



Trinity Lutheran Church

3rd Sunday of Epiphany Lord
January 25, 2026



Welcome

Invocation:

P: Let us worship together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

P: The reality of God with us, Jesus' presence in our world and in our lives, was not and is not always welcomed. We know that where light shines darkness is exposed. The Light of Christ exposes the darkness of sin and evil in our world.

C: **We acknowledge our sinful human nature and our foolishness and willfulness in so often choosing darkness through our thoughts, words and deeds.**

P: Our world is filled with the darkness of graceless religions and self-help guru's. Voices are loud and persistent to draw us away from the Voice of our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier whose Voice is heard in scripture alone.

(silence for self-examination)

P: Let us make our confession to the Lord,

C: **Most holy and loving Father, I confess that I often wrestle with the darkness of pride, of apathy, of self-righteousness and self-reliance. I am impatient with Your timing and want what I want when I want it, rather than patiently seeking Your will for my life. It is so easy to block out the needs of others, and to hoard the gracious gifts You have given me to use for Your kingdom. I am sorry Lord.**

P: Gracious Father, trusting in Your grace we pray that You would for Christ's sake,

C: **"Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Amen.**

P: Dear friends, Epiphany is good news! Jesus Christ is the Light to the nations long promised by God. His light comes not to sear and destroy us but to cleanse and save us. Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners, and it is my joy as a called and ordained servant in His holy Church to declare to you by Christ's authority that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn:

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

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Apostle's Creed

Noisy Offering

Children will go down to Sunday School

God's Word: Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were 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 will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

God's Word: 1 Corinthians 1:10, 17-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hymn:

"Take My Life That I May Be" vs 1-2, 4-6

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked 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. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Message

Offertory:

Offering will be received at this time

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Presentation on Hurricane relief in Jamaica

Sending Hymn:

"Doxology"

Video

Dismissal

P: Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*written by Pastor Maggie Theiss 2026

Please note Pastor Maggie is away January 26-31