



For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives
in bodily form, and in Christ you have been
brought to fullness.

*He is the head over
every power and
authority.*

Colossians 2:9-10 NIV

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Second Sunday after Epiphany **January 18, 2026**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Today's Service: *New Morning Praise, NPH; used with permission under the OneLicense.net copyright agreement #A-800156. The service is a revision of the historic Order of Matins. Matins (comes from the Latin matutinus meaning "of the morning") was the monastic service marking the beginning of the new day. In Morning Praise we sing back to God the message He has given us in His word.*

THEME FOR THE SERVICE

IDENTITY REVEALED: Jesus is the Lamb of God

For centuries Israel offered sacrifices to God for sin. Over and over, a substitute shed its blood to earn forgiveness. Then Jesus appeared, the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. He died as the substitute for sinful mankind. Connected to him by faith, you have new perspective and new motivation for living a Christian life.

OPENING HYMN CW 798 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (CW93 372)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 1 Corinthians 6:11*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified

People: in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 Corinthians 1:1-2*

Pastor: Called by God “to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”, let us give rightful praise and honor God, who calls sinners to repentance and bestows saving faith in our hearts by His Word and Spirit. Behold, the Lamb of God!

People: Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, mercifully hear our confession. We are sinners and have sinned against You. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors with our whole heart. We cannot free ourselves from our sin. Hear our prayer of confession and let us hear Your call and gift of forgiveness, salvation, and life.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

DIALOGUE FOR MORNING PRAISE

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips.

People: And my mouth shall declare Your praise.

Pastor: Hasten to save me, O God.

People: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Pastor: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

People: in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.

Pastor: I will exalt You, my God the King;

People: I will praise Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Every day I will praise You.

People: and extol Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

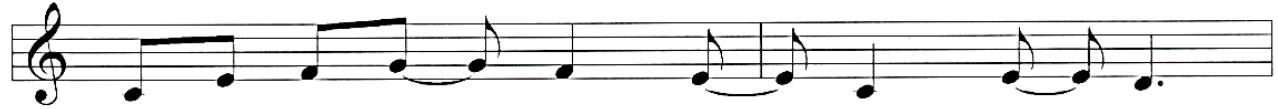
Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

People: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

(We sing words from Psalm 95 in a song called the "Venite." **Please sing all refrains and all verses**)



Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!



Shout to the rock of our sal - va - tion!



Come, let us greet him with a song of praise, for



great is our God, the King of all kings!



Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Let us bow down and worship the Lord;

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

For this is our God whose people we are:

Women: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Refrain

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise:

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord and bless His name:

Women: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Refrain

All that has life and breath shall rejoice:

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

The great and the small, all creatures of God:

Women: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Refrain

Heaven and earth, rejoice in His name:

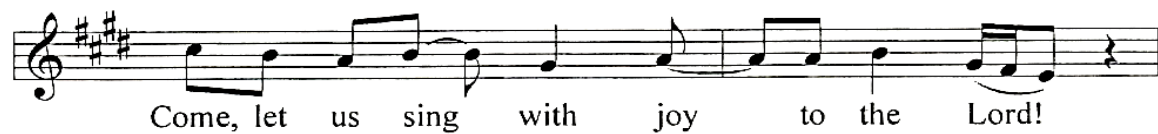
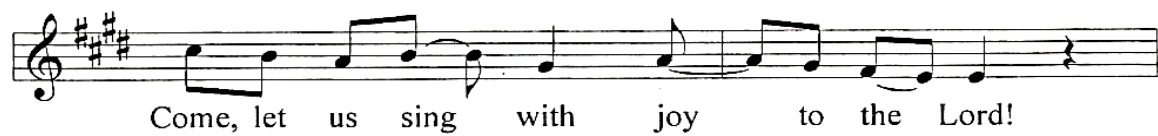
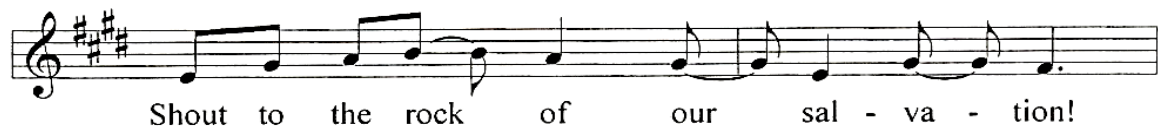
Come let us sing with joy to the Lord!

