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# St. John's

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COMMUNION STATEMENT ~ *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an Elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

**PRELUDE:** “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”                      Dietrich Buxtehude  
(Text for meditation: See the Opening Hymn)

**OPENING HYMN:** “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

- All:**            1.    How lovely shines the Morning Star!  
                      The nations see and hail afar  
                      The light in Judah shining.  
                      Thou David's Son, of Jacob's race,  
                      My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,  
                      For Thee my heart is pining.  
                      Lowly, Holy,  
                      Great and glorious, Thou victorious  
                      Prince of graces,  
                      Filling all the heavenly places.
- All:**            2.    O highest joy by mortals won,  
                      True Son of God and Mary's Son,  
                      Thou high-born King of ages!  
                      Thou art my heart's most beauteous Flow'r,  
                      And Thy blest Gospel's saving power  
                      My raptured soul engages.  
                      Thou mine, I Thine;  
                      Sing hosanna! Heavenly manna  
                      Tasting, eating,  
                      Whilst Thy love in songs repeating.
- Women:**    3.    Now richly to my waiting heart,  
                      O Thou, my God, deign to impart  
                      The grace of love undying.  
                      In Thy blest body let me be,  
                      E'en as the branch is in the tree,  
                      Thy life my life supplying.  
                      Sighing, Crying.  
                      For the savor Of Thy favor;  
                      Resting never,  
                      Till I rest in Thee forever.

**All:** 4. A pledge of peace from God I see  
When Thy pure eyes are turned to me  
To show me Thy good pleasure.  
Jesus, Thy Spirit and Thy Word,  
Thy body and Thy blood, afford  
My soul its dearest treasure.  
Keep me Kindly  
In Thy favor, O my Savior!  
Thou wilt cheer me;  
Thy Word calls me to draw near Thee.

**Men:** 5. Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son  
Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun  
This ancient world's foundation.  
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,  
And when in spirit Him I see,  
I joy in tribulation.  
What bliss Is this!  
He that liveth To me giveth  
Life forever;  
Nothing me from Him can sever.

**All:** 6. Lift up the voice and strike the string.  
Let all glad sounds of music ring  
In God's high praises blended.  
Christ will be with me all the way,  
Today, tomorrow, every day,  
Till trav'ling days be ended.  
Sing out, Ring out  
Triumph glorious, O victorious,  
Chosen nation;  
Praise the God of your salvation.

**All:** 7. Oh, joy to know that Thou, my Friend,  
Art Lord, Beginning without end,  
The First and Last, Eternal!  
And Thou at length--O glorious grace!--  
Wilt take me to that holy place,  
The home of joys supernal.  
Amen, Amen!  
Come and meet me! Quickly greet me!  
With deep yearning  
Lord, I look for Thy returning.

*Stand*

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

**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.

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

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

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

(Antiphon, Ps. 66:4; Ps. 66:1-3, 5)

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*

they sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*

sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!\*

So great is your power that your enemies come crin- | ging to you."

Come and see what | God as done:\*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

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.

