

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

PRELUDE

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Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
**you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #513 "Listen, God Is Calling"

Refrain: (Listen,)

**listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

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offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

- 1 (Jesus gave his mandate:)
share the good news
(that he came to save us)
and set us free. **To Refrain**
- 2 (Let none be forgotten)
throughout the world.
(In the triune name of God)
go and baptize. **To Refrain**
- 3 (Help us to be faithful,
standing steadfast,
(walking in your precepts,
led by your Word. **To Refrain**

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.**

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.**

Word

BIBLE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

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1 Corinthians 1:10-18

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #510 - vs. 1, 2 “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
 living rain from heav'n descending;
 touch our hearts and bring to birth
 faith and hope and love unending.
 Word almighty, we revere you;
 Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
 Word that brought to life creation,
 Word that came from heav'n to die,
 crucified for our salvation,
 saving Word, the world restoring,
 speak to us, your love outpouring.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF DAY ELW #798 - v 1, 2, 5 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

- 1 "Will you come and follow me
 if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know
 and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown,
 will you let my name be known,
 will you let my life be grown
 in you and you in me?

- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind
 if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind
 and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare,
 should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer pray'r
 in you and you in me?

- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true
 when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you
 and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go
 where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow
 in you and you in me.

APOSTLES' 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.

Responses: 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.

OFFERING & HYMN

ELW # 689

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
 for all things living, you have made good:
 harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
 hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

- 3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**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.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #815 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. ***To Refrain***

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. ***To Refrain***

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.