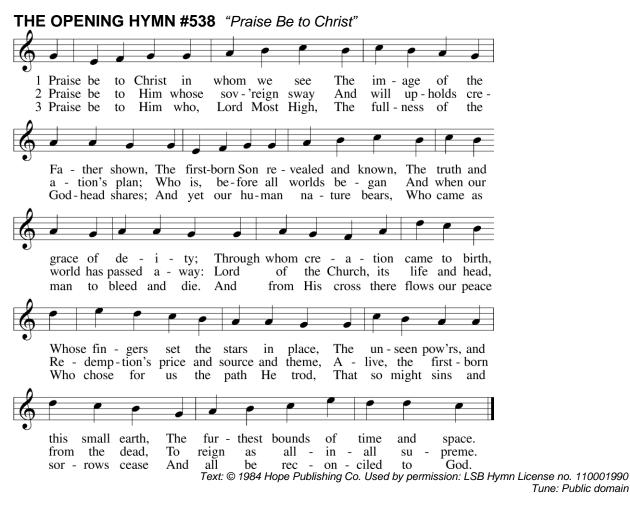
#### THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY February 1 & 2, 2025 "The Authoritative Word of Jesus Christ"

### THE WELCOME



#### (please stand)

### THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- C: Amen.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: Who made heaven and earth.
- P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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.
- C: Amen.

#### (please be seated)

### THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 71:1-6 (ESV)

- P: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;
- C: let me never be put to shame!
- P: In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
- C: incline Your ear to me and save me!
- P: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
- C: you have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.
- P: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
- C: from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.
- P: For You, O Lord, are my hope, My trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- C: Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;

You are He who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of You. 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.

### THE KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (page 204 in the hymnal) (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

C: To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high. For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us 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.

# THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10 (ESV)

Now the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." Then the LORD put out His hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have sent you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

# THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 (ESV)

And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

### (please stand)

# THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE (page 205 in the hymnal)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:31-44 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter.

### C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And [Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at His teaching, for His Word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Ha! What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are-the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this Word? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" And reports about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region. And He arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to Him on her behalf. And He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him, and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But He rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ. And when it was day, He departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought Him and came to Him, and would have kept Him from leaving them, but He said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." And He was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

### THE 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.

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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THE SERMON "The Authoritative Word of Jesus Christ" Text: Luke 4:31-44

### THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" (#704 vv.1 & 3)

1 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright, Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face. 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word. Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.

(please stand)

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes with the following response: "Let us pray to the Lord;" "Lord, have mercy.")

THE LORD'S PRAYER (printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of our Lord

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

C: Amen.

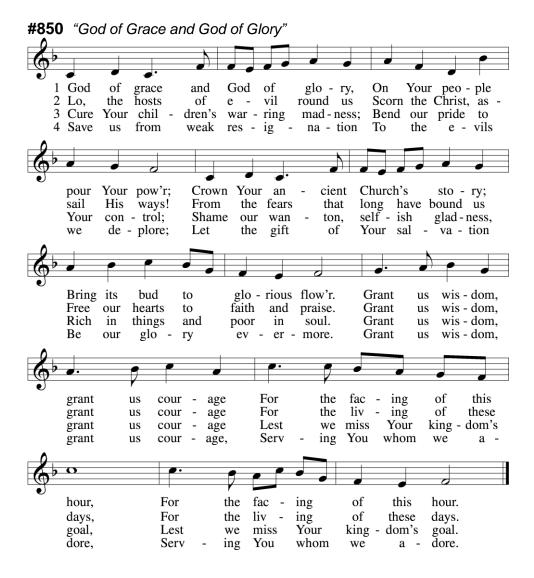
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### THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

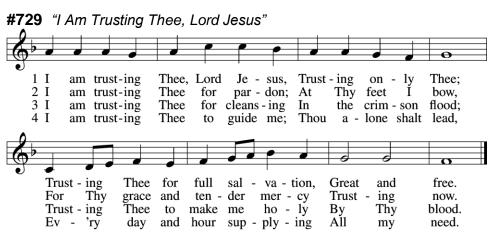


Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good! Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001990 Tune: Public domain



**#549** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall; 2 Crown Him. ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call: Is-rael's cho-sen race, Ye 3 Ye of ran - somed from the fall. seed 4 Hail heirs of Da-vid's line. Whom Da - vid Lord did call. Him. ve Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Ex - tol Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all. di - a - dem And crown Him Bring forth the roy - al Lord of all. the stem of Jes-se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Ex - tol Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him of all. Lord in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him The God Lord of all.

- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
  - Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
  To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
  To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
  We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
  We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.



- 5 I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail. Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall. I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

#### (please stand)

### THE DISMISSAL

- P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✤ in peace.
- C: Amen.

# THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

- P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

# THE BENEDICTION

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
   The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
   The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ♥ give you peace.
- C: Amen.

(please be seated)

# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS