

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

***Offertory Prayer** Rev. Giffone

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Communion Opening Prayer

and Words of Institution Rev. Giffone

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, broken for you.*

As you pass the bread, please say to the next person:
"The body of Christ, broken for you."

Upon receipt of the bread, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the bread together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Distribution of the Cup: *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:
"The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

Prayer following Communion Rev. Giffone

Note: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing for the Hymn.

***Hymn No. 529:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*.....BEECHER

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Note: At the conclusion of the Benediction, the Congregation is dismissed.

Postlude: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*.....arr. Larson

* Congregation should please stand, if you are able to do so

After the Worship Service

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the Worship Service in the rear of the sanctuary.

If you have any special needs in your life and you wish to have a time of personal prayer, please speak to Pastor Benj or to one of our Ruling Elders— Robert LeSuer, James Stahl, or Amy Stearns—and he or she will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

Monthly Prayer Focus

During February, the Prayer Focus will be on the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) and the three staffers that Redeemer supported during 2024. CCO is on 86 campuses across the country, sharing the Gospel with college students. They teach a vision for serving Jesus Christ in all of life: in their studies, jobs, communities, and families. Please pray:

- For a successful Jubilee conference, scheduled for February 21-23, 2025. This is an annual gathering in Pittsburgh of students from across the country. They will attend worship services and listen to inspirational speeches and fellowship with other students during the weekend.
- For Sandy Starr Everhart and her ministry at Penn West University-Edinboro, particularly her relationship with the women’s basketball team.
- For Sam Van Eman and his leadership. Sam’s primary work involves creating and facilitating transformative opportunities for college students.
- For Ray Wiesen and his ministry at Penn State Abington campus. Ray was in the group of students from Edinboro, who worshipped with us while we rented space at St. Matthews Lutheran Church.



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**Sunday Morning Worship
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

February 23, 2025

Worship Theme: *“The ritual cleanness of the Law was only a picture of the sincere honor and true justice that God desires.”*

We welcome children of all ages in our Worship Service. At the Information Center in the rear of the Sanctuary, we offer children a “Book Bucket” with books and activities for their use. Parents, please do not be concerned if your young child cries. We believe that the cries of young children signal that the church is alive, well, and destined to continue for generations to come.

**Welcome, Announcements, and
Introduction to Worship** Thomas Brooks

Prelude: Eternal Life St. Francis of Assisi/Dungan

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred let me sow love; Where there is injury pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pard’ning that we are pardoned; It is in dying
That we are born to eternal life.

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Give thanks to God!

**Congregation: Proclaim God’s goodness throughout
all the world.**

Liturgist: Let all gathered here, celebrate God's transforming love.

Congregation: Let us offer our lives in service to others.

Liturgist: Thanks be to God for the blessings which He has given us.

Congregation: Lord, enable us to use our gifts to serve You in Your world. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please stand, if able to do so.

***Hymn No. 296: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name CORNATION**
(Verses 1, 4, 5, 6 only)

Note: The Congregation may please be seated and remain seated for the reading of the Scripture.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58..... Mark Kmecik

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: We will have A Moment for Children only if two or more children are present in the Worship Service.

A Moment for Children Rev. Giffone

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the following Hymn.

Hymn of Reflection: Psalm 51..... arr: Wilson

Oh, God be merciful to me,
and wash me wholly from my sin,
Create in me, Oh, Lord my God,
a heart that's clean and pure within.

Oh make me whiter than the snow,
and teach me all that pleases you,
Grant me the joy salvation brings,
a willing spirit evermore.

Prayers of Confession..... Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying a unison prayer of corporate confession.
Then, we will join in silently, confessing our personal sins.

**Heavenly Father, You love us beyond compare and
You are faithful to us, even when we turn away.
You are patient, wise, caring, and just.**

**We admit that, mired in our sins, we are not
worthy of Your love, nor deserving of Your favor.
We have ignored Your will, treated others with
disdain, and failed to be grateful for Your mercy
and blessings.**

**We confess our sins. Please forgive us and restore
us to a right relationship with You, and with one
another. In humility and gratitude, we ask these
things in Christ's name. Amen**

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

**Congregation: Through him everyone who believes is
set free from every sin, a justification
you were not able to obtain under the
law of Moses. —Acts 13:38-39**

Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation should please stand for the Hymn, if able to do so.

***Response Hymn: Gloria Patri..... GREATOREX**

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end, Amen, Amen!

Note: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing following the Hymn

***Passing of the Peace..... Thomas Brooks**

*Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of greeting: "May the peace of Christ be with you."
And the answer of response: "And, also with you."*

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Commissioning Prayer..... Ruling Elders

**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and
The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)..... Rev. Giffone**

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the reading of Scripture.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 5:11 - 6:8..... Mark Kmecik

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

**Sermon: "Give As Alms Those Things
That Are Within"..... Rev. Giffone**

Sermon Text: Luke 11:37 - 12:3

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance - Communion - Hope

Invitation to the Lord's Table..... Rev. Giffone

Offering: O Master, Let Me Walk With Theearr. Dillon

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Note: We welcome the families with children sitting in the rear of the sanctuary to come forward and find seating in the front of the church, so that the children may observe the Celebration of Holy Communion.

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Offertory Hymn.

***Offertory Hymn: Doxology..... OLD HUNDRETH**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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