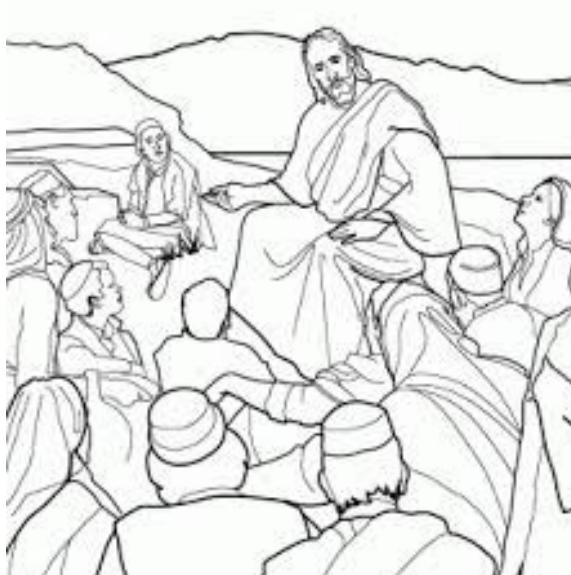


**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 25, 2026**



**The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry**

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon *“the people who walked in darkness”* and *“who dwelt in a land of deep darkness”* (Is. 9:2). He also has *“multiplied the nation”* and *“increased its joy”* (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be *“fishers of men”* (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth *“proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people”* (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides *“those who are perishing”* from *“us who are being saved”* (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, *“in the same mind and the same judgment”* (1 Cor. 1:10).

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## Ordinary Discipleship

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.

## PREPARATION

### 412 The People That in Darkness Sat

- 1 The people that in darkness sat a glorious light have seen; the light has shined on them who long in shades of death have been, in shades of death have been.
- 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, the gath’ring nations come; they joy as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home, their harvest treasures home.
- 3 To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is giv’n, and on His shoulder ever rests all pow’r in earth and heav’n, all pow’r in earth and heav’n.

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## Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

## Opening Sentences

**Psalm 43:4; Matthew 4:16**

P I will go to the altar of God, C **to God my exceeding joy.**

P The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, . . .

C **on them a light has dawned.**

## Confession and Absolution

**Psalm 22:22**

P Today Jesus Christ comes to you with an invitation, saying, “Repent” and “Follow Me.” Let us prepare to receive His Word, leave our sin behind, and follow Him in the power of His forgiveness.

C **Lord God, open our ears to hear Your call of salvation and life.**  
**Enable us to hear the voice of Your Son, Christ our Lord, that His Word may move us to turn from our ways and our walk without You, and follow Him in faith, that we may learn and live in the light of Your love.**

P Lord Jesus, “I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.” Upon this your confession, I, as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

P Now, let us follow Him! C **Amen.**

## WORD

### Introit

P I will tell of your name to my brothers;

C **in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

C **and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

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

P All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

C **before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

P Posterity shall serve him;

C **it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

P 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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

### Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

## This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



**C**

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



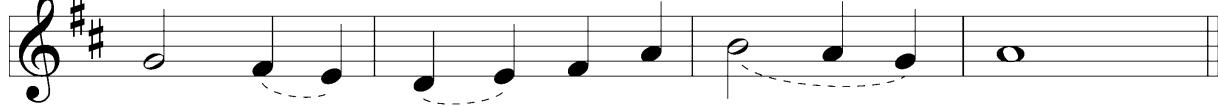
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation

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

## Prayer of the Day

**Epiphany 3**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

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. 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. 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. 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.**

## Psalm 27:1-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: 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 inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

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. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. 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." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 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. 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.**

## Verse

## Matthew 4:17

P Alleluia.

