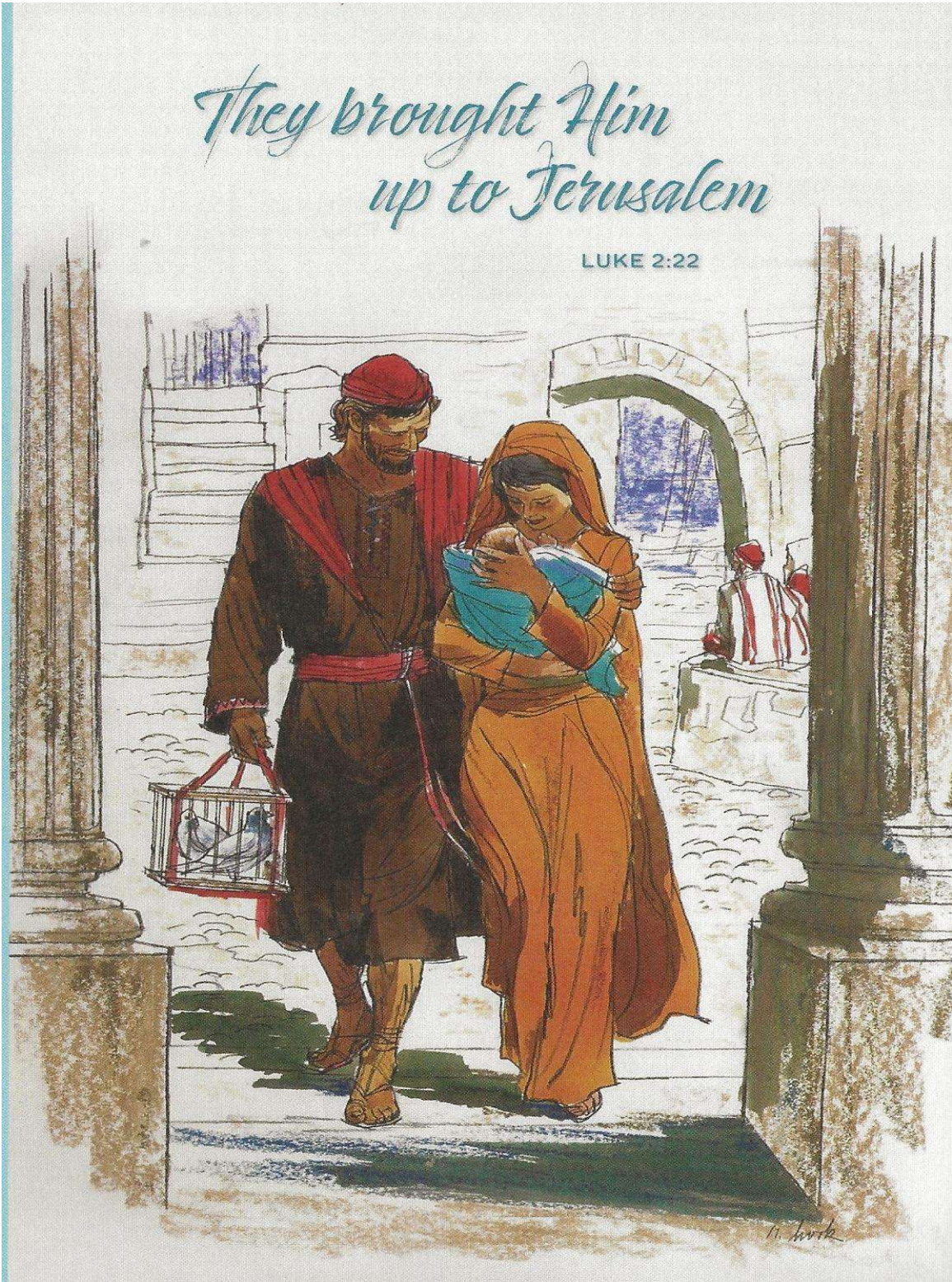


The 4th Sunday After Epiphany |
February 2, 2025

*They brought Him
up to Jerusalem*

LUKE 2:22



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About the Cover

Mary and Joseph did as the Lord's Law instructed and brought the Christ Child to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice. Jesus' whole life was one of fulfilling the Law of the Lord. When He grew, He again went up to Jerusalem to make a sacrifice. But this sacrifice was the once-for-all-time sacrifice of His own body on the cross to atone for the sins of the whole world. So by the gift of faith, we are counted as righteous because of His perfect fulfillment of the Law.

*Since **Holy Communion** presupposes a "common unity" of faith and doctrine among those who participate together in this Sacrament, we ask that those who desire to commune with us be confirmed members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

congregation. Those not able to come to the chancel may speak to the pastor or an elder to commune in their pew. If you have not previously communed here, please speak to the Pastor or an elder. If you are not communing but would like to come to the chancel for a blessing, please kneel or stand with your arms crossed over your chest.

✠ The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ✠
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Hymn of Invocation: “O Love, How Deep”

LSB 544

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

- 2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.

- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

Stand

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

Invocation

LSB 151

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

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.**

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift | up your hand;*
forget not the af- | flicted.

The LORD is king forever and | ever;*
the nations perish | from his land.

O LORD, you hear the desire of the af- | flicted;*
you will strength- | en their heart;

you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless
and | the oppressed,* so that man who is of the earth
may strike ter- | ror no more.

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.

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift | up your hand;*
forget not the af- | flicted.

Kyrie

LSB 152

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

LSB 154

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

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4–10

(The Lord calms Jeremiah's fear with a promise.)

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“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.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But 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. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.” ⁹Then 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. ¹⁰See, I have set 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.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13

(The more excellent way of love)

I will show you a still more excellent way. ¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And 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. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in

part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:31–44

(Jesus casts out a demon and heals Peter's mother-in-law.)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit

of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,
³⁴“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.” ³⁵But 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. ³⁶And 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!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in
the surrounding region. ³⁸And 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. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked
the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and
began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now 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.

⁴¹And 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.

⁴²And 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, ⁴³but 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.” ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of
Judea.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *“Son of God, Eternal Savior”*

LSB 842

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,

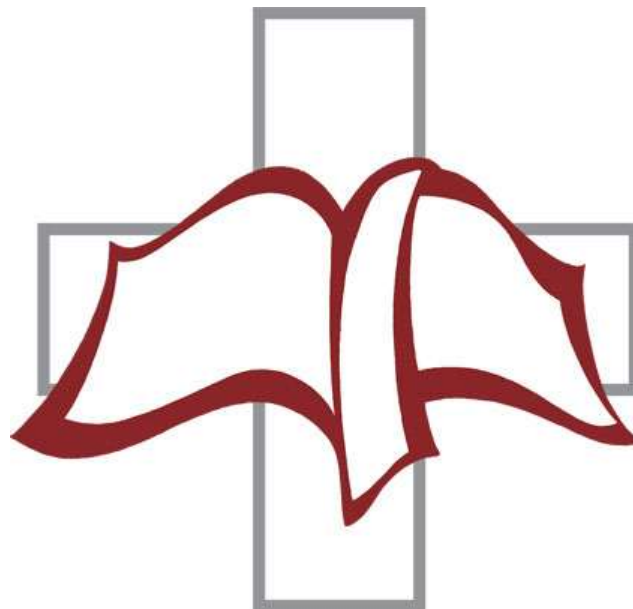
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

Sermon: “*The Day Jesus Came to Town*”

Luke 4:31-44

Stand



Nicene Creed
LSB 158

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

LSB 159

Offertory

LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

LSB 161

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose love was shown in His preaching and mighty works of healing, and ultimately on the cross of His glory. Now by faith and hope in Him, Your love strengthens us to persevere to our future glory of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

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

LSB 161

P You, Lord Jesus Christ, are the Word made flesh. We give You all thanks, praise, and worship, for in the fullness of time You entered this broken creation to take upon Yourself all of this world's sin and evil, to suffer and die, and then, in fulfillment of the ancient promise, to rise from the grave. We give You thanks, praise, and worship for letting Your Word come also to us, that we may now live in Your kingdom and forever worship and adore You in the kingdom to come. 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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

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.”

