

# January 14, 2024: Second Sunday after Epiphany

## MISSION: Support the Ministry of the Gospel

### Hymn: We All Are One in Mission

*Christian Worship 1993 (566)*



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in  
2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the  
name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose  
heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion  
is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers  
deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;



Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work  
With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk  
We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts



to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.  
and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.  
u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955, alt.

Tune: George J. Webb, 1803-87.

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*Stand*

## **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## **Absolution**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## 332 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

sts. 1, 3-4



1 Let us all with glad-some voice praise the God of heav - en,  
3 We are rich, for he was poor; is not this a won - der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, bless us and be near us.



who, to bid our hearts re - jice, his own Son has giv - en.  
There-fore praise God ev - er - more here on earth and yon - der.  
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; German, 17th cent  
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# The Word

## Salutation

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, for our sakes you became poor so that we, through your poverty, might become rich. Freely we have received from you. Help us to freely give, that in so doing we might show our thanks to you and help in your work; you live and reign, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Proverbs 3:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but keep my commands in your heart,  
<sup>2</sup>for they will prolong your life many years  
and bring you peace and prosperity.  
<sup>3</sup>Let love and faithfulness never leave you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
<sup>4</sup>Then you will win favor and a good name  
in the sight of God and man.  
<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
<sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD and shun evil.

<sup>8</sup>This will bring health to your body  
and nourishment to your bones.

<sup>9</sup>Honor the LORD with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops;

<sup>10</sup>then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### 67E O God, Show Us Your Mercy

Psalm 67E



1 O God, show us your mer - cy and bless us with your grace;  
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and right - eous - ness,



and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face,  
your rule of per - fect jus - tice all na - tions will con - fess.



that so your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,  
Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;



and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.  
then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit shall bring.

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Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;  
The Lord our God will bless us, his rich - est bless - ing send,



in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.  
and all cre - a - tion praise him to earth's re - mot - est end.

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## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1–9

<sup>1</sup>And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup>In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup>For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. <sup>5</sup>And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. <sup>6</sup>So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. <sup>7</sup>But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

<sup>8</sup>I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sunday Anthem: When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized

Male Chorus

Stand

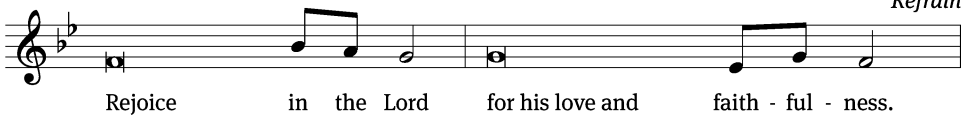
## Gospel Acclamation



### Refrain



### Tone



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## Gospel

Luke 16:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

<sup>3</sup>“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup>I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup>“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

<sup>6</sup>“ ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

<sup>7</sup>“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

<sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup>I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## **Hymn of the Day: 752 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

**Sermon: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9**

*Pastor Tom Mielke*

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*



# Prayer of the Church


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## Hymn: Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver

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1 Lord, you love the cheer-ful giv-er Who with  
2 We are yours— your mer-cy sought us, Found us  
3 Blessed by you with gifts and gra-ces, May we

o - pen heart and hand Bless - es free - ly, as  
in death's dread - ful way, To the fold in safe -  
heed your Spir - it's call, Glad - ly in all times

a riv - er That re - fresh - es all the land.  
ty brought us, Nev - er - more from you to stray.  
and pla - ces Give to you who gives us all.

Grant us, then, the grace of giv - ing With a  
Your own life was free - ly giv - en As an  
You have bought us; now no long - er Can we

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spir - it large and true That our life and all  
of - f'ring on the cross For each sin - ner, now  
claim to be our own; Ev - er free and ev -

our liv - ing We may con - se - crate to you.  
for - giv - en From e - ter - nal shame and loss.  
er strong - er We shall serve you, Lord, a - lone.

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## Closing Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## **Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

**Presiding Minister:**

*Pastor Tim Prieue*

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**Male Chorus**

*Jerry Gronholz*

**Male Chorus Accompanist**

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