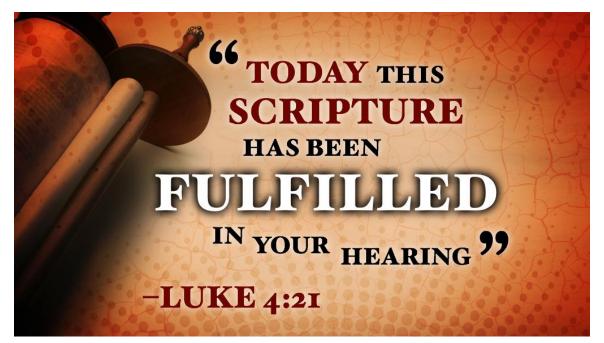
# +DIVINE SERVICE II+ OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST +THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY + 26 JANUARY 2025+



# The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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"A Church where God gives and we receive."

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## Welcome to our Divine Service!

We are pleased that you are with us.

## +Worship Notes+

The entire service, including the rubrics of when to sit and when to kneel or stand, and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.

<u>Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</u>! We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our membership, pastor would love to speak with you!

## **Communion Policy**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and welcome to The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

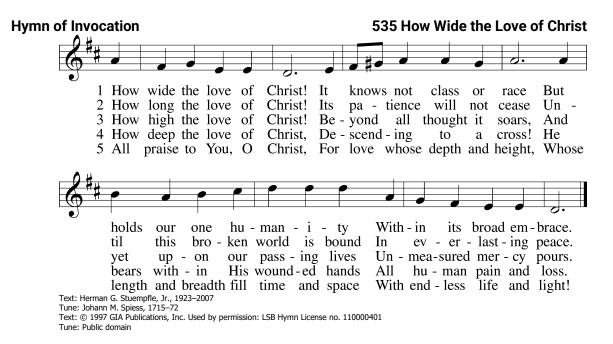
To Those Intending To Commune This Morning:

We respectfully request that those visiting this morning would speak to Pastor Killian before coming to the altar for Holy Communion. While we desire that all who believe would join us in this feast of forgiveness, we are mindful of what God has spoken to us in His word regarding receiving this precious meal:

"Whoever therefore eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement on himself." (I Corinthians 11:27-29)

In light of this scripture and others, we take admittance to the Lord's Supper most seriously. It is God's desire that you approach His table with a prepared heart and mind, and our desire that you join us. Please speak to Pastor Killian that we may maintain good order and a God pleasing approach to His most precious gift of mercy! Thank you.

# **Confession and Absolution**



#### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

### Invocation

- ▶ In the name of the Father and of the 🕂 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### Exhortation

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- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

## **Confession of Sins**

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

## Absolution

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.



Stand

# Service of the Word

### Introit

Psalm 102:18-22; antiphon: v. 13

You will arise and have pity on | Zion;\* it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come. Let this be recorded for a genera- | tion to come,\* so that a people yet to be created may | praise the LORD: that he looked down from his | holy height;\* from heaven the LORD looked | at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners,\* to set free those who were | doomed to die, that they may declare in Zion the name | of the LORD,\* and in Jerusa- | lem his praise, when peoples gather to- | gether,\* and kingdoms, to wor- | ship the LORD. Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. You will arise and have pity on | Zion;\* it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

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the Lord. let us pray to





P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### Old Testament Reading Ezra Reads the Law

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law....

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground...

<sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

## This Day Is Holy

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

## The Law of the LORD Is Perfect

<ul> <li><sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.</li> <li><sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.</li> <li><sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.</li> <li><sup>4</sup>Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.</li> <li>In them he has set a tent for the sun,</li> <li><sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.</li> <li><sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the m, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.</li> </ul>
<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
<ul> <li><sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;</li> </ul>
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
<sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults

## Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

## <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

### Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

## **One Body with Many Members**

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body–Jews or Greeks, slaves or free–and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

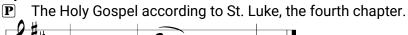
<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

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



**Holy Gospel** 

Luke 4:16-30





## Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

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<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
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<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was

a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Nicene Creed

С

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

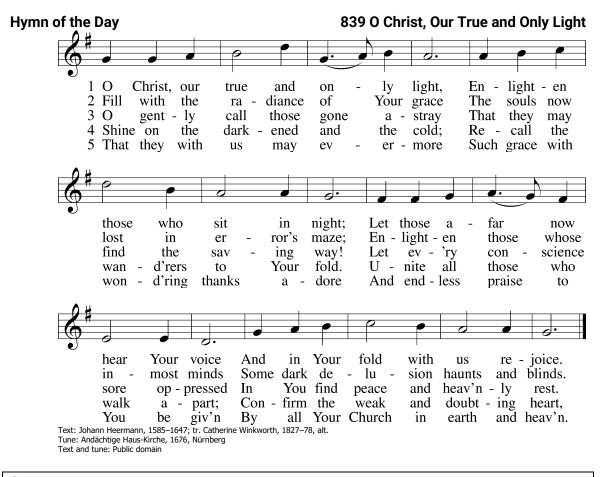
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God. begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life r of the world to come. Amen.

