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Mission Statement of Apostles Evangelical Lutheran Church & Preschool of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

As God's disciples, we the men, women and children of Apostles, are united in the preaching, teaching and sharing of God's Word in its truth and purity. By God's grace, we will nurture believers and joyfully spread the Word of God in our community and throughout the world, all to His glory.



SPEAK, LORD! YOUR GOSPEL EMPOWERS ME TO LISTEN!

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2012

Prayer before Worship

May we in faith its message learn nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess and praise the Lord, our righteousness.

Holy Spirit, open my ears to hear, and impress upon my heart the love of Jesus, my personal Savior. Amen!

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

Christ Be My Leader
(Hymn 367)

please stand

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

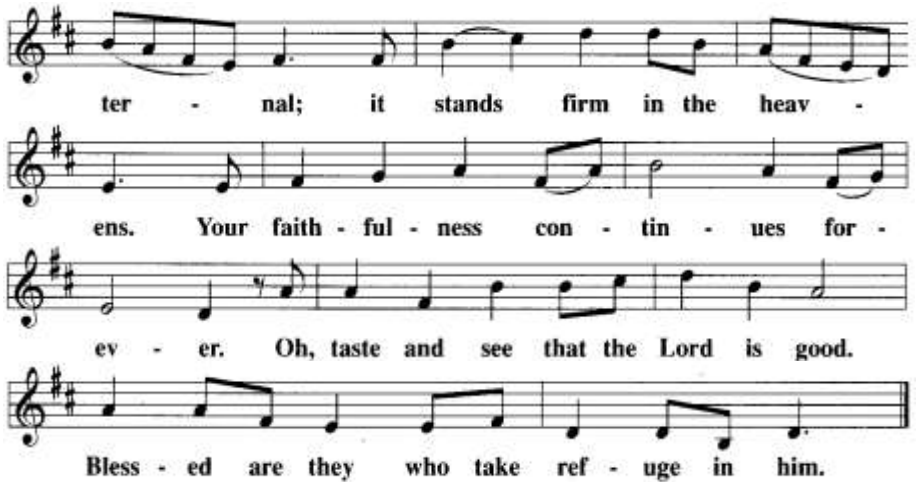
C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

please be seated

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Kaitlin Hickman - Dorothy Osborne

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

“Gospel Power”

All children ages 3-10 are invited to join the pastor at the front of the church for

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia.

ALLELUIA RESPONSE



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



please stand

GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

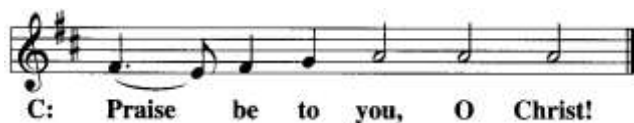
47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."


50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." 51 He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."




please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve
(Hymn 770 vs. 1-3)



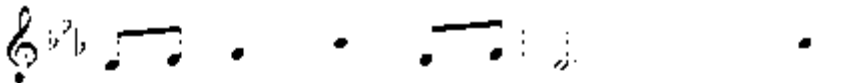
1 O Christ, who called the Twelve to
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve the
 3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve out
 4 O Christ, that pos- sessed the




rise and led low you, For
 truth for a yes sealed, Whose
 roads they'd nex- er and trod To
 man tyrs' strength and song, The




sak ing old, fa mil lar ways For
 words and works a wak ened faith, The
 serve to suf- fer, teach, pro- claim The
 em ci- tied and us- es en King To



ven times hold and new: Grant
 ways of God re- vealed, In
 near er reign of God: Send
 whom the saints be- long, Though



us to hear you call To
 stretch us now, we pray, By
 us on ways where faith Tim
 pen- er a- lints pass, Out



risk se cur- i- ty And,
 your em- pow' er- ing Word, True
 sends- in- ing and- ly, Where
 trib- ution still we bring, Out

Sound in heart and will to you, Find
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both
 hymns a sat - ri - tice of praise, Our

per - feet lib - er - ty,
 light, their life, their Lord,
 life and min - is - try,
 lives an of - fer - ing.

THE SERMON ~ 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 ~

HOLD ON TO HIM, WHO GRABBED ONTO YOU!

I. Thankful for Christ's work in us

II. Thankful for Christ's work through us

13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

HYMN

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve
 (Hymn 770 vs. 4; see page 6)

OFFERING

Our offerings are the way we give thanks to God for his grace to us, as well as the way we support the spread of the Gospel. Guests need not feel obligated to contribute.

please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

P: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

P: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

P: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

P: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission.

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

P: Brothers and sisters go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

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please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke
(Hymn 453 vs. 1,5)

