that wonderful name.

**THE WORD**

**First Lesson**

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses prophesies that the LORD would raise up another prophet who would speak with all the authority of God himself.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

<sup>17</sup> The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. <sup>20</sup> But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.” (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 1

### *Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

### *Psalm tone*



Blessed is the man  
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked\*  
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season\*  
and whose leaf does not wither.  
Whatever he does prospers.

### *Refrain*

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment\*,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous\*,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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.**

### *Refrain*

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## Second Lesson

**Hebrews 3:1-6**

As great as Moses was, Jesus is worthy of infinitely greater honor. For only Jesus has absolute authority.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup> Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. <sup>5</sup> "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. <sup>6</sup> But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

**M:** Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news.

Alleluia. (Luke 4:18a cf. NIV)

*Stand*

## Gospel

**Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus demonstrates absolute authority. Even his enemies, the demons, have to obey him.

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

<sup>25</sup> "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

<sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. (NIV)

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## 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 worshipped 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.

*Be Seated*

## Hymn of the Day

*Rise, Shine, You People* CW 556



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in  
reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and  
furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the  
save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death  
life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who  
dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out  
free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls





and sin sur - round - ed,      With grace un - bound - ed.  
 by guilt are driv - en,      Now are for - giv - en.  
 and tell the sto - ry      Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 from ev - 'ry na - tion      His new cre - a - tion.

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## Sermon

## Hebrews 3:1-6

*Stand*

### Create in Me



C: 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.

*Be Seated*

## **Offering**

*Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

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## **THE SACRAMENT**

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M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

### **Proper Preface**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

## Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



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.

## Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen

## O Christ, Lamb of God



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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



grant us your peace. A - - men.

*Be Seated*

## Distribution

# Distribution Hymn

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* CW 353



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a  
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a  
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the  
 strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out  
 suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 de - 'mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing  
 Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing  
 des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing  
 what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
 wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

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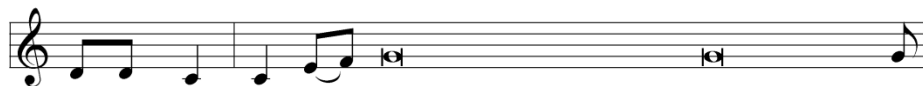
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*Stand*

### Song of Simeon



C: 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 - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### Benediction

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

*Be Seated*

# Hymn

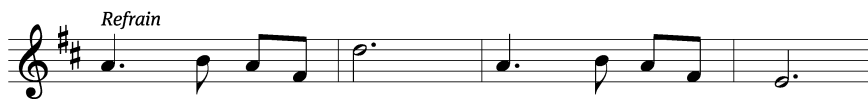
*Jesus Paid It All* CW<sup>21</sup> 562



1 I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small!  
2 Lord, now in - deed I find thy pow'r, and thine a - lone  
3 For noth - ing good have I where - by thy grace to claim;  
4 And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."  
can\_ change the lep - er's spots and\_ melt the heart of stone.  
I'll\_ wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my\_ lips shall still re - peat.



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

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