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*

they sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

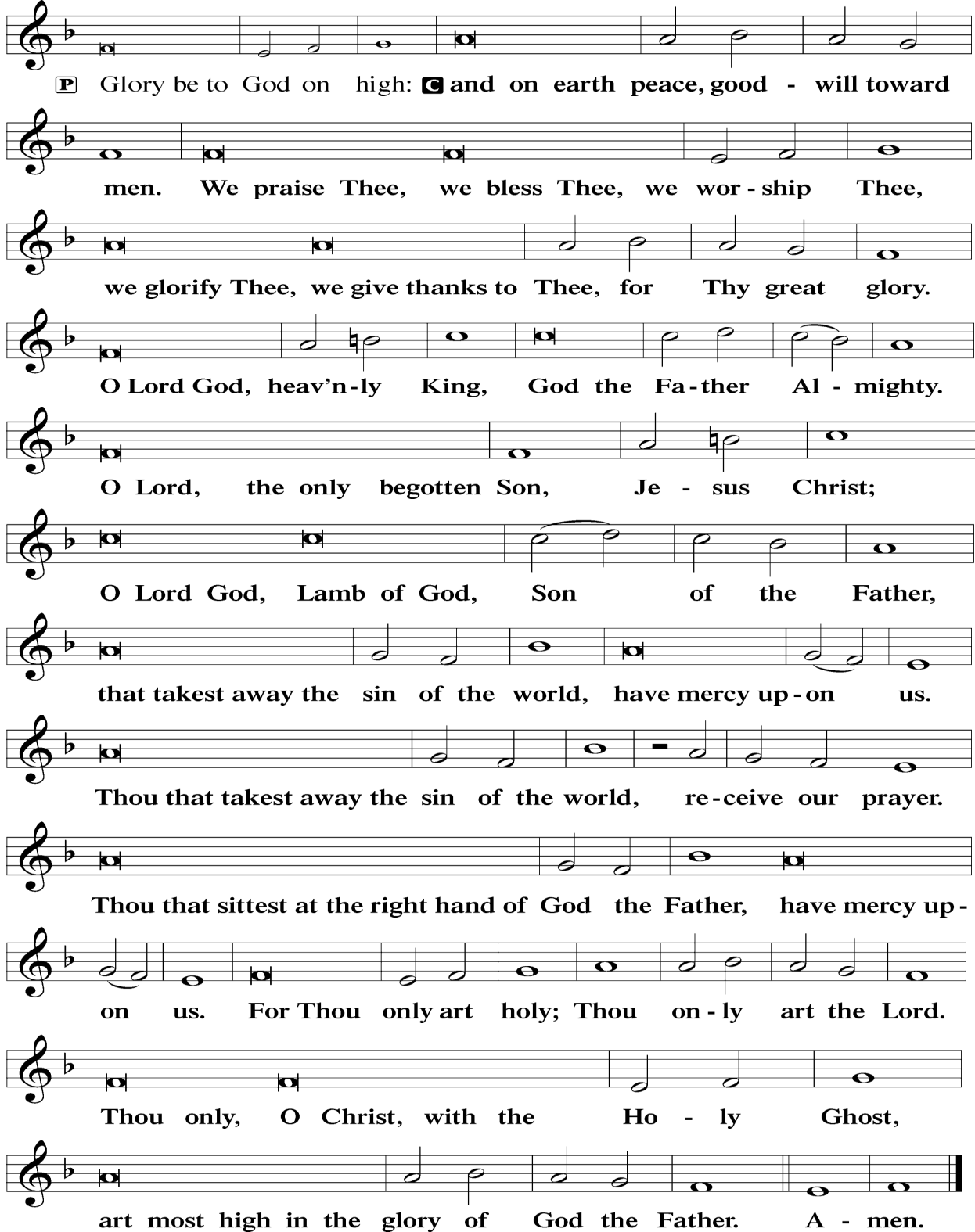


## KYRIE



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

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**Glory be to God on high: 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

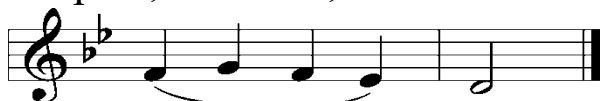
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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** A - men.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.”

And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

**Psalms 40**

I waited patiently | for the LORD;\*

he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

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.

**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.**

**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!**

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.  
Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an | open ear.\*  
Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.

**Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;\***  
**in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:**  
**I desire to do your will, | O my God;\***  
**your law is with- | in my heart.”**

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congre- | gation;\*  
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, | O LORD.  
I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithful-  
ness and your sal- | vation;\*

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great  
congre- | gation.  
**As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mer- | cy from me;\***  
**your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!**  
**For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken**  
**me, and I | cannot see;\***  
**they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart | fails me.**

Be pleased, O LORD, to de- | liver me!\*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch a- | way my  
life;\*

let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

Let those be appalled because | of their shame\*  
who say to me, “A- | ha, Aha!”

**But may all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;\***  
**may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the LORD!”**  
**As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes | thought for me.\***  
**You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, | O my God!**

## EPISTLE

## 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our broth-  
er Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus,  
called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was  
given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all  
speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed  
among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the  
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in  
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into  
the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## ALLELUIA



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

*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who received him he gave the right to become children of God.*



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

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42a

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.