He governs the world with justice and truth:

Women: Come let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Men: Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord!

Final Refrain



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-6 – God would display his splendor by the suffering of the

Servant of the Lord.

49 Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the Lord called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³ He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵ And now the Lord says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord

and my God has been my strength—

⁶ he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

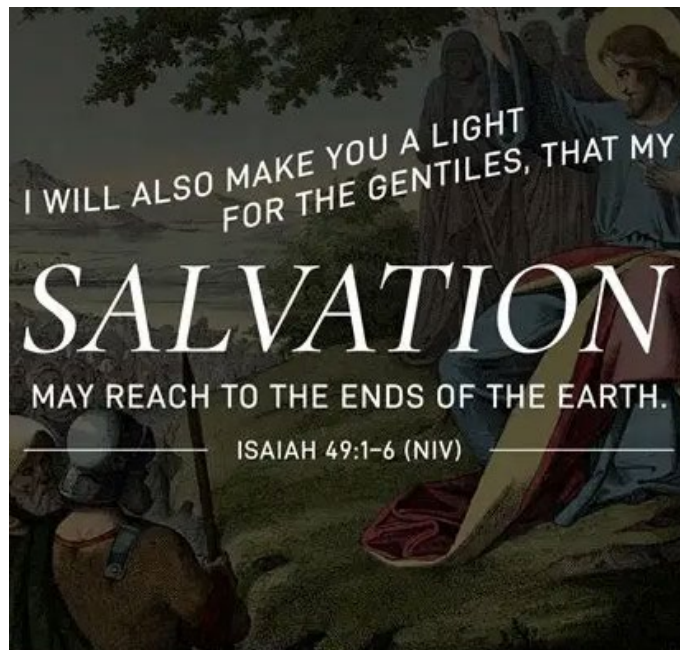
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

(NIV 2011)

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



Psalm 66



Shout with joy to God, *all* the earth! *
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise *glorious*!

Praise our God, O *peoples*, *
let the sound of his *praise* be heard.

He has *preserved* our lives *
and kept our feet from *slipping*.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who *fear* God; *
let me tell you what he has *done* for me.

If I had cherished sin in my *heart*, *
the Lord would not have *listened*;

but God has surely *listened* *
and heard my *voice* in prayer.

**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.**

Refrain

EPISTLE LESSON – Colossians 2:6-15 - The Lamb of God was flesh and blood so he could be sacrificed to win forgiveness of all our sins.

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.

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HOLY GOSPEL LESSON John 1:29-41 – As the last and greatest of the prophets, John beautifully summarizes God’s plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him the Lamb of God.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter

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

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³² Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

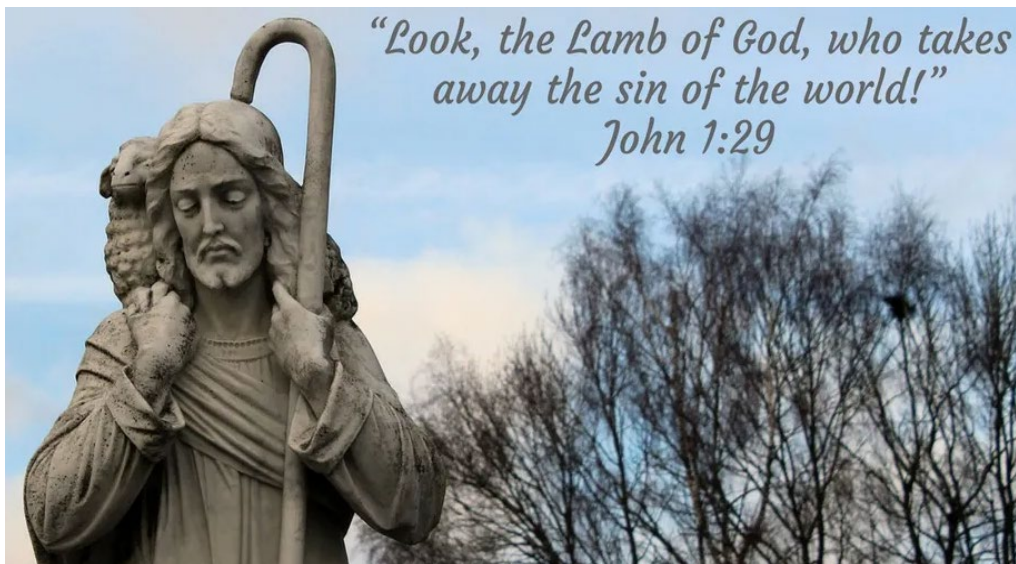
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY CW 550 “Lamb of God” (CWS 748)

THE SERMON Colossians 2:6-15 “The Fullness of God is in Christ, and the Fullness of Christ is in Us”



(After the sermon, we sing the "Te Deum," an ancient and majestic canticle of the Christian church, a confession of faith, a mighty hymn of praise to God. Luther loved the Te Deum and referred to it as a fine creed.)

