



You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

+ Isaiah 49:3

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

January 17, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears” (1 Sam 3:9). With this invitation, the prophet Samuel opens himself to receive God’s Word for His people. In the Epistle, Saint Paul reminds us that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to the Lord because we have been bought with a price: the precious blood of Jesus, “poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins” (Matt 26:28).

This Jesus is God’s first and final Word to all humanity—the Logos incarnate. Born in Bethlehem and heading for Golgotha, Jesus invites all people to follow Him. From one disciple to another, the invitation is to “come and see” the One whom Moses and the prophets foretold—Israel’s Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, our Lord and our God.

Come and see what God has done:  
He is awesome in His deeds toward  
the children of man.

+ Psalm 66:5

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
+Pastor Griebenaw

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## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

### HYMN OF INVOCATION: The Only Son from Heaven

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1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalms 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalms 32:5*

*Kneel (or remain standing) — Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

Psalm 40:1-5; antiphon: vv. 10a, b

*The pastor and congregation chant responsively. The antiphon is chanted by the pastor before and after the psalm.*



*(Antiphon)* I have not hidden Your deliverance with- | in my heart; \*  
I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your sal- | vation.

- 1 I waited patiently | for the LORD; \*  
He inclined to me and | heard my cry.
  - 2 **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog, \*  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.**
  - 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God. \*  
Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.
  - 4 **Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust, \*  
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!**
  - 5 You have multiplied, O LORD, my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us;  
none can com- | pare with You! \*  
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.
- 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.**

*The antiphon is repeated.*

### KYRIE

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



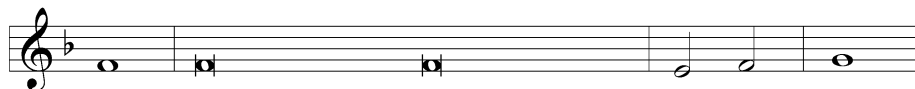
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

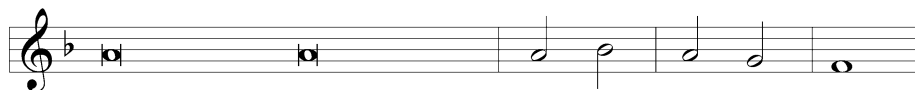
Luke 2:14; John 1:29




**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy 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,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 3:1–10

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from First Samuel, chapter three.

<sup>1</sup>The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

*The pastor and congregation chant responsively by half-verse.*



<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

**Extol Him, all | peoples!**

<sup>2a</sup> For great is His steadfast | love toward us,\*

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.**

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due His name;\*

**bring an offering, and come in- | to His courts!**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

**P** The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter six.

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

<sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.

<sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA & VERSE



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Alleluia.

*Isaiah 49:3*



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 1:43-51*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the first chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, **“Follow me.”**  
<sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, **“We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”** <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, **“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”** Philip said to him, **“Come and see.”** <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said of him, **“Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”** <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to Him, **“How do You know me?”** Jesus answered him, **“Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”** <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered Him, **“Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”** <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, **“Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”** <sup>51</sup>And He said to him, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”**

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

☐ 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 † of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

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1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your

life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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**SERMON**

*Rev. Griebenaw*

*After the sermon, the pastor may say:*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

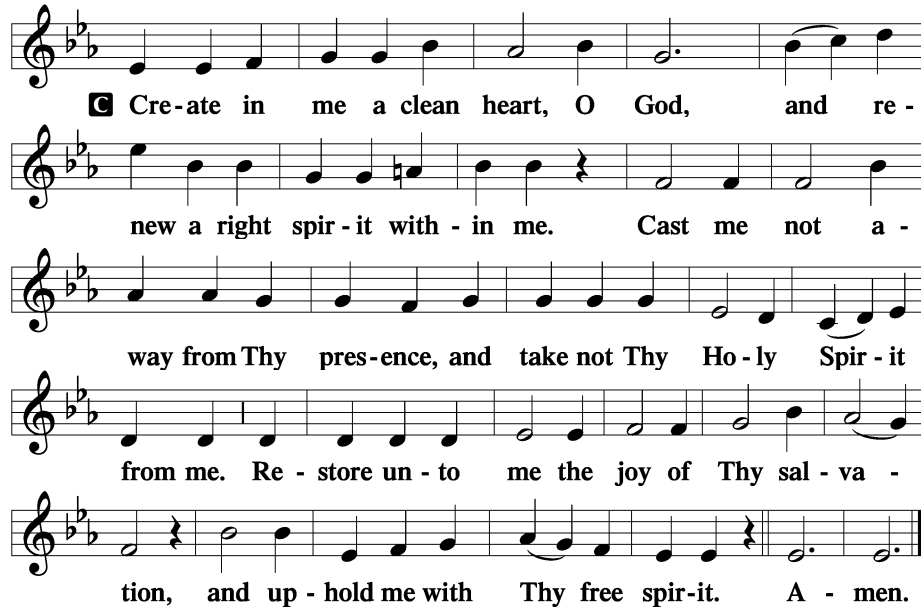
**C** Amen.