**[P]** 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.

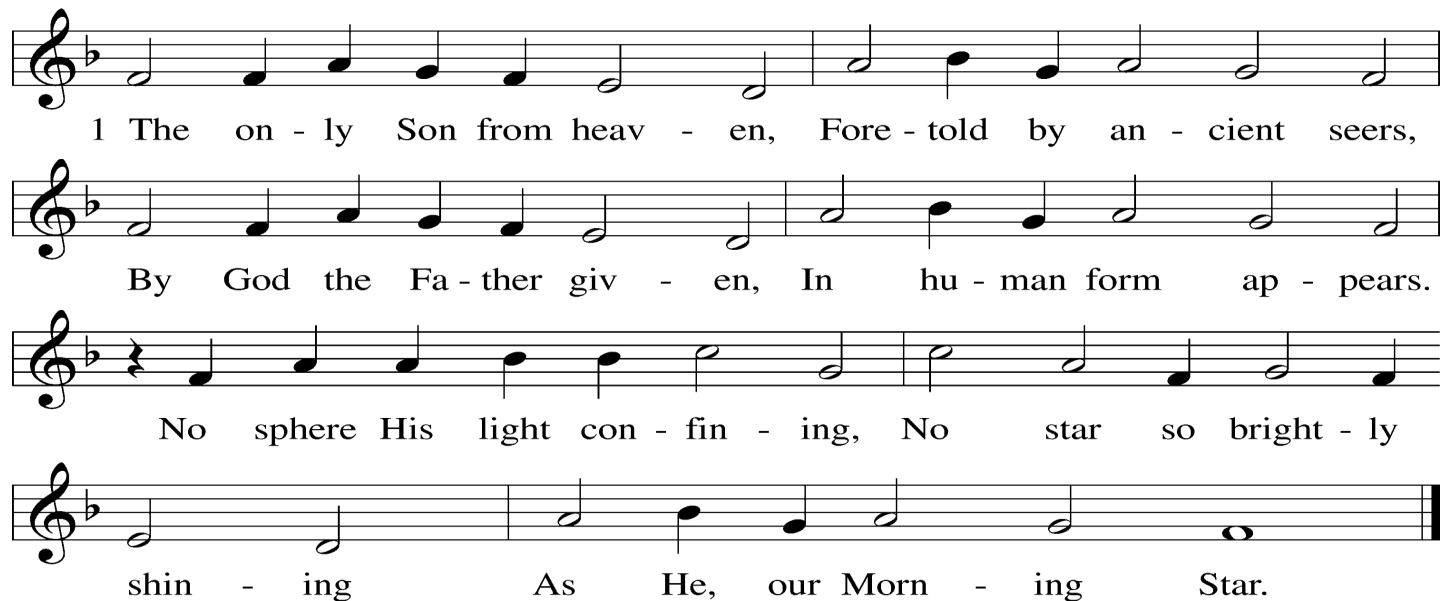
*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*At this time, please give ushers your prayer request cards and fill out the Welcome Cards located in the back of each pew.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Only Son from Heaven"

All:



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.

Choir: 2 *O time of God appointed,  
O bright and holy morn!  
He comes, the king anointed,  
The Christ, the virgin-born,  
Grim death to vanquish for us,  
To open heav'n before us  
And bring us life again.* 8

**All:** 3 O Lord, our hearts awaken  
To know and love You more,  
In faith to stand unshaken,  
In spirit to adore,  
That we, through this world moving,  
Each glimpse of heaven proving,  
May reap its fullness there.

**Choir:** 4 *You made all things, O Savior,  
O Light of Father's Light.  
Your reign will be forever,  
You rule by Your own might.  
Turn now our hearts to fear You,  
And make our minds draw near You  
So we don't stray from You.*

**All:** 5 And put to death whatever  
Opposes love and You.  
Awake us by Your favor,  
Grant us the will to do  
What God the Father pleases  
Keep our desires, O Jesus,  
And hearts in You secure.

## SERMON

*Stand*

## VOTIVE

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

**C** Amen.

## OFFERTORY



**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.

*Sit*

## OFFERING

**Music:** "The Only Son from Heaven"

Johann Pachelbel

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE AND SANCTUS

**[P]** The Lord be with you.



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

**[P]** Lift up your hearts.



**[C]** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**[P]** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**[C]** It is meet and right so to do.

