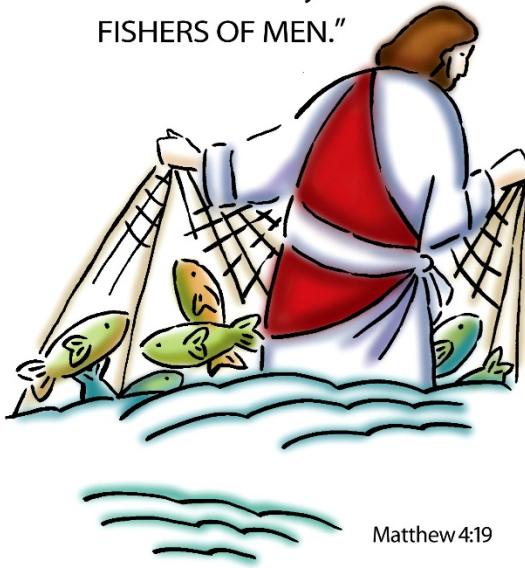


Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 25, 2026



"Come, FOLLOW me," Jesus said,
"and I will make you
FISHERS OF MEN."



Matthew 4:19

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

We Are One

Rick Steuart

**Come on in, the doors are open,
Leave your worries at the gate,
We're a family bound together
By amazing love and grace.
Hear the banjo, feel the spirit,
Let the joyful fiddle play,
We are gathered in His mercy—
Let us praise Him here today!**

**We are one in Christ our Savior,
Hearts united, voices strong,
Lift your hands and sing of His favor,
Join the everlasting song!
From the mountains to the valley,
Every soul is welcome here,
In this bluegrass Lutheran family,
God's redeeming love is near!**

**Bring your burdens, bring your laughter,
Bring your stories, old and new,
At the table of forgiveness,
There's a place for me and you.
Let the gospel ring like thunder,
Let the harmonies arise,
We are children of the promise,
Walking in the Savior's light!**

**We are one in Christ our Savior,
Hearts united, voices strong,
Lift your hands and sing of His favor,
Join the everlasting song!
From the mountains to the valley,
Every soul is welcome here,
In this bluegrass Lutheran family,
God's redeeming love is near!**

**So clap your hands and stomp your feet,
Let the Spirit set you free,
We are gathered in His presence,
Singing for eternity!**

**We are one in Christ our Savior,
Hearts united, voices strong,
Lift your hands and sing of His favor,
Join the everlasting song!
From the mountains to the valley,
Every soul is welcome here,
In this bluegrass Lutheran family,
God's redeeming love is near!**

**Yes, in this bluegrass Lutheran family,
God's redeeming love is near!**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Glory In The Highest

Jonathan Rundman

[C:] Glo - ry in the high - est, glo - ry be to God,
glo - ry in the high - est and peace to all the earth.

[L:] Sha - per of the un - i - verse Je - sus Christ the Lamb of God
Ho - ly Spi - rit source of life [C:] Sha - per of the un - i - verse Je - sus Christ the Lamb of God you
Ho - ly Spi - rit source of life

[L:] thanks and praise we sing wash our sins a - way burn - ing wild and free
[C:] you thanks and praise we sing wash our sins a - way burn - ing wild and free

[L:] lov - ing fa - ther car - ing mo - ther at your ta - ble all are wel - come
you are God the three - in - one [C:] lov - ing fath - er car - ing mo - ther
at your ta - ble all are wel - come you are God the three - in - one

[L:] hold us in your wings hear us as we pray such a mys - ter - y
[C:] hold us in your wings hear us as we pray such a mys - ter - y.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] 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.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and
make music to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-28

¹⁰ 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 knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been 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 can 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 proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Verse: Alleluia

Jonathan Rundman

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Lord to whom shall we go
You have the words of e - ter - nal life Al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according Matthew...

Gospel Verse: Glory To You Oh Lord

Jonathan Rundman

Glo - ry to you glo - ry to you glo - ry to you oh Lord

Glo - ry to you glo - ry to you glo - ry to you oh Lord.

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¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so 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—¹⁶ the 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.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As 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 fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As 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. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord...