*Philippians 4:7*

Stand

## OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12



**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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Kneel (or remain standing)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1–4)

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all Christians, whom the Holy Spirit has called by the Gospel, enlightened with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps in the true faith, that we may have boldness to proclaim God's deliverance in Christ freely throughout all the world, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the Holy Church, for Matthew, our Synod president; for Michael, our District president; for Mark, our circuit visitor; and for all pastors in Christ, that by faithful preaching of God's Word and administration of His Holy Sacraments, we may hold fast to our confession and faith, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For courage and constancy to treasure God's gift of holy matrimony; that those bought with a price and made temples of the Holy Spirit would be preserved in true chastity—the married in honorable faithfulness to one another and the unmarried in honorable purity; and that in in this pious conduct we may thereby glory God in our bodies, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For our national and those in positions of authority, that the Lord Almighty uphold and preserve them in every good deed, that they may serve faithfully for the care and protection of all peoples; especially we pray for Donald, our President; for Joseph, our President-Elect; for Michael, our Vice President; for Kamala, our Vice President-Elect; for Gavin, our Governor, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the sick and suffering, that according to God's gracious will, they be healed; and for all who mourn, that God comfort them in His promise of the blessed reunion of all the saints; and for those in any need of mind, body, or soul, that God make evident His steadfast love and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For those who receive the Lord's Supper this day, that the gift of the Holy Spirit be renewed in us, working true contrition to lament and abandon our sins, and so come in confident faith to eat and drink Christ's true body and most precious blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.



**P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers then continue:*

**P** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

**C** **Alleluia.**

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

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*

**P** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

**C** **To You, O Lord.**

*The live-stream service concludes with the following:*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** 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.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

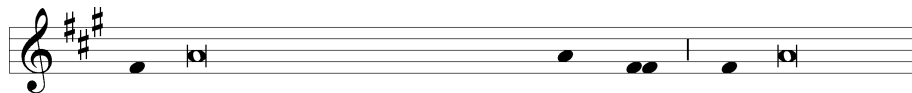
Blessèd Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## BENEDICTION

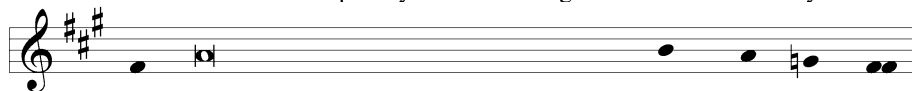
*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

*The Divine Service continues with the Lord's Supper for those at the church. Please sing/read aloud the closing hymn and come by later for Holy Communion between 10:30am and 11:30am, parking by the concrete ramp along Holt Avenue.*

CLOSING HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠  
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

## SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters,

Holly and I lived just outside of Washington, D.C. back in 2014/2015. Our nation's capital city is an amazing place, filled with museums and monuments and history around every corner.

But what happens in this capital city is no less amazing—governance of the people, for the people, and by the people of the United States of America.

This week we witness one of the hallmarks of our democratic republic: the peaceful transfer of power from one presidency to another.

Objectively speaking, it is a rather remarkable thing! How many other nations/states in the history of the world can boast such a record: 44 (soon to be 45) contiguous peaceful transfers of power from one “ruler” to another.

Yet the inauguration of President-Elect Biden comes on the heels of violence and bloodshed during the assault on the Capitol on January 6, 2021. And it breaks my heart to see such extreme security measures being adopted.



With passions still running high from the Presidential Election and the contested results, let us pray for peace and civility, and that God preserve our nation from violence and discord. The President is due our honor and respect, as are all authorities that God places over us.

Remember: the Fourth Commandment isn't just about moms and dads—it includes all those in authority over us. As know, God tells us that we are to honor our fathers and our mothers—that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

In the Large Catechism, Doctor Luther goes on to explain that: “The same may be said of obedience to the civil authority, which, as we have said, belongs in the category of ‘fatherhood’ as a walk of life, and is the most comprehensive of all. For here one is the father not of an individual family, but of as many people as he has inhabitants, citizens, or subjects. Through civil rulers, as through our own parents, God gives us food, house and home, protection and security, and He preserves us through them. Therefore, because they bear this name and title with all honor as their chief distinction, it is also our duty to honor and respect them as the most precious treasure and most priceless jewel on earth” (LC I 150, Kolb-Wengert).

All this is to say that whether we like or dislike our parents, pastors, rulers, or other authorities, we are still to render honor and obedience, to love them, and to treasure them. We do this to the glory of our Father in heaven.

Please join me as we continue our study of the Psalms, meeting on “Zoom” every Tuesday at Noon. We'll be looking at Psalm 33. Then tune-in on Wednesday at 7:00pm on Facebook for our Midweek Prayer Service.

- To join the study on your computer, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7603525715>
- To join by phone, call either “669-900-9128” or “346-248-7799” and enter 7603525715#
- The password for both (computer or telephone) is “12345”

Lastly, please continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church's post office box: Grace Evangelical-Lutheran Church, PO Box 1530, El Centro, CA 92244-1530.

Yours in Christ Jesus, +Pastor Griebenaw