**[P]** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:



**[C]** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

# PAX DOMINI

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



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

**HYMN:** “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

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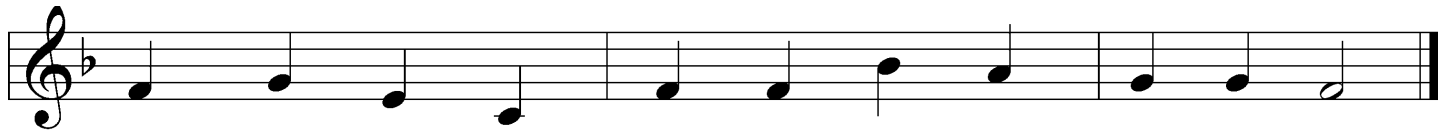
1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

# HYMN: "God Loves Me Dearly"

# 392



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

*Refrain*



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

# HYMN: "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

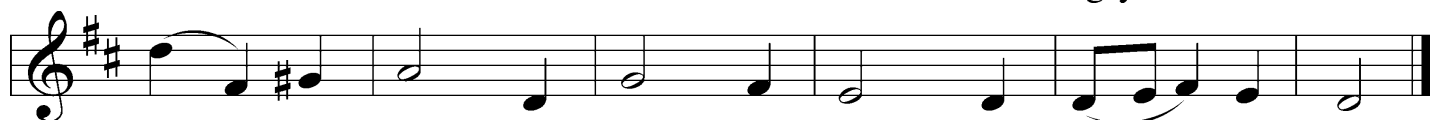
# 624



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con  
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who  
 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the  
 rail on bend - ed knee Our hun - gry mouths from



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.  
 Him re - ceive The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.



- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim  
Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

*Stand*

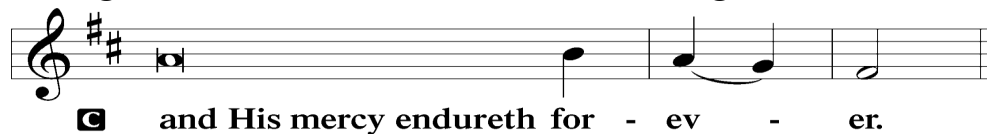
## NUNC DIMITIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

**P**O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

**A** 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** A - men.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

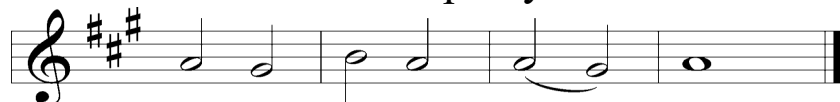
**A** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

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

## CLOSING HYMN: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

# 606



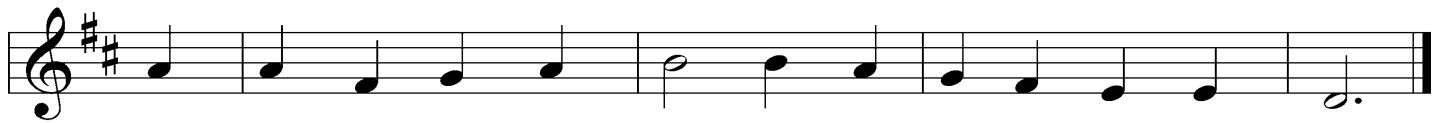
1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.  
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.  
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.  
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
Like fra-grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

## POSTLUDE: “The Only Son from Heaven”

Johann Sebastian Bach

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## In Our Prayers

**Ralph Bash** (Jean Gish’s brother in law) back in the hospital fighting pancreatic cancer.



*Altar Flowers*

*This Weeks Altar Flowers  
were donated by Irma Huchendorf  
in honor of Karen Karner’s birthday.*



# Announcements

## Publishing Deadline

**Sunday Bulletin articles**  
are due Wednesdays at Noon.

### **December 2019/January 2020 Newsletter Articles**

are due **November 15th** at Noon.

