

Sunday, January 25th, 2026
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

ELW 310

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise; manifested by the star to the sages from afar, branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme; and at Cana wedding guest in thy God-head manifest; manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word; grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou; that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany, and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

*Dialog:

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through Christ

C: And we boast in our hope of sharing God's glory.

P: We know that suffering produces endurance, character, and hope.

C: And hope does not disappoint us.

P: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: For we stand in the grace of God which has been given to us.

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

C: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 (read by half verse. Psalms can be found after pg. 338 and before the hymns.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been

spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Children’s Sermon

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*Hymn of the Day:

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

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1. Arise, your light has come! The Spirit’s call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive’s liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing, God’s pow’r will make us strong.

*The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Prayers:

Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with you in the same manner.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn:

“Let us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Words of Institution

*The 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.

Distribution of Communion

*Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn

"Shine Jesus Shine"

ELW 671

1. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light! Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me:
2. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light! As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, everchanging from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome to our pulpit today Pastor Valerian Ahles! Thanks for joining us today and sharing the Gospel with us! Pastor Brad will be back Tuesday.

No Bible Study tomorrow.

Crew is on Wednesday, Jan 28th at 3:30-5pm for all 3-6th graders.

Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 1st at 10 am

Super Bowl Pizza's: Order your Super Bowl Pizza's today! Benefits our youth going to Luther Park Bible Camp. See order form included in the bulletin. Deadline is February 1st. You can pick them up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8th, by 11 am.

Communion bread bakers needed for 2026. See sign-up on the table in the Narthex.

Winterfest, Sunday, February 15th, 1 pm till 3 pm. Food, sledding, games. All ages welcome.

Serving Our Lord and Church

Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson

Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh

Organists: Ginny Waller, Lee Peshaw

Reader: Liz Lohfink

Greeter: Brenda Dean

Ministers: All Baptized Believers

Ushers: Dan Debee, Justin Clark, Glenn Guy

Altar Guild: Diana Nutter, Viv Hanestad, Becky Hanestad

Fellowship: Brady Larson & Lucas Lain

Schedule For The Week of Jan 25–Feb 1

Sunday	9:00am	Worship
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday	3:30-5:00pm	Crew
	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Worship
Thursday	10:00am	Card Club
Sunday	9:00am	Worship



Our Prayer Concerns

Dick Clack	Saul Hedlund	Jeanna Hollister	Helen Rosen
Leona Steies	Kayden Ebersperger	Shannon Bauer	Amy Frieburg
Jennifer Marlett	Brad Stevens	Shirley Mittlestadt	Ken Larson
Randee Mayer	Lynda Swenson	Kasen Iverson	Megan Vullings
Tom Lohfink	Lynda Bird	Kendra Kostman	
Ashley Behling	Brian Moll	Kathy Joles	

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Weekly Devotions

Sunday: Psalm 119:49-72	Monday: Psalm 119:73-96	Tuesday: Psalm 119:97-128
Wednesday: Psalm 119:129-152	Thursday: Psalm 119:153-176	Friday: Psalm 120
Saturday: Psalm 121	Sunday: Psalm 122	

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