#### Sit



#### Sermon

Pastor Edward Killian

#### Stand

## Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God of Zion, we give You thanks that You have arisen to show pity to our fallen world and set us free from sin and death. In Christ the appointed time of favor has come for all people. Cause Your name to be declared among all peoples, that Your grace may not be rejected in our time but received with delight in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

- O Lord, Your people in the days of Ezra the priest returned to Your Word with attentive ears. Give us eagerness to hear Your Word with understanding, that our days may be sanctified and Your commandments put into practice among us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Lord God, Giver of the Holy Spirit, You bless Your servants with a variety of gifts from one and the same Spirit. Grant that each of us may use these gifts for the common good of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Give wisdom and courage to all who govern our communities and country, that they may lead well, following Your will rather than man's whims. Grant us willingness to support them with our prayers and encouragement. Lord, in Your mercy,
- Gracious and compassionate Lord, comfort those who mourn. As our Great Physician, mend the bodies and uplift the spirits of all in need especially Alice, Allison, Betty, Bev, Brittany, Diane, Esperanza, the Griffin Family, Johnathan, Lynette, Marion and her family, Ron, and Timothy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- O Lord, Your Son has come with favor to deliver us, and in His blessed Sacrament He brings cleansing and strength. Give us faith that we would not despise our Savior and this Holy Communion. Do not pass through us and go away as at Nazareth, but dwell among us graciously. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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## Service of the Sacrament



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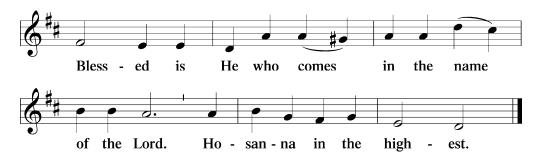


## **Proper Preface (Abbreviated)**

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P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:





## The Words of Our Lord

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."

## **Proclamation of Christ**

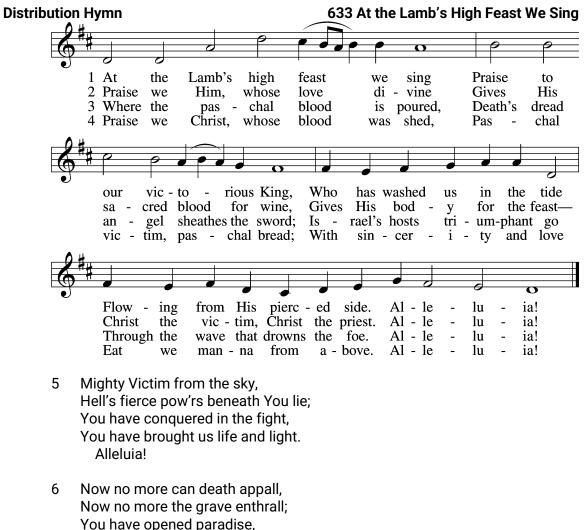
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.



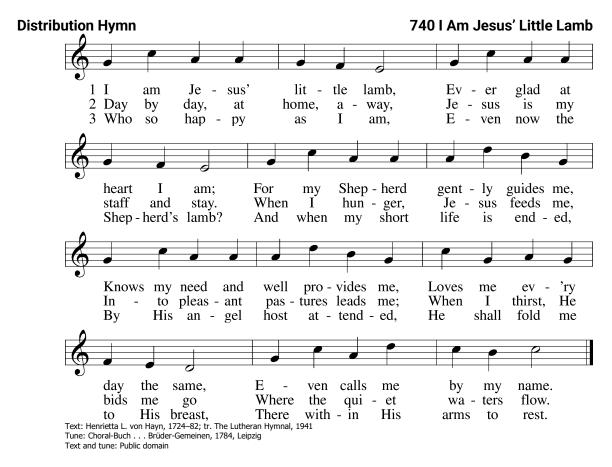
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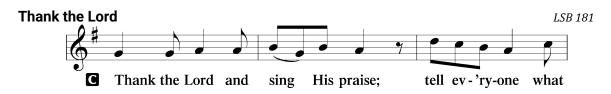
- And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