*Any articles received after the 15th  
will be put in the  
February 2020/March 2020 Newsletter.*

*Thank You*

If possible please type and submit  
articles by email to Lacy Urban at:  
[Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life](mailto:Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life)

*EMAILING ARTICLES HELPS TO  
ELIMINATE ERRORS.*

## **Do you shop on amazon.com?**

If so, the LWML Oklahoma District asks you to consider establishing a smile account to support the district's mite goal. Go to: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

and establish your account. You will be asked which charitable organization you wish to support. Choose the LWML Oklahoma District with the address as Ponca City. Whenever you shop, log into your account through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Whenever you shop, 0.05% of the amount you spend will be donated to the LWML Oklahoma District. It's an easy way to contribute to the work of the LWML within our district.

## ATTENTION!

Please Review the bids on the bulletin board before our February Voter's meeting so we can vote on a company to redo the Asphalt in our parking lots. We will be voting between Gorman Paving and Armor Asphalt.

A little info:

### **Gorman Paving**

*Willing to attend board meeting  
if anyone has questions for him.*

**\$68,850.00**

Covers the North parking lot, and the half of the school parking lot that needs to be replaced. Includes all paint to repaint stripes & yellow curbs.

**OR \$17,200.00**

For minimal work the parking lot would need to function. Includes patching low spots, filling in cracks, applying sealer to both lots and paint to repaint stripes & yellow curbs.

### **Armor Asphalt**

**\$79,492.15**

Cover's both parking lots entirely (School and North parking lot). Includes all paint to repaint stripes & yellow curbs.

*For all of the details checkout the  
bids on the bulletin board!*

***A proposed change to the Synod's constitution has been posted on the bulletin board asking all voters to review prior to the next Voter's meeting where it will be voted on by our congregation.***

## **Access our Church Directory Anywhere!**

First, make sure your email is in the directory, if not send your email to Lacy Urban at:

[Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life](mailto:Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life)

*You will not be able login until your email has been added.*

**Computer:** If you would like to login through your computer go to:

[members.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com)

Click on "create a login now"

**Mobile Phone:** Find the App named "Instant Church Directory" it should have a green icon that looks like this:



You will need to put in your email address and your password will be emailed to you. Once you have received your password you will be able to login through both your computer and the app!



## **IS IT TIME FOR AN UPDATE?**

Have you added a new family member, gotten married? It may be time to update your picture in the Online Directory. Have pictures? Send them to:

[lacy@stjohnsmoore.life](mailto:lacy@stjohnsmoore.life)



Our Young adult outreach group are selling

# **Super Bowl Subs**

## **\$ 6 each**

# **Turkey or Ham Subs**

(comes with lettuce and cheese)

Also includes:  
Pickle Spear, Chips and Cookie

Orders need to be placed by Sunday,  
January 26<sup>th</sup>







## LWML Inasmuch Project

*For the month of January*

Help LWML fill the OKC Veteran's Administration's Food Pantry located on the OUHSC campus. During the month of January, LWML will be collecting canned and dry goods for Oklahoma City's homeless veterans. All donations must be within their use-by dates. When possible, please consider donating canned goods with pop tops to avoid the need for can openers. Ideas include jars of peanut butter, dried instant milk, instant brown rice, canned meats and beans, canned vegetables and fruits, and canned vegetable juice. When possible, please consider low sodium and "no sugar added" possibilities. Individual cereals and instant oatmeal packets are welcomed. Contributions may be placed in the narthex, and, as always, monetary contributions are welcomed. Thank you for your contributions to our veterans of the armed forces.

**Save the Date for  
Vacation Bible School.**  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.**  
**Watch the bulletin for more info**

We are asking for Empty Paper Towel rolls for a Vacation Bible School craft project. We have place a box in the Narthex for these.



## LWML CARDS FOR SALE!

LWML has cards for sale in Blanchard Hall! They are 50 cents each. There is a container on the LWML table for you to put money in. All cards are organized by birthday, wedding, sympathy, etc. (Please try your best to keep those separate while looking for a card) If you would like to donate cards, please give them to Beverly Eskew, and make sure they are scriptural. Thank you!





**Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Grant #5**

**God's Word Changes Everything**

**Lutheran Bible Translators — \$95,000**

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Mission Grant #5 — Lutheran Bible Translators — God's Word Changes Everything for \$95,000, will provide funds for one year of training as part of a four-year seminary training track. It will equip pastors and church leaders in Tanzania, Ethiopia, and elsewhere to be involved in translating God's Word for their people. In praise to the Lord, you can be engaged in this vital ministry where over 170 million people who speak more than 1,500 languages can read the Gospel in their native language. They will know that God hears the prayers of all His people in all languages, not just English. Through your prayers and mite donations, you can be a part of sharing Jesus with the world.