C **From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

P Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

## Matthew 4:12–25

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

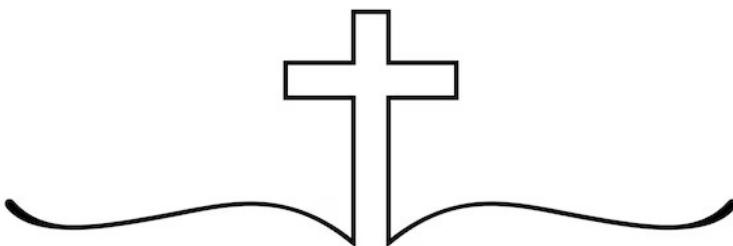
"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” 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. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 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. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 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. 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. 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**

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 T everlasting. Amen.**



## 837 Lift High the Cross

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

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## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

### Matthew 4:16–17, 19

P “The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light.” Lord of light and life, we thank You for opening our eyes to see the light of Your mercy and salvation, our ears to hear Your call, our hearts to receive the faith that saves, and our minds to acknowledge Your glory. Cast Your light of grace through our lives, that many in our dark world may turn in repentance and joy to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Holy Spirit, give us faith to turn and follow You each day. Direct, guide, and rule our hearts that we may reflect Your love and forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Jesus says, “Follow Me.” Help us, O God, to leave the cares of our lives in this world to pursue the life You give us anchored in Your Word and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Jesus came teaching, preaching, and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. Continue to come to us and especially to all who suffer any need, injury, disease, or fear, [especially . . .]. Grant the healing of body, mind, and spirit with faith in Your never-ending help and kindness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As You blessed the land of Zebulun, Naphtali, and Galilee of the Gentiles, so grant Your blessing on our nation, that those in positions of leadership and community service may work for the health, peace, and safety of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remembering all who have followed You in faith whom You have called to Yourself through the grave and gate of death, give us endurance and strength to abide in the fellowship of Your church all our days, that we may enter the glorious fullness of Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **Offering**

### **Offertory**



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the first line starting with a square note head and the subsequent lines starting with a circle note head. The lyrics are as follows:

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## SACRAMENT

### Preface

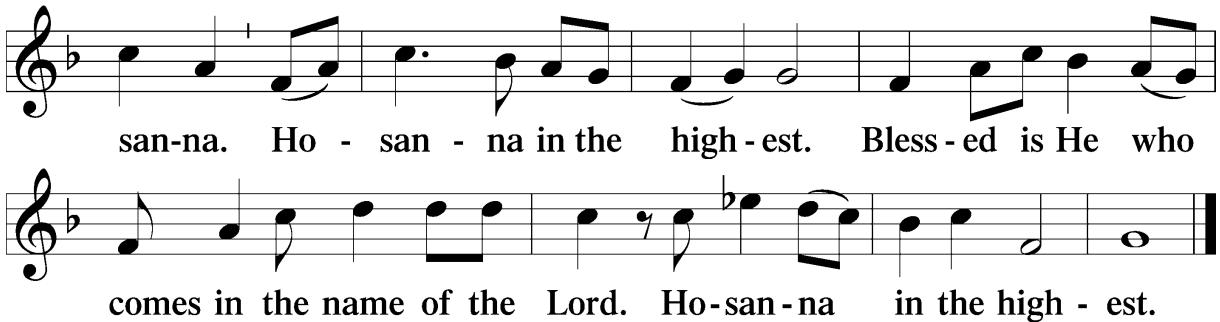
- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

