

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024

10:00 AM



God's Time and Ours

AS WE GATHER

Ever had those days that felt like weeks or those weeks that felt like days? Those minutes that felt like hours, or the hours that felt like minutes? Time is a fickle thing on this earth, as we are bound by it yet our perspective of it is ever changing. Our Scripture Readings today all deal with time. As God deemed it time for Nineveh to have the opportunity to repent and know His grace, He came to Jonah a second time. In the Epistle, Paul reminds us time is short, and the physical world is passing away. In the Gospel, Jesus would begin His earthly ministry and call His disciples, echoing the words of John the Baptist, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15). Though to the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day, we live each day knowing that all time is in His hands. Until He calls His people to glory, we rejoice for the time to gather where His Spirit is, be blessed by His Word of Law and Gospel, rejoice in mercy and forgiveness, and make use of the time given to be witnesses to others.

PRELUDE

"Communion" - Alex. Guilmant

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Forgiving God, like Jonah we resist when asked to tell the story. We find it hard to confess the name of Your son, Jesus. We are awkward and feel inadequate. But you have called us to speak and to act. Like Simon and Andrew, James and John, help us to rise up and follow wherever you lead. You say to us, "Come, follow me," and we pray that those words might again reverberate through our souls today. May we hear again the challenge to be your disciples. May we hear again the message of this one who brings good news. May we hear again the invitation to come to you, "all you who are weary and heavy laden." May we hear again eternal words of hope which tell us that however dark the world becomes, that the darkness cannot ever overcome the radiant light of Your son, Jesus. May we hear again those simple words: "Come, follow me," and may we come, just as we are, and know again the depth of your grace and love for all. **Amen**

OPENING HYMN "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" **LSB #915, St. 1-4**

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
 However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
 However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
 Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.**
- 2 Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
 Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.
 The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,
 A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.**
- 3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
 His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.**

No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.

- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You When heart and eye run
o'er? When all things seem against us, To drive us to
despair, We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our
prayer.

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not
in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

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

**C 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.**

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.

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Psalm 113: 1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon v. 3

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!
Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
Blessèd be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!
The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!
He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
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.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sing*)

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P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the

greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 7:29–35

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Here I Am Lord” -Dan Schutte/Arr. Jack Schrader

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sing)*

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:14–2

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED (*Spoken*)

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People: 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

“O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” LSB 856, St. 1-5

- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You, Find perfect liberty.**
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed: Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow’ring Word. True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.**
- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills Where love is crucified.**
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they’d never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:**

nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sit

SANCTUS (*Sing*)

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P 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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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 (*Spoken*)

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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.

PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

1) (piano) "God Is Able" -Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

2) "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" **LSB #685, St. 1-4**

**1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits
lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home
above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's
bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You
guide.**

**2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.**

**3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered
death, He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal
breath. Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to
heaven. Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on
high.**

4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead

**That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we
shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You
forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.**

- 2) **“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake” LSB #688, St. 1-5**
- 1 **“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your
guide.**
 - 2 **“I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.**
 - 3 **“My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness
overflowing. My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.**
 - 4 **“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s
salvation, Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation. I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”**
 - 5 **Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross
Appointed And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be
undaunted. For those who bear the battle’s strain
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.**

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THANK THE LORD *(Sing)*

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has

done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

(Sit)

CLOSING HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” **LSB #643, St. 1-2**

- 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.**
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

POSTLUDE

"Fishers of Men" -Harry D. Clarke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Sunday Bible study on the book of Revelation. We continue to meet at 8:30AM.

The Quarterly Voters meeting will be held Sunday, January 28th, 11:30 AM.

Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet Monday, Jan. 21st at noon in the fellowship hall. We will study Anna. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

Brunch and Bibles: Join us this Thursday, Jan 25th at Cracker's and Co. Cafe on Elliot as we start our study on the Book of Daniel. We gather on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month for a time of Food, Fellowship and Study of God's word. Please let Kathryn Odle know if you plan on attending.

Chosen Night at the Movies: Saturday Feb. 3rd at 1pm. Join us for the premiere of Season 4 of the chosen at Cinemark Mesa 16, (1051 N Dobson Rd, Mesa AZ 85201). This 3.5 hour event will include the first three episodes of season 4. If you have one, wear your Beautiful Savior T-shirt and let's watch it together. Following the showing, anyone who would like to can join us as we go and get dinner together and discuss the episodes.

You may have noticed there are no monthly LWML offering envelopes in your 2024 offering envelope boxes. Concordia Publishing House is no longer making these envelopes available. To make a contribution to our LWML group, please use a Designated Envelope and list LWML as the recipient. You can also use a plain envelope; just add your envelope number so you can receive credit for the donation and label the envelope for LWML. You can also use EZTithe (on the Beautiful Savior website) and your miteboxes. Thank you for your support of LWML!

