

Offering

Organ Offertory

Offering Hymn No. 186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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 to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Prayers of the Church

L: God of grace,
C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

L: The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 836 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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**Welcome to Worship**



**7th Sunday after Epiphany – February 22 & 23, 2025**

**United We Live God's Will**

**Prelude/Announcements/Peace**

*L: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.*

**C: Amen.**

*L: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*L: Merciful God,*

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

*L: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.*

**C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn No. 796

“How Firm a Foundation”

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on

earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

C: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 — Page 37

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 — Page 936

The Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -

lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

Gospel

L: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 6:27-38 — Page 838

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 641

“All Are Welcome”

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Chad Power

Hymn No. 779

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Apostles’ Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.