

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**
...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

...Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God’s loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen**

***PEACE**
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY - "We Shall Walk Through The Valley" by Undine Smith Moore

***OFFERING SONG**
“Brightest and Best of the Stars” **ELW Hymn 303 | Verse 1**

***OFFERING PRAYER**
God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** **ELW Page 107**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS **ELW Page 108**

...together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

...that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
...all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

***LORD’S PRAYER** **ELW Page 112**
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**
At the direction of the usher, please come forward, forming two lines in the center aisle, to stand or kneel at the chancel rail to receive the gift of God’s living Word in bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, and you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All are welcome at this table.

COMMUNION HYMNS
“Lamb of God” **ELW Page 112**
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” **ELW Hymn 815**

***TABLE BLESSING**
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**
May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

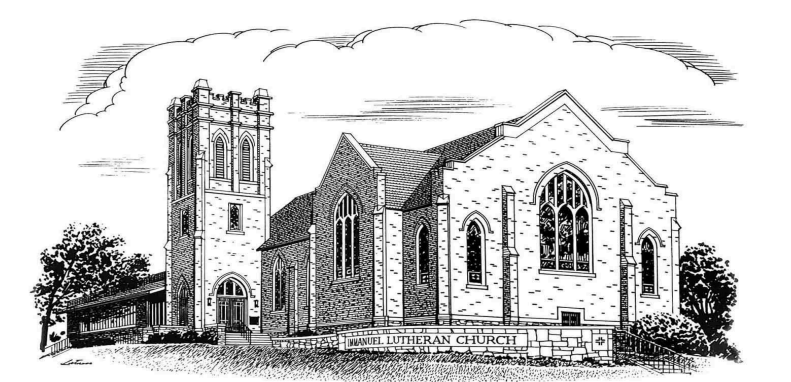
***SENDING HYMN**
“Lift Every Voice and Sing” **ELW Hymn 841**

***DISMISSAL**
Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
"Paragon Rag," by Scott Joplin (c. 1868-1917)

Welcome to Worship

Third Sunday after Epiphany



January 25, 2026

10:00 a.m



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Find page numbers in the front of the ELW
(red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

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Bold=All

*Please stand as you are able

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise," by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Based on ELW 310

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
**you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus’ name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

ELW Hymn 511

*GREETING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*KYRIE

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

1 There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former
time [the Lord] 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALMODY: Psalm 27:1, 4-9



- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
**4 One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God |
in the temple.**
5 For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high
up- | on a rock.
**6 Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who
surround me.**
**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices
of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the Lord. R**
7 Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.
**8 My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, | I will seek.**
9 Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in
anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O
God of | my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10 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.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

12 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

ELW Hymn 799