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Sunday Morning Worship ~ 9:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
OF HOLY COMMUNION
January 2026

The Service of Preparation

Prelude Music

Brief Order For Confession and Forgiveness

M: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

M: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

M: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

M: In Your presence Almighty God, let us together bring our confessions. Most merciful God

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

M: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy, loves you completely and unconditionally, and grants you forgiveness for all of your sins. By His grace and mercy and your faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, and salvation is yours. May the Holy Spirit guide you forward in His love and forgiveness.

C: Amen

The Service of the Gathering

The Greeting

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

C: Hymn of Praise ~ "This is the Feast"

M: Prayer of the Day

The Service of the Word

L: First Reading is Read

C: Psalmody: Psalm is Read Responsively

L: Second Reading is Read

The Holy Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

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

M: The Holy Gospel Announced

C: Glory to you, O Lord

M: Gospel Reading is Read

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

M: The Ministry Message is Shared

The Service of Prayers and Offerings

The Apostles' Creed

M: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: 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

AM: The Prayers of the Faithful ~ Let Us Pray…

Sharing of the Peace

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

The Offering

The Offertory Hymn ~ Let The Vineyards

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessings. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

AM: 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 Service of Holy Communion

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

M: Sunday's Proper Preface

C: Hymn The Sanctus ~ "Song of the Angels"

The Eucharist Words of Consecration

M: In the night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

M: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

M: With this Bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life.

C: "Christ has Died, Christ has Risen, Christ will Come Again, Amen"

The Lord's Prayer

M: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray with confidence in the Words our Lord and Saviour taught us.

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

M: Come to the Lord's Table, All are Welcome, here our guests become our friends', and our friends become our family.

The Communion Hymn ~ Lamb of God

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.

Holy Communion Dismissal Blessing

M: May this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have shared, assure you of God's love and grace and strengthen you in your faith. **C: Amen**

The Service of Sending

The Benediction & Dismissal

M: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give your peace.

C: Amen

AM: Go in peace. Share the good news, serve others, Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude Music

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome! You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, the joy of music, and the sharing of the Word. We gather at the Lord's table today. He is the host—we are the guests. Here He nourishes us with food and drink and the full assurance of our salvation in Him.

The Readings & Gospel for January 2026

January 7 ~ Sunday of Christmas

First Reading ~ Jeremiah 31: 7-14
Psalm ~ Psalm 147
Second Reading ~ Ephesians 1: 3-14
Gospel ~ St. John 1: 1-18

January 14 ~ Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading ~ Isaiah 42: 1-9
Psalm ~ Psalm 29
Second Reading ~Acts 10: 34-43
Gospel ~ St. Matthew 3: 13-17

January 21 ~ Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading ~ Isaiah 49: 1-7
Psalm ~ Psalm 40
Second Reading ~ I Corinthians 1: 1-9
Gospel ~ St. John 1: 29-42

January 28 ~ Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading ~ Isaiah 9: 1-4
Psalm ~ Psalm 27
Second Reading ~ I Corinthians 1: 10-18
Gospel ~ St. Matthew 4: 12-23