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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**January 24, 2026 – 6:00 PM  
January 25, 2026 – 8:30 AM**

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Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music*

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
Divine Service, Setting 2  
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(Series A)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

The Epiphany season proclaims and celebrates the salvation of God coming into the world as a light shining in a dark place. Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah predicting the dawning of that light into the darkness of unbelief, separation from God, sin, and “the shadow of death” (Matthew 4:16). That light was and is Jesus and His message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (v. 17). It may seem like a minor detail that Matthew says Isaiah’s prophetic words were fulfilled when Jesus left His hometown of Nazareth to live “in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali” (v. 13). Yet even this little fact testifies to how real the words of the Old Testament are and how they are fulfilled in Jesus, the Christ.

Likewise, it may at times seem insignificant and even unimportant when the light of the Gospel is preached in our hearing and in our world today. How many of us have heard God’s voice directly saying, “Follow me”? Those who were baptized as infants have no memory of ever being apart from God or His church. The life of faith in God may just seem normal or even routine to us—nothing out of the ordinary. Still, our sins remind us of the temptation to ignore God. Like the Christians in Corinth, we have sinful pride that causes divisions and quarreling among us. And while that’s no different than anywhere else in our world, to be a disciple of Jesus means to be truly different than the world. Repentance means being transformed by love of God and love of neighbor. Today, Jesus truly is saying to you, “Repent” and “Follow Me,” even in the ordinary details of life.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned. *Matthew 4:16*

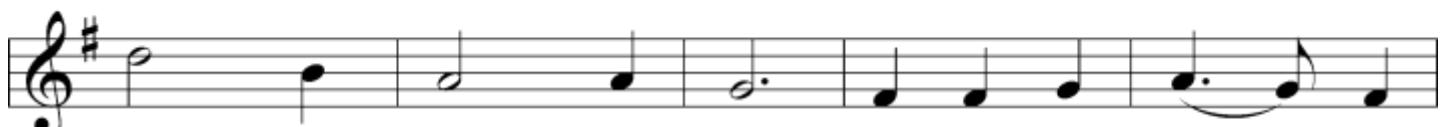
# WELCOME

## ✖PREPARATION✖

### 839 O CHRIST, OUR TRUE AND ONLY LIGHT



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'lers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg

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*Stand*

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

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

LSB 167

**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.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

## CONFSSION OF SINS

LSB 167

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

## ABSOLUTION

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**WORD** 

## INTROIT

*Psalm 22:27-31; antiphon: v. 22*



**P** I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

**C** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.

**P** For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
and he rules over the | nations.

**C** All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could  
not keep him- | self alive.

**P** Posterity shall | serve him;\*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

**C** they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*  
that he has | done it.

**C** 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.

**P** I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

## KYRIE

LSB 168

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

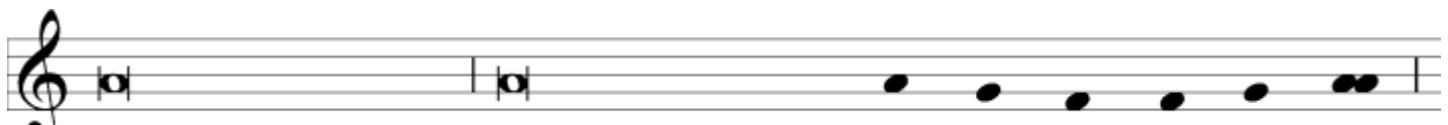
**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.

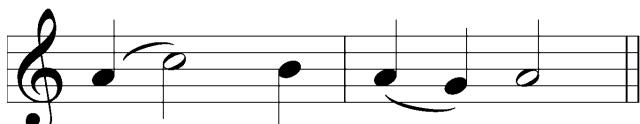
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



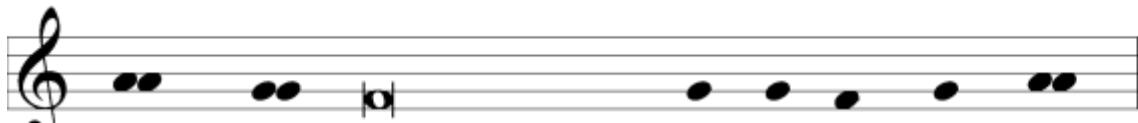
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## 948 ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ALONE

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the  
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in  
 3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -  
 4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,  
 5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are

high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And  
 hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The  
 might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord  
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O  
 Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You

grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His  
 ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry  
 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -  
 Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your  
 and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -

gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.  
 ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.  
 mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.  
 more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

Text: attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, 1541, Strassburg, alt.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

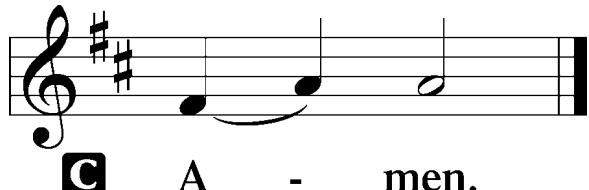
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, You call each and every sinner to awaken to their need to turn to You for deliverance from the ravages of suffering, sickness, and sinful separation from You. By Your powerful Word, draw us by Your grace and mercy to a living faith in Your salvation, Your help, and Your purpose for us, that we may live daily trusting in Your guidance and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

*(The light of God's reign breaks into the world.)*

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for her who was 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 has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# THE LORD OF GLORY IS MY LIGHT

