

Sanctity of Life Sunday
Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
January 25, 2026

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.

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell,

sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace *(stand)*

PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation: **Sovereign Ruler of the Skies** *tune PATMOS LSB 783*

- 1 Sovereign Ruler of the skies, Ever gracious, ever wise,
All my times are in your hand, All events at your command.
- 2 He that formed me in the womb Guides my footsteps till the tomb;
All my times shall ever be Ordered by his wise decree.
- 3 Mortal dangers round me fly; Till he bids, I cannot die;
Not a single arrow hits Till, in love, our God permits.
- 4 God all-gracious, wise and just, In your hands my life I trust;
You at all times I will bless: Having you, I all possess.

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Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 139

P O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

C **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

P You search out my path and my lying down

C **and are acquainted with all my ways.**

P Even before a word is on my tongue,

C **behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

P You hem me in, behind and before,

C **and lay your hand upon me.**

P Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

C **it is high; I cannot attain it.**

P Almighty and Everlasting God, Your understanding comprehends all things. You see how Your creatures have departed from Your wise design. You know the desires of all humankind have become entirely unrighteous. Our thoughts, words, and deeds worship us above You and serve self instead of one another. Yet Your Son has assumed our feeble nature and feels our weakness and need. For the sake of His sacrifice, remember us in mercy. Lay not Your hand of reckoning upon us and grant remission of all our sins.

C **Amen.**

P Where shall I go from your Spirit?

C **Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

P If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

C **If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

P If I take the wings of the morning

C **and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

P even there your hand shall lead me,

C **and your right hand shall hold me.**

P If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

C **and the light about me be night,"**

P even the darkness is not dark to you;

C **the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.**

P O Lord, our Heavenly Father, You pursue us in jealousy to the ends of the heavens and earth. We cannot flee from Your judgment nor hide from the punishments we deserve. But Your Son, our Savior Christ Jesus, has traded our guilt in exchange for His glory. His death and resurrection have brought us the light of life everlasting. Drive our evils away from us with repentance, forgiveness, and faith, that we may behold Your goodness now and evermore.

C **Amen.**

- P** For you formed my inward parts;
C **you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**
P I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
C **Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**
P My frame was not hidden from you,
C **when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**
P Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them,
C **the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**
P How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
C **How vast is the sum of them!**
P If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
C **I awake, and I am still with you.**
- P** Children of men, do not fear! Incarnate Christ Jesus has come among us, sharing both womb and world, plumbed the depths of the earth, plundered death and the tomb. Take heart, for the Almighty Maker has created, redeemed, and called you His own. Upon your confession, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God!
C **O men of blood, depart from me!**
P They speak against you with malicious intent;
C **your enemies take your name in vain.**
P Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?
C **And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?**
P I hate them with complete hatred;
C **I count them my enemies.**
P Search me, O God, and know my heart!
C **Try me and know my thoughts!**
- P** And see if there be any grievous way in me,
C **and lead me in the way everlasting!**
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.

P Lord God, our Father and Savior, open our hearts to receive and delight in Your wonders. Open our lips to rejoice and proclaim all Your works. Strengthen us in flesh and spirit to refuse wickedness and replace the lust for control with Your own truth and love. Give us courage to rescue the vulnerable and compassion to relieve the victim that together we may share Your life.

C Amen.

Hymn:

How Great Thou Art

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

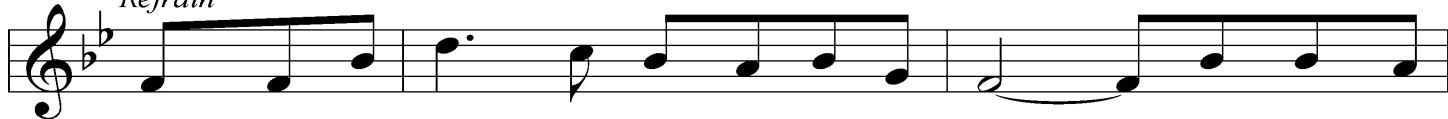


all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Old Testament Reading

Job 10:9–13

⁹Remember that you have made me like clay;
and will you return me to the dust?

¹⁰Did you not pour me out like milk
and curdle me like cheese?

¹¹You clothed me with skin and flesh,
and knit me together with bones and sinews.

¹²You have granted me life and steadfast love,
and your care has preserved my spirit.

¹³Yet these things you hid in your heart;
I know that this was your purpose.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 2:5–18

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

¹³And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:24–33

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

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

²⁴"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you

are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Sermon



Hymn:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Sermon

“Loathing or Loving Life”

Job 10

Hymn: **Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd**

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1 Gracious Savior, gentle Shepherd,
Children all are dear to you;
May your loving arms enfold them
In your care their whole life through.
By your tending and protecting
Keep them safe in all they do.