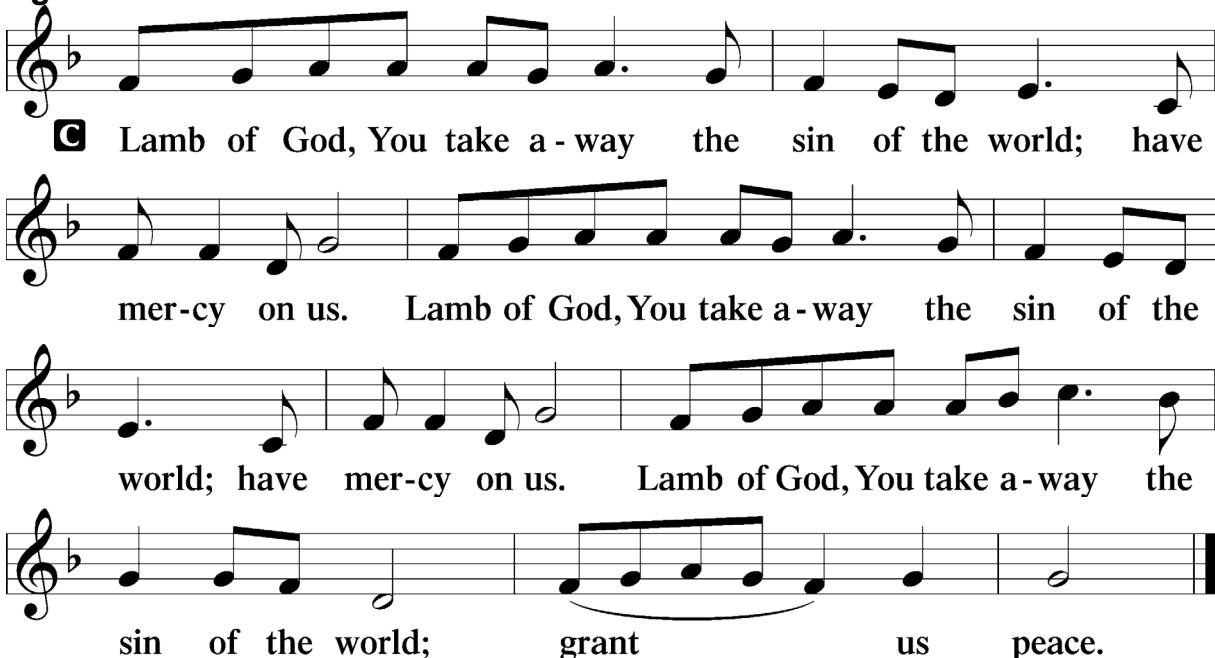
## Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## 688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding; Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding. O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way, a godly life displaying; I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying. I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 “My heart abounds in lowness, My soul with love is glowing; And gracious words My lips express, with meekness overflowing. My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, to God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul’s salvation, Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, from sin and its temptation. I am the refuge of the soul and lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed and, firmly clinging to His Word, in suff’ring be undaunted. For those who bear the battle’s strain the crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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## 825 Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how He sends the pow’rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.  
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.

He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
 To all the world go out and tell the  
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry

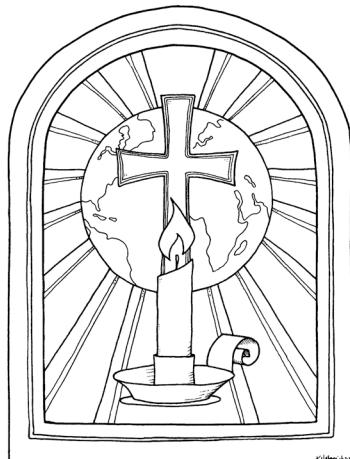
round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
 driv - en, Now are for - - giv - en.  
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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## 412 The People That in Darkness Sat

- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Everlasting Lord, the Wonderful, the Counselor, the God by all adored, the God by all adored.
- 5 His righteous government and pow'r shall over all extend; On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
- D 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, and make us Thine alone, Who with the Father ever art and Holy Spirit, one, and Holy Spirit, one.

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## Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

## Benediction

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 give you peace. C Amen.

## 837 Lift High the Cross

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

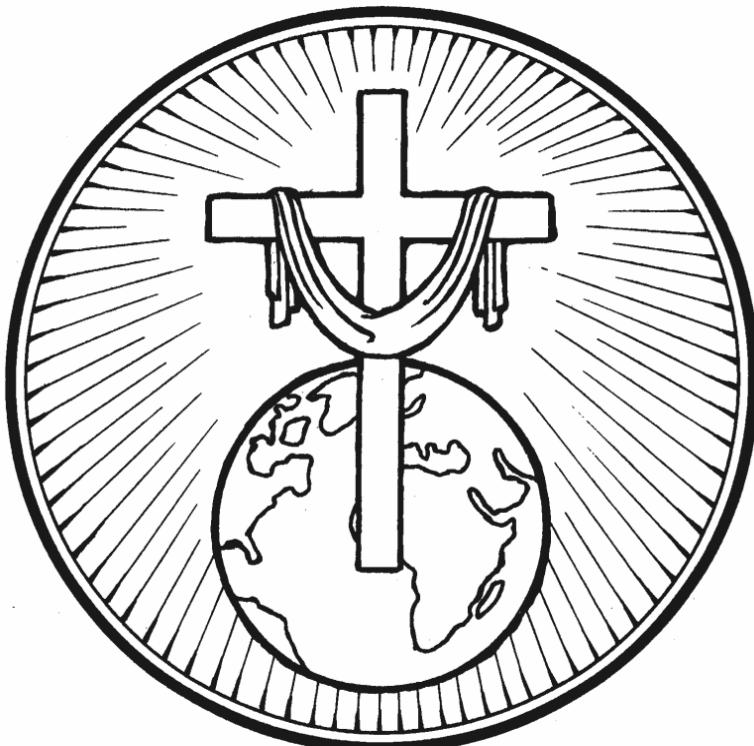
4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory!

