

WELCOME

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SAT. JANUARY 24/SUN. JANUARY 25, 2026



“ORDINARY DISCIPLESHIP”

AS WE GATHER

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.

Today, Jesus truly is saying to you, “Repent” and “Follow Me,” even in the ordinary details of life.

WELCOME

✖ PREPARATION ✎

OPENING HYMN

“The People That in Darkness Sat”

(LSB 412)

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/tzg71zHAWoE?si=RBVB4CaCs2t5ZCRW>

**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.**

**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 judgement and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.**

***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.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,

People: on them a light has dawned.

CONFESsION AND ABSOLUTION

Hebrews 10:22;

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and

sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE WORD

KYRIE

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

HYMN OF PRAISE “Gloria In Excelsis” (LSB 187)

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

People: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

e glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glo

Lord God, Heav'nly King, God the Father Almi

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 9:1-4*

9 But 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. **2** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. **3** 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. **4** 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:10–18*

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² 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.” ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:12–25* (*Jesus begins calling the first disciples.*)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ 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.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ 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. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “O God of God, O Light of Light”
(*LSB 810*)

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/UurvVnNfUCI?si=a6T58-VZFP5XExOG&t=29>

1 O God of God, O Light of Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
 To you in heaven’s glory bright
 The song of praise forever rings.
 To Him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
 Be all the glory He has won,
 All thanks and praise!
 Amen, amen.

2 For deep in prophets’ sacred page,
And grand in poets’ wingèd word,
 Slowly in type, from age to age
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night
 Rang out the song,
 “Goodwill to men!”

**Sung once by firstborn sons of light,
It echoes now,
“Goodwill!” Amen.**

**3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King once crowned with
thorn.
Lift up your heads,
O mighty gates!
So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
We lift them up.
Amen, amen.**

**4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
And shout His name,
His mercies tell!
Sing, heav’ly host, your praise prolong,
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
All glory, pow’r!
Amen, amen.**

SERMON

Reverend Dr. Timothy Oswald

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

¤ SACRAMENT ¤

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (*LSB 195*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth:
Heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 ✕ 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 ✕ 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

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God” (*LSB 198*)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest way the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed
- believe Christ's words
- repent of their sins
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

(LSB 618)

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/4QLFZApE6AY?si=7-ozfVPthaqX8SC&t=23>

1.I come, O Savior, to Thy Table,
 For weak and weary is my soul;
 Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
 To satisfy and make me whole:
 Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
 Be for my soul the highest good!

2.Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
 That sinners may salvation see
 Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
 So I, a sinner, come to Thee.
 Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
 Be for my soul the highest good!

3.Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art;
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

4.Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

5.What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

NUNC DIMITTIS

(LSB, pages 199-200)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
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.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” (*LSB 826*)

Hyperlinks

<https://youtu.be/WOG46D5pjQ4?si=PaEZGIESZqE3fV49&t=1>

**1. Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;**

Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?

2.If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgement dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.

3.If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off’ring life and peace to all
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet’s hands.

4.Let none hear you idly saying,
“There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
“Here am I, send me, send me!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT: “Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ known to others”

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- **Preacher:** **Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.): Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist:** **Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist:** **George Kelm**
- **Choir Director:** **Gail Feick**
- **A/V Team:** **Brian & Amanda Larie,
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald**
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald
(oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **Kindly turn off your cellphone prior to Divine Worship.**
- **PASTOR'S NOTE ON COMMUNION:** Just a loving reminder that taking Holy Communion together, is among other things, a public declaration of common faith.
(I Cor 10¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?
Acts 2⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers . . . ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together . . .)

So the expectation is that communicants have been taught what Lutherans believe, especially about this sacrament, that they believe it themselves, and that their intent is eventually to be in full fellowship by joining The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have questions or discussion, please ask pastor.

- **THANK YOU!** A big thank you to my friends at Hope for my generous retirement gift certificate to Paisano's. We will certainly enjoy it. Thank you also for your help and support during my 18 years in the church office. It has been a wonderful privilege to serve the Lord and His church with Pastor Fish and Pastor Oswald, and we hope to remain here for many years to come.
God's blessings to you all,
Nadine
- **HOPE APPAREL.** We will be placing an order for Hope apparel in late February. Please see Peter Voigt for more details if you'd like to order items with Hope's logo on them.
- **LENTEN SUPPERS** will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th at 6 pm and be every Wednesday through March 25th. If you would like to host all or part of a supper, there are sign up sheets on the table in the narthex.
- **ALTAR GUILD & TASTY FELLOWSHIP:** We would appreciate additional help in preparing the altar for Holy Communion and also providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.

- **WOMEN OF HOPE** will have their first quarterly meeting for 2026 on Tuesday, February 3 at 4:30 pm. Disregard previous meeting date March 10. All Ladies at Hope are welcome. Meet in the lower level. If you need a ride let me know. As Lutheran Women in mission we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

We will continue having monthly mites collection. As we serve with gladness our mites help those locally and other countries. February 7/8 will be our next monthly mite collection. Please bring your loose change (mites) and we will have a large mite box on our table in the narthex. Thank you. Please contact Beth Schneider for any questions. 262-351- 6578

- **TIJUANA MISSION TRIP TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER** will be held Friday, February 8, 7:00 PM at Immanuel Crystal Lake. Proceeds will go to support the Hope's Tijuana Mission Trip. Come join an evening of fun and fellowship while supporting Hope's Tijuana Mission. See Beth or Paul Schneider for more information or to sign up. 252-351-6578

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Mike Gomski
Communion: Paul Schneider
Ushers: Gary Schaetten & Mike Schaetten

Fellowship: Peter & Tami Voigt

Altar Guild: Rita Estes

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Jim Tonkinson
Communion: Paul Trettin

Ushers: **William & Susan Keating**
Fellowship: **Kathy Blume**
Altar Guild: **Phyllis Klen**

BIRTHDAYS
1/26 **Gary Estes**
1/27 **Vasyl Burtnyk**
1/27 **Ken Stade**

Calendar of Events This Week
1/26/26 – 02/01/26

Monday: **11:00pm** **Twin Lakes Seniors**

Wednesday: **6:00pm** **Bible Study-“Differences Between the Lutherans”**

Thursday **6:00pm** **AA Meeting**

Saturday: **9:30am** **Worship Service**

Sunday: **8:15am** **Choir Rehearsal**
9:00am **Worship Service**
10:20am **Bible Study & Children’s Sunday School**
7:00pm **AA Meeting**