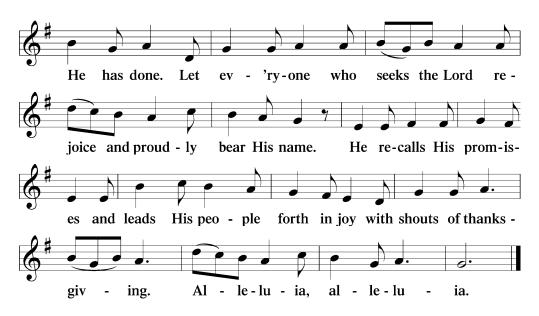
## △ 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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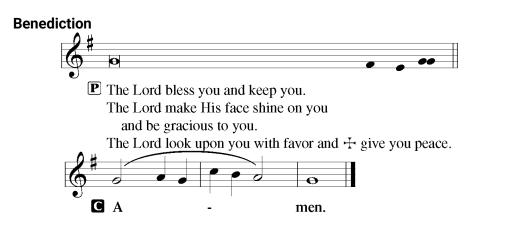
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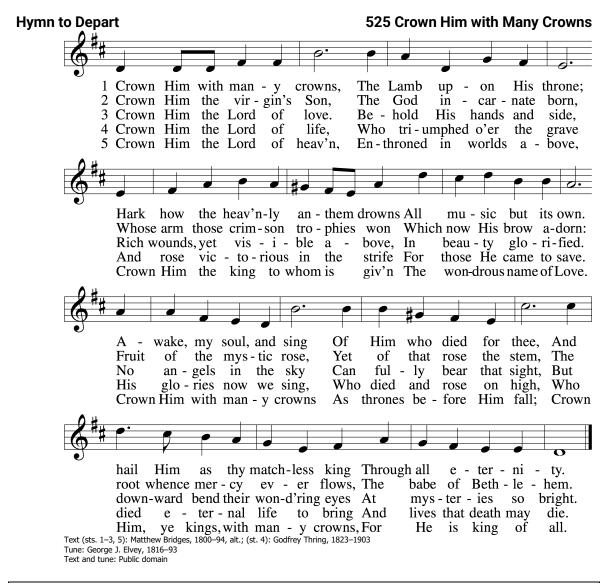
P Let us pray.

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 through the same in faith toward You and in fervent 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.

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### Prelude and Fugue in D Minor BWV 554

Bach Circle

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## A Note From The Organist:

Today we turn away from hymn-based selections to explore other expressions on the organ. Although the term toceata today usually means a virtuosic piece, it originally simply meant a piece for keyboard (lt. toceare=to touch).

Frescobaldi wrote a collection called Fiori Musicali, (Musical Flowers) which consisted of three complete organ masses, with pieces meant to be alternated with the singing of the parts of the mass. This toccata was meant to be played during the elevation of the host, which took some time in the 17th century. It's a quiet piece, played here on the Ronrflöte and Viola Pomposa, with provides a fair approximation of the gentle voicing of the Italian organs of the time.

With BWV 554 we are back with the Eight Short Preludes and Fugues once attributed to Bach. The speculations about who actually wrote them are rampant, and nobody actually knows for sure where they came from. The earliest manuscript dates from the eighteenth century, but the handwriting doesn't match Bach or any of his known pupils. Nevertheless, they make fine service music, and most organists study them early in their career.

# 🕂 THIS WEEK'S NOTES 🕂

## Announcements

- + Last Sunday's Attendance: 32
- + Altar Guild Set Up: January 26<sup>th</sup> Susie Cleanup for January: Maurine and Nannette
- + Ushers for January: Leon Tarr and Jose Lopez Ushers for February: Clinton Galloway and Ed Griffin

+ We will continue to collect hygiene supplies as well as gift cards for the victims of the California wild fires.

+ Join us on Wednesdays at 7pm for Bible Study of Genesis on Zoom! Links are sent out weekly as well as posted on the website.

## January Birthdays!

Richard Huhn 26<sup>th</sup> Kigran Mahgr 29<sup>th</sup> Jill Killian 30<sup>th</sup>

### Lectionary Summary for the Third Sunday After Epiphany The Lord Is Manifested as Our Savior through the Preaching of the Gospel

When Jesus opens His mouth to preach, gracious words flow from His lips. The Scriptures are, indeed, fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4:21–22). For Christ was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord "to proclaim good news to the poor," "to proclaim liberty to the captives" and "to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18–19). By this proclamation, Christ releases His people from captivity and gathers them to Himself in His Church. So it was when the Lord released His people from Babylon and returned them to Jerusalem. "Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people," sanctified the whole congregation by the reading and preaching of the Law (Neh. 8:8–9). As the people then were urged to "eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready" (Neh. 8:10), so are you anointed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to share in His feast and to serve the fellow members of His Body with His good gifts, "giving greater honor to the part that lacked it" (1 Cor. 12:12, 24).

## Stewardship Bulletin Blurb

Matthew 8:8 – "But the centurion replied, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed." The Word of the Lord is powerful and effective. What God says, goes. "Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3). And there was light. His Word is still effective and creative for us: "This is my Body given for you." "Your sins are forgiven." This is why it is no burden for us to live according to the Word of God: we know that His Word is always bent on our blessing.

## Weekly Memory Verse Challenge

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. **Ephesians 5:25b–27** 