Lenten Midweek Services: Begin Wednesday Feb. 14th on Ash Wednesday. Join us each week at 6:30pm for midweek Lenten services. Our theme this year is "The Garden's of God" as we see how in Christ, God makes all things new. We will not be having a noontime service, but will be coordinating rides to church for anyone who does not feel comfortable driving at night. Also we will be having dinner before each week's service. We will be asking different ministries and committee's to host each week's dinner.

Blessing of the Animals: We are waiting to hear back from Maricopa County Humane Society before setting a new date for this community event.

Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring something in to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

Donate to Beautiful Savior: Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe. Then choose the 'Recurring' or 'One-Time' giving option and choose a Fund. The Funds are:

General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, and Other. When selecting Other, please specify how your donation should be used. Thank you!!

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

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Organist/Dir. of Music:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Charles Haynes
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
Lector, Assisting Elder & Acolyte:	Skip Mc Fadden
Greeter:	Marsha Beetham
Altar:	Bobbie Littou & Charlotte Grefe

Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our **Guest Book** on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a **grey/cream “Worship Information” card** found in the pew in front of you. **Members** are also encouraged to complete a “Worship Information” card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit)

Pastor Tim's Office Hours: Pastor Tim is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. Cell phone #480-536-2256.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have 3 cordless headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

Attendance for week: 1-14-2024; 1-14-24 Bible Class—7; Worship Service—45; 1-15-2024 Women’s Bible Study—4; 1-18 La Mesa meal—, 1-18 La Mesa worship—; La Mesa Worship—; La Mesa Baptism—NA.

Income report for 1-14-24: Loose Plate \$136; Weekly Envelopes \$3600; Designated Gifts \$75; Other \$; Total \$3811.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

January 21, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM The Third Sunday after the Epiphany w/Holy Communion

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online) (*Login info below to view online)*

January 22, Monday

12 PM Women’s Bible Study

January 23, Tuesday

9:30 AM Braille Group

January 24, Wednesday

7 PM Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

January 25, Thursday

12 PM “Brunch & Bibles” at Crackers & Co, Café, 1285 W. Elliot Rd., Tempe

4-7 PM La Mesa

January 26 Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

January 28, Sunday

10 AM The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

After worship: Congregation Voter’s meeting in the fellowship hall

Prayer List: We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

Grace Timm, Judy Mahr-broken hip, Bobbie Littou, Nolan Conley, Blue Sky, Charlotte’s, grand baby, Marianne Lemkau, Nola vision problems,

Mary Tarsitano, Carol Hurley, Josh, Ken, Mason Midkiff, Wendy Sievers, Bev Dase, Ken w/MS, Kathy Held recovering after surgery;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

Nicole McClain, Mindy, Amina Kruck, Annalisa Durnan, Jan Buel, Alice & her husband Randy, Beth Ruettinger, Brenda Frank, Warren, Cheryl, Jim Schutkowski – cancer treatments;

Doris Reith and Len Lacy - memory care;

For the family of Pastor Kosberg, whose son-in-law passed away.

All nations dealing with hardships and for military deployed to areas of conflict;

FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO MAY VIEW SERVICES ONLINE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:

***SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT**

1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)

2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:

www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/

3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or

4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)

5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.

Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFNB RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM

January 21 "The Battleground of Forgiveness" Lutheran Hour

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's forgiveness covers our sins-but it's not a coverup! (Psalm 32:1)



HOLY COMMUNION. . .OUR UNDERSTANDING

It is the special joy of the baptized and instructed Christian to celebrate Christ in our very midst with the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion). The Scripture clearly and carefully teaches that, in Holy Communion, the very Body and the very Blood of our Lord Jesus are really present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine. It also teaches that “A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord (acknowledging the Real Presence of Jesus with the elements) eats and drinks judgment on himself.” (I Corinthians 11:28-29).

Communicants, then, are rightfully prepared and “worthy” when they:

- *are truly penitent of their sins;*
- *even now embrace Jesus as their Savior and recognize His Real Presence in the bread and the wine; and*
- *seek to amend their sinful lives, with the assistance of this Meal and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

If you have any further questions, please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Other notes on the distribution of Holy Communion:

- *1) Wine is the Biblical standard for all communicants. However, grape juice is in some glasses and available in the center of each tray for those who have an intolerance to alcohol.*
 - *2) The Blood of Christ, in, with and under the wine, is served in individual glasses.*
- 3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*