*This hymn is inspired by Psalm 27:1-9, the appointed Psalm for the Day.*

*Tune: KINGSFOLD – LSB 846*

1 The Lord of glo - ry is my light,  
2 One priv - i - lege of my heart de - sires,  
3 There shall I of - fer my re - quests,  
And my sal - va - tion too; God is my strength; nor  
Oh, grant me an a - bode A - mong the church - es  
And see Thy beau - ty still; Shall hear Thy mes - sag - *Refrain*  
will I fear What all my foes can do.  
of Thy saints, The tem - ples of my God!  
es of love, And there in - quire Thy will.  
*Refrain*  
When trou - bles rise and storms ap - pear,  
There may His chil-dren hide. God has a strong pa -  
vil - ion, where He makes my soul a - bide.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

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## EPISTLE

*(Divisions in the church.)*

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*(Tune: LSB 399 – The Star Proclaims the King is Here – WO ERSCHIEN)*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Christ calls to turn and trust His Word.**

**"Repent," He speaks; "My reign is near."**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-25

(Jesus begins calling the first disciples.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

<sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup>the people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,  
on them a light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

<sup>18</sup>While walking 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 fishermen.

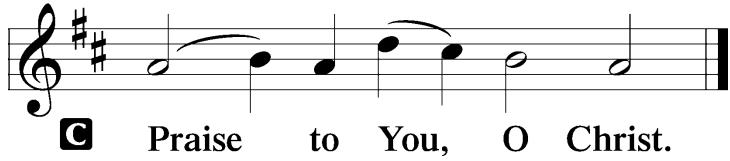
<sup>19</sup>And he said to them, *“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

<sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy Christian Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life  $\ddagger$  everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

## **“O Christ, the Light Eternal”**

*(Tune: LSB 527, O Savior, Precious Savior – ANGEL’S STORY – 76 76 D)*

1. O Christ, the Light eternal,  
Who shines in darkest night,  
Your Word proclaims salvation  
And calls us to Your light.  
“Repent, the kingdom’s near now”—  
Your grace restores our sight;  
You lift the heavy burden  
And turn our gloom to light.
2. You break the yoke that binds us,  
Our burdens You remove;  
Your cross, the power of heaven,  
Reveals the Father’s love.  
Not human wisdom saves us,  
But Christ, the Lamb above;  
Unite us in confession,  
One Church in truth and love.
3. You call disciples forward  
To follow where You lead;  
Your teaching heals the nations  
And meets our deepest need.  
Send us to bear Your Gospel,  
Your mercy to proclaim;  
That all may see Your kingdom  
And trust Your saving name.

## **SERMON**

### **VOTUM**

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**

Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 4:20 – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”** Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

## OFFERING

**SPECIAL MUSIC – A Joyful Sound** (*8:30 a.m. service only*)

*Stand*

## 956 CREATE IN ME – (6:00 p.m. service only)



Music notation for hymn 956, 'Create in me'. The music is in common time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are as follows:

Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va-tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12

Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583–1651, adapt.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, You gather us by the work of Your Spirit and dwell in our midst by Your Means of Grace for the sake of Your Son. Open our mouths to tell of Your name and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, graciously allow Your Church to enjoy unity of doctrine and a spirit of harmony in the work that You have given her to do. Prosper this work, and supply us with faithful pastors and church workers. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, grant peace to the nations. Give good and faithful leaders in our land. Grant them wisdom and integrity for the good of all people, that justice may be served in every place and for the protection of the unborn and the weak. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy Lord, Your Son welcomed the sick, the afflicted and those oppressed by demons, and He healed them. Have mercy upon all whom we bring before You in prayer, [especially \_\_\_\_\_] and deliver them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, be present with the lonely. Work through us, that they may find welcome and consolation within the fellowship of God's people. Grant that those who sorrow may not despair but find hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You raised Your Son, Jesus, from the dead as the firstfruits of the new creation. In reverence, we glorify Your name for the hope and promise of the resurrection. We give You thanks and praise for all those who have departed from this mortal life in faith. Preserve us also in Your Word and faith until we die. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

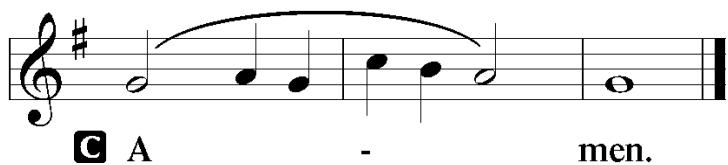
Lord God, heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the great Light for those who dwell in darkness, calling all people to repentance and gathering disciples by His gracious Word. Grant that we may walk in His light, live in the unity of His Gospel, and proclaim that Your kingdom is near. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BENEDICTION

LSB 183

**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  $\ddagger$  give you peace.



## GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".*

## SAVIOR, BRING US TO YOUR LIGHT

1 Sav - ior, bring us to Your light From the  
2 All who stood the earth - ly test Find a  
3 Fleet - ing shad - ows will be gone With the

deep and dark - ened night.  
nev - er - end - ing rest.  
Sav - ior's com - ing dawn.

Shine in us Your love and joy,  
Kept with in the Fa - ther's care,  
All that Sa - tan's fog con - cealed—

All des - pair and gloom - des - troy.  
Hope - filled glim - mers glad - ly share.  
In the beam of truth re - vealed.

Dim - mer flames, yet let us guide Oth - ers  
Je - sus, set our hearts a - flame With the  
Has - ten, then; pre - pare the way For the

to bright - ness Your glo - rious side.  
ad - vent of of Your name!  
the Day!

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