



# 3 Epiphany

## January 26, 2025

**WELCOME! We are blessed to worship with you today!**  
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### **SERVING TODAY:**

Reader: Debi Musick  
Ushers: Garrett Purdum, Phil Crissup, Rod Randall & Jerry Wagner  
Children's Message: Jessica Purdum  
Altar Guild: Lynne Elias  
Communion Assistants: Debi Musick, Susi Laflin, Linda Allison, Carolyn & Romi Behrens, Jessica & Luke Purdum  
Video assistant: Tracy Caine  
Acolyte & Crucifer: Romi Behrens & Nicholas Bainbridge

### **PRELUDE:**

***Canzona per Sonare #3*** -Gabrielli

Blackwelder Brass

### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

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. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*  
Gracious God,

***Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sin, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. ***Amen.***

### **FANFARE & OPENING HYMN:**

#858 ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** vs 1, 3 & 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

The Lord be with you.  
***And also, with you.***

## Kyrie 3 & 4

*Refrain*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

### **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup>all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM 19**

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
**and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.**
- <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another,  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
**and their voices are not heard,**
- <sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
**where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
**it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- <sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
**the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.**
- <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
**the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**
- <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- <sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?  
**Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
**then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**
- <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **SECOND READING      1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

<sup>2</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia!**

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

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 4:14-21**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Jessica Purdum**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

***Many Gifts, One Spirit***

SPLC Adult Choir

## **MESSAGE**

**Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

## **HYMN**

#853

***When Morning Guilds the Skies***

vs 1, 4 & 5

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all of humankind in this their concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised.

Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face, sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
God's whole creation o'er, today and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

The following people have expressed a desire to join in our fellowship at St Paul's Lutheran Church.

- ❖ Sara Carman
- ❖ Corey & Paige Grubb
- ❖ Noel & Kristin Grubb
- ❖ Jim Telcocci
- ❖ Samantha & J.R. Vaughn; Everett & Sunnie
- ❖ Diana Daugherty
- ❖ Maxine Gunter

Leader to the Congregation: Will you who are members of this faith community who are witnessing these promises, share the joys and sorrows, and do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ:

***Congregation: We will.***

Leader: Will you welcome them into this family of St. Paul's, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of the body and help it grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journeys, and assist them in their ministries?

***Congregation: Yes! We will!***

Leader: Let us express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ:

***Congregation: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.***

***Everyone: Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other. That by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and all our sisters and brothers, in Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.***

## BAPTISM

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates:

**Parents and Godparents:** I present Zalani Jane Carey to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Question to the Congregation: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support her in her life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: 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 to the dead. 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent, and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

### Prayers for the Candidate

Let us now pray for the one who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory, who lives and reigns now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

...To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

Zalani Jane, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

## The Sign of the Cross with Chrism

Zalani Jane, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**Celebrant and People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**Congregational Welcome:**

### **God Claims You**

*(See music insert placed in your pew back.)*

**Refrain:** Zalani, Zalani, God claims you, God helps you, protects you and loves you too.

**Verse 1:** We this day do all agree. A child of God you'll always be. **Refrain**

**Verse 2:** We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. **Refrain**

## COMMUNION


The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to all of them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN***

## DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

**SPECIAL COMMUNION MUSIC:**    *Amazing Grace*-arr Slechta                      Blackwelder Brass

Let us pray. ***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

## THE BLESSING

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

***Danza*** - by Renwick

Blackwelder Brass

## SENDING

Go in Peace. Remember the poor. ***Thanks be to God.***

*Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, [www.stpaulsokc.com](http://www.stpaulsokc.com).*

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## JANUARY ACTIVITIES

**1/26- Worship & New Member Reception**

*Blackwelder Brass*

**1/27- Canticle Ringers**

**1/28- Twilight Tones**

**1/29- Wednesday Night Activities**

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal

6:30 Education & Adult Choir

## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

**2/2- Worship & Education**

**2/3- Canticle Ringers**

**2/4- Twilight Tones**

**2/5- Wednesday Night Activities**

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal

6:30 Education & Adult Choir

**2/8- Valentine's Dinner & Dance**

**2/9- Worship & Education**

**2/10- Canticle Ringers**

**2/11- Twilight Tones**

**2/12- Wednesday Night Activities**

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal

6:30 Education & Adult Choir

**2/16- Worship & Education**

2 pm Carole Lothes Memorial Service

**2/17- Canticle Ringers**

**2/18- Twilight Tones**

**2/19- Wednesday Night Activities**

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal

6:30 Education & Adult Choir

**2/20- XYZ**

**2/23- Worship – Blackwelder Brass**

*WOW Auction*

**2/24- Canticle Ringers**

**2/25- Twilight Tones**

**2/26- Wednesday Night Activities**

5:30 Children's Handbells

5:45 Meal

6:30 Education & Adult Choir

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Exciting times are ahead! This year, we are celebrating the 80th anniversary of our church, and we want to make it a memorable occasion for everyone. To do that, we need your help! We are forming a special committee to plan and coordinate the festivities. Whether you love organizing events, decorating, creating memorable programs, or simply lending a helping hand, there's a place for you on this team. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor our church's legacy, serve alongside fellow members, and create an event that brings glory to God and joy to our congregation. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Joyce Martin at [jcmartin515@yahoo.com](mailto:jcmartin515@yahoo.com)/ 405-623-5499 or Pastor Stefanie at [pastorstefanie@stpaulsokc.com](mailto:pastorstefanie@stpaulsokc.com). Thank you for your willingness to serve!

### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION & FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH

TODAY after worship service. Bring your favorite sandwich, salad or sweet! We will also welcome our new members. Questions- ask a member of the Outreach Board.

### 2025 VALENTINES DINNER AND DANCE- "WHERE YOUR HEART IS"

Save the date! Saturday 2/8/25! This event is open to EVERYONE! Please invite your friends /families/co-workers, all money raised will go toward the summer mission trips! (We will also accept Wine Bottles or Gift cards/ sponsors for tables, if you'd like to help in another way). \$40/per ticket, or \$300 for table of 8 (a savings of \$20). Guests will be served a 3-4 course dinner starting @5pm. There is a DJ for entertainment and dancing, and an amazing menu by Chef Jim Labus. Please choose between Chicken Vesuvios and Meatloaf, as well as choice of Sunshine cake or German Chocolate Pie. Event questions? Contact Laura Labus 405-255-3980 or [lauralabus@gmail.com](mailto:lauralabus@gmail.com)

### HOT DOG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help with our hot dog ministry on Wednesday afternoons. You can sign up on the SPLC website under the "Sign up" link. If you have any questions, please contact Misty Veit.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL COORDINATOR

We are looking for a point person to coordinate & schedule meals on Wednesday night. This does not involve cooking unless you want to! We do still need volunteers to prepare meals too! You can find a sign up link on the SPLC website. If we cannot find enough volunteers, we will have to cancel meals. If you have any questions, please reach out to Risa Powell.

### WOW AUCTION

We are ROARING to remind you that our Annual WOW Auction is coming up on Sunday, February 23. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Sign up at the table in the Narthex or use the link or QR code to sign up on Sign-Up Genius. Auction items, soups/etc., and your help preparing and taking down are needed. **Sign up [HERE!](#) Ask a member of the Y&F board for more details.** Important dates to remember:

**2/16/25** - ALL WOW ITEMS NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF/SUBMITTED

**2/17-20/25**- Basket prep- time varies by day



**2024 Giving statements are available at the information booth in the narthex. Please collect yours today. All statements not taken will be mailed by Wednesday (1/29).**