TE DEUM CANTICLE



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
 2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
 4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
 The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one;
 Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
 The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
 You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
 Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
 So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
 "O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
 Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
 May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
 And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
 You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
 In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

OFFERINGS

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.

THE OFFERTORY – “We Three Kings” – played by the Tone Chime Choir



THE KYRIE

Pastor: In the morning, O Lord, I call to You; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We praise You, O Lord, for You declared it too light a thing that Jesus should redeem only the tribes of Jacob and instead made Him a light for all the nations. Fill our hearts with joy that He is the Savior of all, and grant that our voices may help spread Your salvation to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, summoned Andrew and Peter to follow Him and would later send them to bear witness to His name. Continue to call men into the holy ministry. Bless all who hold and study for that office, that they would grow in all godly wisdom and faithfully make known Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, You faithfully watched over the tribes of Jacob, providing them both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure. Watch over the homes of Your people. Bless them with all that they need for this body and life, and preserve them in the glad confidence that Christ is their strength and their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, guide and give wisdom to the nation and our president, the governor of this state, and all judges and magistrates. Protect those who serve us as firefighters, police, disaster workers and medical personnel. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy God, Your Son became the Lamb of God to take away all of our sins and infirmities by His death and resurrection. Remember all who are in need of Your help and healing [*especially* _____]. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and preserve them in the certainty that their sins are taken away. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, our God, through Your Holy Spirit You work in us to bring forth fruits of righteousness. Grant us a steadfast heart in times of duress, strength amid temptation and the grace of humility, that we may not fall victim to pride and arrogance. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, heavenly Father, grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by path as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage and a hope that cannot be extinguished, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us, Your love supporting us and Your Son abiding with us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us praise the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless and keep you.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord's face ever shine upon you.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CW 811 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (CW93 402)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: James

Today— Second Sunday after Epiphany Divine Service at 9:30 AM
Fellowship at 10:30 AM
Call Meeting at 10:45 AM (no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class)
No Zoom Confirmation Class (Martin Luther King Jr. weekend)

Monday—Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No Preschool

Friday – Green Team at 6:30 PM

Next Sunday—Third Sunday after Epiphany Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Fellowship at 10:30 AM
Adult Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:45 AM
Zoom Confirmation Meeting at 5:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted to provide something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers the months of January through March.

BOWLING OUTING

Mark your calendars – our annual bowling outing is scheduled for Sunday, February 1st at noon. We will meet at Bowlero in Deer Park. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. The cost is \$10 per person for a pizza lunch and two hours of bowling. We have reserved enough lanes for 20 bowlers. Additional lanes can be added if needed.

BRANCH CONNECTION

Save the date! The Branch Connection will be hosting a Ladies Night Out on February 10th at 6:00 p.m. The ladies will meet at North Point Kitchen located at 24238 N. Lakeside Drive in Lake Zurich. Please join us for some food, fellowship and fun.



GREEN TEAM

Due to the fact that several of our Green Team members have time conflicts on Thursdays, the Green Team will try meeting on a **NEW DAY – FRIDAYS** (second and fourth Friday of the month)! We will keep the start time at 6:30 PM and still end at 8:00 PM. The Green Team always welcomes new friends, so please spread the word and invite children, ages 3 to 12 years old, to our meetings. There is time to worship God, learn something new and make a craft – it is fun for everyone!

FELLOWSHIP HALL FURNACE REPLACEMENT

Both furnaces in the fellowship hall will be replaced the week of January 26, 2026. The work will be performed by Thornton Heating services, Fred Starck's company. All material and labor will be donated to New Life. We are grateful for this generous gift to our church.

CALL MEETING

Today is our third call meeting for a new pastor. It will begin immediately following our fellowship time. Please try to attend this important meeting.