Gospel Verse: Praise To You Oh Christ

Jonathan Rundman

Musical notation for the Gospel Verse "Praise To You Oh Christ". The music is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of two lines of music. The first line contains four measures with lyrics: "Praise to you, praise to you, ___ praise to you oh Christ. ___". The second line contains four measures with lyrics: "Praise to you, praise to you, ___ praise to ___ you_ oh Christ." The music ends with a double bar line.

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HOMILY

Please stand

SONG OF THE DAY

Follow Me to Galilee

Rick Stuart

**When the shadows fell on Jordan's shore,
And John's voice ceased to cry,
The Light arose in Galilee,
Where darkness used to lie.
The nets were cast, the waves rolled on,
The call came clear and true,
"Repent, believe, the Kingdom's near,
God's mercy's born anew."**

**Follow Me to Galilee,
Leave the nets behind.
Grace has come to set hearts free,
The lost and lame to find.
Not by might, nor human hand,
But by the Word made flesh to stand,
Follow Me to Galilee,
And walk the Lord's command.**

**Along the sea He called their names,
Two brothers mending lines,
"Come, fish for souls, not silver scales,
Where heaven's promise shines."
They left their boats, their father's trade,
To walk the narrow way,
For Christ had spoken, hearts obeyed,
The dawn broke into day.**

**Follow Me to Galilee,
Leave the nets behind.
Grace has come to set hearts free,
The lost and lame to find.
Not by might, nor human hand,
But by the Word made flesh to stand,
Follow Me to Galilee,
And walk the Lord's command.**

**He healed the sick, the blind could see,
The poor received His care,
The Word fulfilled, the promise sure,
God's kingdom drawing near.
No boast of man, no earthly pride,
Just mercy's gentle call,
The cross ahead, the Lamb of God,
Who came to save us all.**

**Follow Me to Galilee,
Leave the nets behind.
Grace has come to set hearts free,
The lost and lame to find.
Not by might, nor human hand,
But by the Word made flesh to stand,
Follow Me to Galilee,
And trust the Savior's hand.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Light

Rick Steuart

The Great Thanksgiving

Jonathan Rundman



[L:] The Lord be with you.

[L:] Lift up your hearts.

[C:] And al-so with_ you.

[C:] We lift them to the Lord.



[L:] Let us give_ thanks to the Lord our_ God.

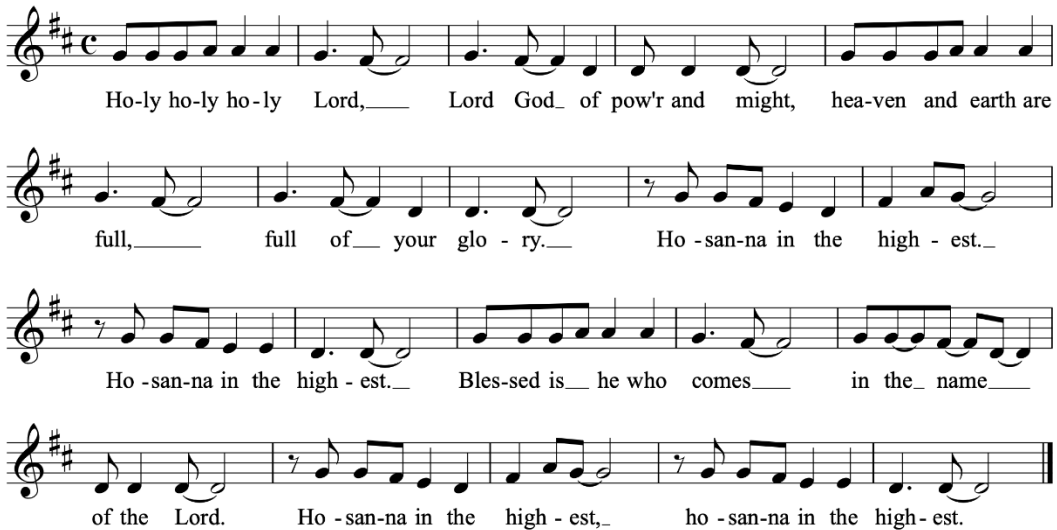
[C:] It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Holy Holy

Jonathan Rundman



Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, hea-ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -san-na in the high - est.
Ho -san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho -san-na in the high - est, ho -san-na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb Of God