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**In our prayers this week:** For the family of Carole Calia; Carol Pohlman; Marsha Good (Mary Lippe's sister); Joyce Pinkepank; Laverne Riedi (cousin of Linda Kueck); Tami, (daughter of Bob & Barb Lane), Tonya Ewing and family; Steve Reynolds (brother of Tom Reynolds); Jennifer Calvin (daughter of Julie & Rick Lane); Bobbie, Andy, (family of Candy King); Pat Seward, Alex, Vickie Schwinke (Eileen Vaitl's friend &family); Delores Robertson.

Prayer Requests can be emailed to [prayers@ascensionlckc.org](mailto:prayers@ascensionlckc.org)

**Serving Today Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**Pastor Dunn**

**Linda Dunn, Organist**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>Eric Eckhoff, Jeff Fisher</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Brad Durham, Hans Rinas</b>
<b>Reader</b>	<b>William McFerren</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Becky Reynolds, Sarah Durham</b>

**Serving Next Sunday, February 1, 2026**

**Pastor Dunn**

**Julie Lane, Organist**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>Doug Rinas, Jerry Trautman</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Jeff Fisher, Nancy Lynch</b>
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Flannery Bartels</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Eileen Green, Mary Lippe</b>



## Ascension News & Notes for January 25, 2026

**"Soup"er Bowl Challenge** the Board of Fellowship will host a soup/chili challenge after services on Sunday, February 1. Enter your favorite soup or chili on the signup sheet in the narthex. Bring your crock pot to the Family Life Center on February 1. There will be tables available to plug in your crock pot in to keep it warm during the service. The congregation will gather after services sample the soup and chili and then vote on their favorite. Everyone can then get a full bowl of soup or chili. We will need at least 8 soups to make this event a success. Desserts are also needed. It is hoped that having this event after services will allow members to gather for food and fellowship and not have to worry about driving after dark.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** - In conjunction with Tackle Hunger, the Board of Human Care is “kicking off” a canned soup drive benefiting the food pantries at Immanuel and Messiah. We collected 149 cans of soup in 2024 and 159 in 2025, and set a “goal” of 175 for 2026. The drive will run through Super Bowl Sunday on February 8. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase cans of soup; please denote your gift towards Souper Bowl of Caring. Remembering the words of Jesus from Matthew 25 – “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat” – we encourage everyone to “team up” and help “tackle hunger” in our community.

**Dorcas Circle** will meet on Saturday, January 31 at 9:00 to tackle a few cleaning projects at the church.

**Check out the thank you card** from Norfleet Elementary posted on the bulletin board. They greatly appreciate all we do for them. Thank you to those who donated yarn for hats. A special thank you to Mary Lippe who turned the yarn into colorful hats for the students at Norfleet.



You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:18



## Ascension Calendar for the Week of January 25, 2026

### Today – Sunday, January 25

Bible Study	8:15 a.m.
Sunday School	8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service Mite Box Sunday	9:30 a.m.
New Dimensions of Praise Christian Fellowship	10 a.m.
Board of Human Care following Worship	

### Weekday Events – Monday through Friday

Church Office Monday-Friday	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Walkers Monday- Friday	7-10 a.m.

### Saturday, January 31

Men's Group	8 a.m.
Dorcas Circle	9 a.m.
Basketball	10-11 a.m.

### Sunday, February 1

Bible Study	8:15 a.m.
Sunday School	8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	9:30 a.m.
New Dimensions of Praise Christian Fellowship	10 a.m.
Soup/Chili Challenge following Worship	

**January 18<sup>th</sup> activities:** Attendance: 50, Offering: \$4,484.35 including \$215.00 in dedicated funds.

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