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

- 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

Distribution Hymn: “*There Is a Balm in Gilead*” *LSB 749*

- ref* There is a balm in Gilead
 To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
 To heal the sin-sick soul.
- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged
 And think my work’s in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
 Revives my soul again. *Refrain*
- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
 If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus
 And say He died for all. *Refrain*
- 3 Don’t ever feel discouraged,
 For Jesus is your friend;
And if you lack for knowledge,
 He’ll ne’er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

Distribution Hymn: *“Where Charity and Love Prevail”* LSB
845

- 1 Where charity and love prevail
 There God is ever found;
 Brought here together by Christ’s love
 By love are we thus bound.

- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear
 His charity we learn;
 Let us with heart and mind and soul
 Now love Him in return.

- 3 Forgive we now each other’s faults
 As we our faults confess,
 And let us love each other well
 In Christian holiness.

- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
 Let all contention cease;
 Be God’s the glory that we seek;
 Be ours His holy peace.

- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.

- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- 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

LSB 166

- A** *Let us pray...* 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.

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.

Hymn to Depart: *“How Wide the Love of Christ”* *LSB 535*

- 1 How wide the love of Christ!
 It knows not class or race
 But holds our one humanity
 Within its broad embrace.

- 2 How long the love of Christ!
 Its patience will not cease
 Until this broken world is bound
 In everlasting peace.

- 3 How high the love of Christ!
 Beyond all thought it soars,
 And yet upon our passing lives
 Unmeasured mercy pours.

- 4 How deep the love of Christ,
 Descending to a cross!
 He bears within His wounded hands
 All human pain and loss.

5 All praise to You, O Christ,
For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space
With endless life and light!

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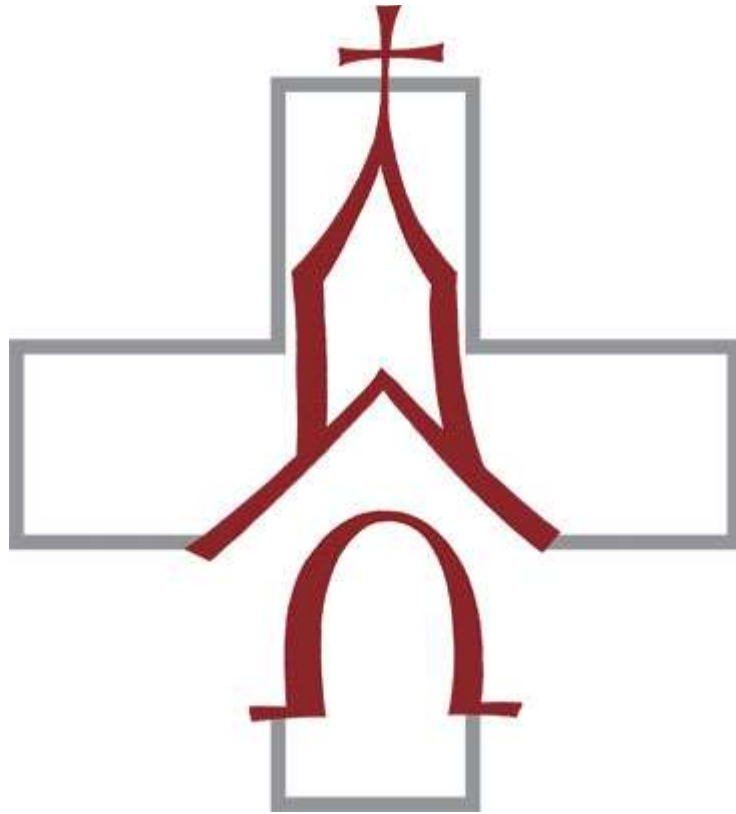
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