Your mites can support LWML Mission Grant #5 — Lutheran Bible Translators — God's Word Changes Everything. There are over 170 million people who speak more than 1,500 languages who have never read the Bible in their native dialect. Bible translation is absolutely foundational to the mission of the church. This grant will pay for one year of a four-year training program for pastors and church leaders in Tanzania, Ethiopia and elsewhere to be directly involved in translating God's Word for their people. With your prayers and mite donations, this vital ministry will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the language of the people. For more information, please go to <http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-5>.

*To The Congregation of  
St. John's Lutheran Church*

On behalf of our Educare families, I would like to express their gratitude for the Christmas food boxes and the dinner fixings they received. I must admit - I felt a bit guilty because I experienced their appreciation when I wish all of you could have personally received their thanks. When we went to distribute your food items, my colleague and I were the ones able to see their wide eyes of surprise when we carried in the large quantity of food you provided them. We were able to wish them "Merry Christmas" from all of you, and we were the ones who received their warm hugs of appreciation.

Your generosity was amazing and because of this, five families have been especially blessed. Thank you for thinking of Educare and taking the initiative to provide five families food for the holiday season. Thank you for expressing God's love in this special way; our families were so thankful for your thoughtfulness.

~Laura Kos, Director of OKC Educare

**INK CARTRIDGES**

LWML collects used cell phones, and laser and ink jet printer cartridges for recycling. Please place these items in the LWML area of Blanchard Hall in the NW corner. ((NOTE:HP and any other brand cartridge that says, "Intended for single use only" cannot be recycled. )) **JUST A REMINDER: TONER CARTRIDGES CANNOT BE USED, NOR INK CARTRIDGES FROM POSTAGE MACHINES, AS WELL AS EPSON BRAND, OR ANY CARTRIDGES THAT ARE PURCHASED AS RECYCLED CARTRIDGES .**

# Get to know your church family

*Get Involved, Make a Difference.*

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Bible Study w/ Pastor Bersche	Sundays, 9:15am	Library
Grounded: Current Issues	Sundays, 9:15am	Library
Sunday School	Sundays, 9:15am	School
Youth Group	Sundays, 9:15am	School
Handbell Choir	Mondays, 5:45pm	Sanctuary
Choir	Mondays, 6:45pm	Choir Loft
Tuesday Night Bible Class	Tuesdays, 6:00pm (we skip the 1st Tuesday of each month)	Blanchard Hall
Senior Saints	2nd & 4th Tuesday each month	Blanchard Hall
WOW: Women of the Word	Tuesdays, 2:00pm	Library
LWML	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm	Blanchard Hall
Mission Board	2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00pm	Library
Quilters	Wednesdays, 9:00am-11:00am	Blanchard Hall
Wednesday Bible Study	Wednesdays, 11:00am	Library
Young Adult Bible Study	Sundays, 09:15am	School
In Christ Alone Bible Study	Thursdays, 7:00pm	Varies
Men's Bible Study	3rd Saturday every month, 08:00am	Blanchard Hall

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE PLEASE REFER TO THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE WEST HALLWAY!**

*Happy Anniversary!*

January 20th  
Brian & Annie Reiswig  
January 23rd  
Russell & Pam Lee

*Happy Birthday!*

January 20th: Larry Grummer  
January 24th: Charlene O'Connor, Brent Mathes,  
August Brock  
January 25th: Rebecca Anderson, Barbara Hall,  
Lynne Blaine  
January 26th: Tommy McDonald

**Missing Birthday or Anniversary?** Email Lacy at: [Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life](mailto:Lacy@stjohnsmoore.life)  
We may not have a Family Record Form on file or it may need to be updated.



