

January 11, 2026

First Sunday after the Epiphany



Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights;
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42:1

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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



Opening Hymn

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

LSB 400

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
 Fra - grace of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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Opening Versicles (*stand*)

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

- L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C **Teach me Your paths.**
- L Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

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.

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
 hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
 Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.
Refrain
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 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.
Refrain
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Old Testament Reading *(sit)*

1 Kings 8:6–13

⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁷For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles. ⁸And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the Holy Place before the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day. ⁹There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the people of

Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.¹⁰ And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD,¹¹ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

¹²Then Solomon said, “The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.¹³ I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 12:1–5

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading (*stand*)

Luke 2:41–52

⁴¹Now [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it,⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances,⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Catechism

LSB 264

Ten Commandments

C **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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.**

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.

Hymn (sit)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 411

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in common time with a treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some lines appearing above the staff and others below. The score is divided into sections by text, with a 'Refrain' section at the end.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the brightness of God.
3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je sus.
I want to look at Je sus.
I want to be with Je sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
When we have run with patience the race,

The star of my life is Je sus.
And show me the way to the Fa ther.
We shall know the joy of Je sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je sus.

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Sermon

Offering

(God continually provides for us. Our giving should reflect our heartfelt cheerfulness that trusts in God. As your faith guides you, let your offering of all your gifts – time, talents, resources – enable us to move forward in the mission Christ has given us.) Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8:1-9, 12; 2 Cor. 9:6-8

Prayer (**stand**)

LSB 265

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For Vicki, Bob, Jim, Teresa, Jack, Merri, Jerry, Ron, Carol, Michele, Nita, and the Family of Carol Bogle, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

C **O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - - le -
lu - ia. Al - - le - lu - - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.
Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - - le -
lu - ia. Al - - le - lu - - ia.
Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to
sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.
Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

LSB 409

1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their

hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -
of - f'rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus

courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,

In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of

and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.
for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK,

We pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- † **Healing for all those who are experiencing health issues:** Vicki Ackerman, Bob Boden, Jim Clark, Teresa Groth, Jack Humphrey, Merri Johnson, Jerry Lockard (Bogdanoff's neighbor), Ron Moyer, Carol Simmons (Pat Maddox's sister-in-law), Michele Tanderup, Nita Whitney and all those in need.
- † **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Amber Albrecht (Romelle Humphrey's great niece), Delta Boden, Carmen (Loli Bohling's sister), Susan Bohling (sister-in-law of Eric Bohling), Glen Hogue, Melissa Pierpoint, Joni Scotter (Rich Scotter's mother), and Kyson Vogt (Amanda Ackley's cousin).
- † **For all inactive members of Trinity:** that they will feel God's love and his call to worship, and return to church.
- † **Pray for the Family of Carol Bogle** as they grieve her death. May the strength, peace and comfort of our Lord be with them.

THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 1/11: Pat Collins, Jim Parrish; 1/12: Jerry Ruskamp; 1/17: Lisa Rippe

Baptisms: 1/12: Micah Bogdanoff; 1/13: Memphis Pingel, Elaina Riley;

1/14: Rodney Gauchat

Anniversaries: none this week

1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16	1/17	1/18
9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School Bd of Education meeting after SS	6:30 PM Bd of Elders Meeting		6:00-7:30 PM Confirmation Class			9:00 AM Trustees <i>tentative as needed</i>	9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School

Scripture reading for next week:

Acts 4:8-13; 2 Peter 1:1-15; Mark 8:27-9:1

OrganistSandy Wilson

Pianist... Vicki Ackerman

If you have a hearing aid and are having difficulty during the musical segments of the worship service, could you please try setting your hearing aids to either "noisy" or "music" if your devices have such a setting. If this doesn't resolve this issue, please contact Vicki Ackerman at (402) 314-4407 or worshipattrinityaub@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders:

Board of Education after worship – regularly scheduled meeting

Board of Elders meeting Monday @ 6:30PM

CHOIR RESTARTS Wed., Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m.

Suggestion Box: There's a box on the table outside the church office for anyone to place any suggestion they'd like to share. Any and all ideas are welcome!