2 Tender Shepherd, never leave them,
Never let them go astray;
By your warning love directed,
May they walk the narrow way.
Thus direct them, thus defend them
Lest they fall an easy prey.

3 By your holy Word instruct them,
Fill their minds with heav'nly light;
By your pow'rful grace convince them
Always to approve what's right.
Let them feel your yoke is easy,
Let them find your burden light.

4 Taught to love the holy praises
Which on earth your children sing,
With their lips and hearts, sincerely,
Glad thank-off'rings may they bring,
Then with all the saints in glory
Join to praise their Lord and King.

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Prayers

Sit

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God" by Carl Mueller

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only) – *Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle*

Stand

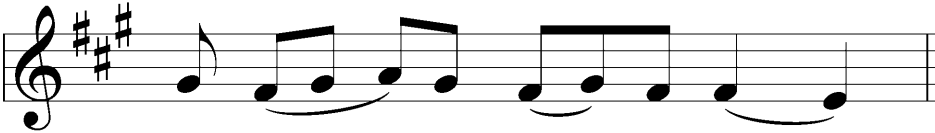
Preface

P The Lord be with you.



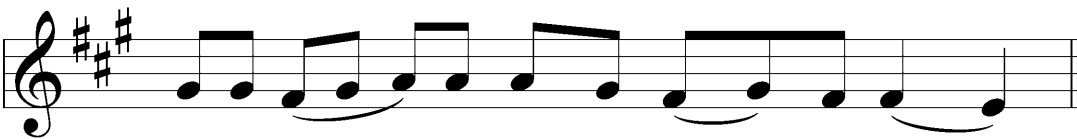
C And al-so with you.

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 singing:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 ✠ 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

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.**

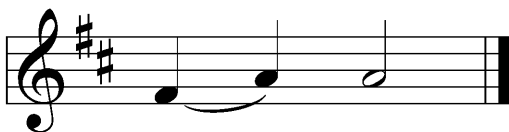
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.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

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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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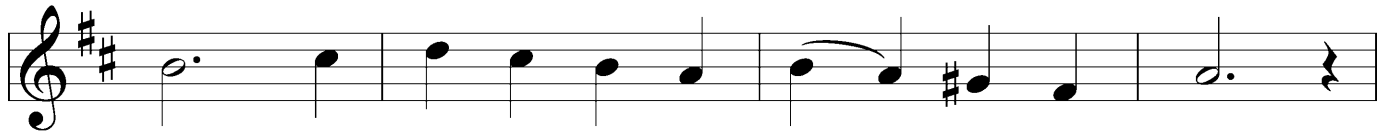
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



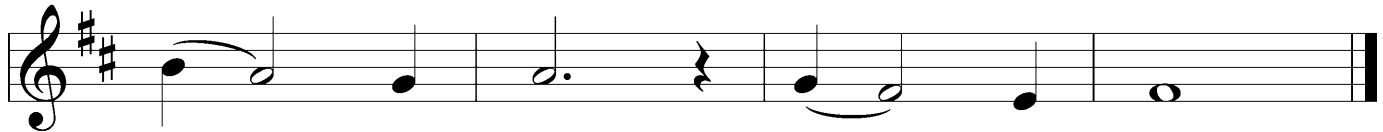
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

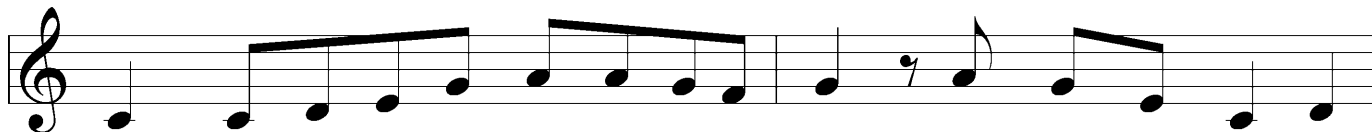
LSB 624 **The Infant Priest Was Holy Born**

LSB 909 **Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation**

LSB 738 **Lord of All Hopefulness**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 182



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 -



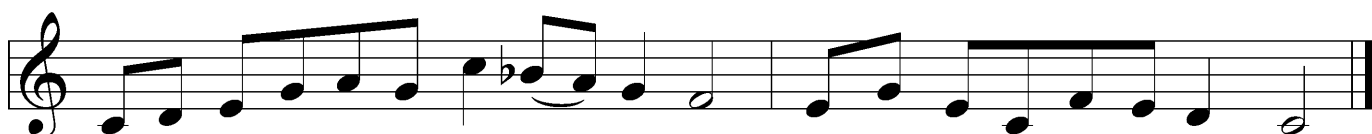
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



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 Collect

(Saturday)

P Let us pray.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.

(Sunday)

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

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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 A - men.

Closing Hymn: God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

LSB 877

△ Please stand after a brief interlude.



