

✠ Third Sunday after the Epiphany ✠

January 24–25, 2026

✠ The Office of Vespers: 5:00 pm ✠

✠ The Office of Matins: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am ✠

Lutheran Service Book (LSB), p. 219

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

Lord God, through the works of Your Son You showed Your glory and established Your kingdom among us. Let us share the life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity and redeem us from our sin. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“The People That in Darkness Sat” *LSB* 412

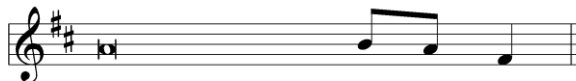
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Versicles

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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon



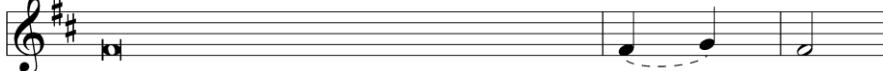
L The Christ has ap - peared to us.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

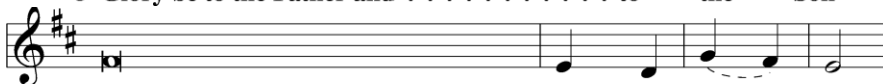
Venite

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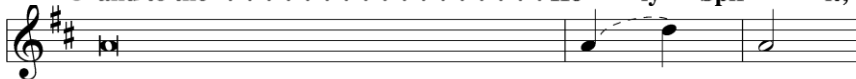
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

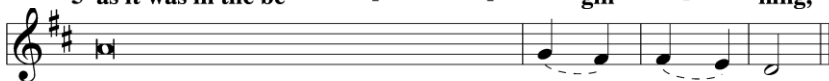


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon



L The Christ has ap - peared to us.



G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

(5:00, 9:30) Responsive Psalm

Psalm 98

- P** Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
C **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**
P The Lord has made known His salvation;
C **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
P He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
C **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
C **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**
P Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
C **with the lyre and the sound of melody!**
P With trumpets and the sound of the horn
C **make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**
P Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
C **the world and those who dwell in it!**
P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,
C **for He comes to judge the earth.**
P He will judge the world with righteousness,
C **and the peoples with equity.**
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.

(8:00, 11:00) Psalmody - Psalm 98 (sung by choir)

Chant: Thomas Attwood

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Readings

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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

(8:00, 11:00) Anthem

"Almighty and Everlasting God" *Orlando Gibbons*

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Epiphany 3A

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–23

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.

Responsory

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- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
 3 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.

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) **Office Hymn**

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light” LSB 839

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) **Sermon**

“A Childlike Joy” Psalm 98:4

Offering (received during the Canticle)

(5:00, 9:30) **Canticle**

“My Soul Rejoices” LSB 933

(8:00, 11:00) **Choral Canticle**

“Jubilate Deo” Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Psalm 100

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(5:00, 8:00, 11:00) **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 ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.**

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Collect of the Day

P 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.

Prayer of the Church

- † David Mertz recovering from surgery.
- † Thanksgiving for the 33rd wedding anniversary of Kevin & Ruthie Dicken (Jan. 23).
- † All who mourn the death of James Probst, brother of Doris Orth.

Concluding Collect

P Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(11:00) Office Hymn

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light” *LSB* 839

(11:00) Sermon

“A Childlike Joy” *Psalm* 98:4

Benedicamus

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

C A - men.

Closing Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *LSB* 411

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Preacher

Liturgist

Assisting Seminarian

Choir

Organist

Pastor Wade

(8:00) **Pastor Thompson**

(11:00) **Josh Horst**

St. Paul’s Choir

Kantor Gerhardt