## Kitchen Project

We are needing approximately \$10K to complete the kitchen remodeling project. The additional funding will pay for a new stove, counter tops, exhaust hood, and hardware for the new kitchen cabinets. Please donate what you can to help us complete this project. Thank you for your support. We currently have \$1,744.45~*The Kitchen Committee*



## ST. JOHN'S HEAT & AIR FUND

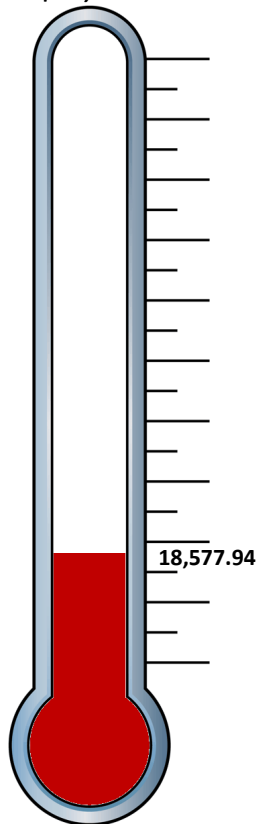
Several of our old heat and air units here at the church really need to be replaced as soon as possible, in order to do that \$61,300 will need to be collected and put into the heat and air Fund. Considering we have about 125 active members, that would average to about \$500 per person. If you would like to donate please mark envelopes "St. John's heat & air fund"

Our current fund only has about \$18,577.94, but if systems don't get replaced soon that money will quickly get depleted as we pay to maintain our old heat & air units. Keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

Please and Thank you!  
~Ricco

## GOAL!

\$61,300



## ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, January 8th

06:30pm:

Sunday, January 12th

09:00am:

Children's Sunday School: 15

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, January 12th

\$6,179.15

Wednesday, January 8th

\$215.00

Sunday, January 12th

\$4,683.00

## HAVING TROUBLE HEARING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE?

We have listening devices that will help you to concentrate on the worship service and also shut out surrounding noise distractions. If you would like to try one you may speak to Larry Urish, Beverly Eskew, or one of the Elders. They will be very happy to help you try a listening device at one of our worship services.

## CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

A cry room with speakers is provided in the back of the sanctuary during both services.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

See the sign up sheet on the main bulletin board. You may purchase one or two vases at \$20 each. Just fill out the envelope, include your payment and the dedication, then drop it in the collection plate. If needed, there are temporary containers in the Sacristy for you to borrow so that you may take flowers home. However, please remember to bring back our flower containers so that we may reuse them. Thank you!



# St. John's Lutheran Church

For the Week of January 19th, 2020 - January 26th, 2020

## Sunday

January 19th

### Worship Service

09:00am, Sanctuary

### Bible Study

Following the service

### Young Adult Bible Study

Following the service

### Children's Sunday School

Following the service

## Monday

January 20th

### Handbell Rehearsal

05:45pm, Sanctuary

### Choir Rehearsal

06:45pm, Choir Loft

## Tuesday

January 21st

### Tuesday Night Bible Study

06:00pm, Library

## Sunday

January 26th

### Worship Service: Communion

09:00am, Sanctuary

### Bible Study

Following the service

### Young Adult Bible Study

Following the service

### Children's Sunday School

Following the service

## ALTAR GUILD

Lynn Barker, Selma Frazier, Tracy Frazier, & Jennifer Karner

## Wednesday

January 22nd

### School Chapel

09:00am, School Gym

### Quilters

09:00am-11:00am, Blanchard Hall

### Bible Study

Cancelled until further notice

### Worship Service

06:30pm, Sanctuary

## USHERS

### 1st Sunday of the Month

J. Groh, M. Mathews, C. Corey, S. Lake

### 2nd Sunday of the Month

M. Tolman, S. Frazier, C. Corey, L. Urish, J. Olson, S. Christopher, C. Karner

### 3rd Sunday of the Month

J. O'Laughlin, R. Barker, B. Baird, R. Brensdal, S. Reynolds, K. Wilson, R. Malson

### 4th Sunday of the Month

R. Picione, P. Shurow, G. Hinrichs, L. Grummer, T. Kuter

### Floater

R. Harpham & F. Reichert

## ATTENTION!

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE,  
WE WILL TEMPORARILY  
BE HAVING

**ONE SUNDAY  
SERVICE  
AT 9:00AM**

**WE WILL ALSO BE  
HAVING COMMUNION  
ON JUST THE 1ST, 3RD,  
AND 5TH SUNDAY.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
WILL FOLLOW  
IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER THE SERVICE  
THANK YOU FOR  
UNDERSTANDING.