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,
△ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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Postlude

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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance.....	23
Sunday Worship Attendance.....	113
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings.....	\$0
Simply Giving/Vanco.....	\$0
Paypal Offerings.....	\$0
Website (ShareFaith).....	\$0
Total of Offerings Received	\$0
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts.....	\$0

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH – Abortion and assisted suicide are often followed by crushing amounts of guilt and shame. While the Church rightly teaches that these are sins against God and neighbor, may we never forget that Christ has sent us to preach the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation (1 Corinthians 1:17-18). In Christ, “there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish,” (Isaiah 9:1), for He has come in the fulfillment of His promises, bringing the Kingdom of God near to us (Matthew 4:14-17), that all who repent and believe in Him can take shelter in the Lord (Psalm 27:5).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER SPONSOR – There is no Flower Sponsor this week.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – There is no Bulletin Sponsor this week.

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS - Mary Martha Quilters meet each Wednesday at 10 am. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

MARY MARTHA YARD SALE – Mary Martha will be holding a “yard sale” today after the worship service. Mary Martha is selling excess items from our collection of dishes, small appliances, etc. These are items that we simply no longer use and they take up a lot of space in our storage area. If you or your family donated items years back and you would like them returned to you, please let us know. If you want to look in the Mary Martha closet, please let us know! What doesn't sell will be posted online. We do plan to do a churchwide rummage sale next year, after the construction of the road is finished. Thanks for all you do to support us!

MARY MARTHA "SUNDAY UNDIES" - Today is the last day for the "Sunday Undies" collection for children in need. Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex. Thank you for your contributions.

FORGIVING CHALLENGE - We are now on the second half of the Forgiving Challenge. Don't give up. Keep going one day at a time. I know for many of you, Day 19 was the most difficult challenge. If you remember from the book, you are to ask someone you trust to be your accountability partner for the rest of the *Forgiving Challenge*. We are to take the Accountability Partner Agreement. Remember some of the questions of the Agreement? Is this person someone I can confess my sins to? Is this person someone who can declare God's words of forgiveness to me? Do I trust this person? I hope you were able to find an accountability partner. The key verse to memorize is Jeremiah 32:27, "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?"

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) - Coffee and cookies are being served this week and Team 1 will be serving next week. Everyone is invited! There is no charge, and a freewill offering is voluntary. Our Fellowship offerings for January will be for Senior Orphans and February will be for the Orphan Grain Train.

THRIVENT CHOICE - Did you know? If you have a Thrivent Life Insurance policy, you can donate "Choice Dollars" to our church. This gift doesn't affect your policy in any way, but is a wonderful way to support the church financially! Follow this link for more information: [Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing - Thrivent Charitable](#).

LAKELAND-POLK CIVITAN'S GAME NIGHT - Game night is the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

LAKELAND-POLK CIVITAN MEETING - meets the second Thursday of each month at noon in the Fellowship Hall, and the fourth Thursday at 6PM at Il Forno's Restaurant. Stop in and say hi.

OUTREACH MEETING - Outreach meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY - Souper Bowl Sunday will take place on February 8, 2026 during Fellowship. A donation box, for donating cans of soup, and a sign-up sheet, are in the Narthex.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP – Sign-up sheets through August 2026 are now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each sheet will now be posted quarterly, by season, so that as a season passes, a new sheet will be put up, rather than one sheet used for the entire year. There are still some spaces open for the remainder of 2025. It would be a blessing to see those filled! Additional information is available on the poster, immediately next to the sign-up sheets. Specially designated envelopes are available below the poster. Altar flower offerings go toward our Christmas and Easter live flowers, as well as toward the proper upkeep and refreshing of our silk arrangements used throughout the year.



HELP WANTED - The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership), and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

ADOPT-A-BLOCK - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Lora Wacker or Pastor Chris.

TRUSTEE WORKDAY - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check-in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Pastor Chris to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX – Please check your mailbox in the Narthex.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the Narthex for more information or email stewardship@clclakeland.org.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Matthew 4:20 – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord’s, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

<p><u>Monday - 1/26</u> ASL Class @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday - 1/27</u> Adopt-A-Block @ 11 am</p>
<p><u>Wednesday - 1/28</u> Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran Trustee Workday @ 9 am Quilters @ 10 am Individual Communion 1:30 - 2:30 pm Choir Practice @ 5 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday - 1/29</u> Bible Study @ 10 am</p>
<p><u>Friday - 1/30</u> Church Office closed Pastor’s day off</p>	<p><u>Saturday - 1/31</u> Worship @ 5:30 pm</p>
<p><u>Sunday - 2/1</u> Bible Study @ 8:30 am Worship @ 10 am Elder’s Meeting after Service Fellowship after Service</p>	



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