Jonathan Rundman

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

Have mer - cy, mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

Oh grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will come after to receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

FAMILY TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Please stand

SENDING SONG

Go In Grace and Joy

Rick Stuart

**Go in grace and joy, my friends,
Carried by the Savior's hand
Through the fields, through the rain,
Christ goes with us once again.**

**Lift your hearts, lift your song,
God's love leads us all along.
On the cross he sacrificed
So nurture lives, follow Christ.**

**Every burden, every care,
Finds its rest in mercy's prayer.
In the work and in the play,
Christ will guide us day by day.**

**Lift your hearts, lift your song,
God's love leads us all along.
On the cross he sacrificed
So nurture lives, follow Christ.**

**Banjo rings and voices rise,
Grace is shining in our eyes.
Hands to serve and hearts to mend,
God is faithful to the end.**

**Lift your hearts, lift your song,
God's love leads us all along.
On the cross he sacrificed
So nurture lives, follow Christ.**

**Go in grace and peace, my friends,
Nurturing lives
For following Christ**

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.
Thanks be to God!**

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"We Are One"

"Follow Me To Galilee"

"Go In Grace and Joy"



Interfaith Food Pantry

From January 23rd – February 8th we encourage the congregation to bring in cans of soup. The “SOUPER” bowl collection is to support the Interfaith Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry!



WELCA Bible Studies are on Monday, January 26, 2026.

- **Naomi Circle** meets at 10am on **the 4th Monday of the month in the library**. Please call Marilou Nemeth (727-546-9580 or text her at 727-242-1304) for additional information.
- **Abigail Circle** has a Bible Study the **4th Monday of the month via Zoom** at 7:00 pm. Please call Carol Crouse (703-200-1965) if you are interested in joining our monthly Bible Study via zoom.

Please join us on Monday, January 26, 2026:

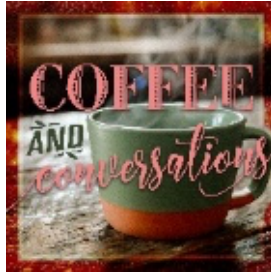
10:00 am – Women’s Bible Study

11:30 am – **Light lunch** for Bible Study women, Care Team and anyone interested in getting more information about the Care Team. Please see Kate Herrington after church or call her at 727-420-6531 if you would like to attend the luncheon.

12:30pm – Care Team Meeting



GENTS is a group of retired men that meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the church library at 11:30am. The next meeting date is January 27, 2026. A light lunch is served and there is plenty of conversation.



Coffee and conversation will happen after worship. Join us to get to know other church members. Feel free to sign up to bring treats. There is an updated sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Are you aware we have a floral ministry? Please help deliver flowers to our home bound congregation members. The flowers and vases are provided. We just need people to sign up to drop off flowers Sunday after church. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Monthly Financial Summary						
	Monthly: December 2025			YTD: January - December 2025		
	Total	Church	Little Lambs	Total	Church	Little Lambs
Budgeted Expenses	\$88,941	\$31,699	\$57,242	\$1,045,496	\$358,593	\$686,903
Actual Expenses	\$91,140	\$27,269	\$63,871	\$1,000,892	\$329,760	\$671,132
Budgeted Giving / Income	\$71,737	\$15,487	\$56,250	\$860,750	\$185,750	\$675,000
Actual Giving / Income	\$88,215	\$29,339	\$58,876	\$931,737	\$191,425	\$740,312
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,926)	\$2,069	(\$4,995)	(\$69,155)	(\$138,335)	\$69,180
Annual Deficit will be funded from the			Balances as of December 31, 2025			
Good Shepherd Bank Reserves			Bank Reserves			\$248,967

- A strong December contributed to 2025 Income exceeding budget for both Good Shepherd and Little Lambs
- Expenses were managed well in 2025 coming in at 96% of Budget
- Despite these results, we ended 2025 with a \$69,155 over-spend situation. This is an improvement vs. what was approved in the 2025 budget
- \$50,000 was transferred during the year from our Bank Reserves to address the over-spend. We start 2026 with a Bank Reserve balance of \$248,967
- Thank you for your ongoing support of the Ministries at Good Shepherd and Little Lambs