

Offering

Organ Offertory (Sat.)

Offertory by the Handbells (Sun.) “Morning Songs”

Offering Hymn No. 186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Prayers of the Church

L: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Benediction

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

Closing Hymn No. 668 “O Zion, Haste”

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Wed. 2:00 p.m. & Sun. 2:30 p.m.

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3rd Sunday of Epiphany – January 24 & 25, 2026

United We Live God's Will

Prelude | Temple Talk– Ethan Merchant (Sun.)
Announcements
Peace
L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.
Confession
L: 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.
C: Amen.
L: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.
L: Mighty God, lover of justice,
C: 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.
L: 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.
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 671

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”


Greeting

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


C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie


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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

Hymn of Praise

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Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Final refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

C: **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.**

First Reading


Second Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4 — Page 555


1 Corinthians 1:10-18 — Page 926

The Alleluia

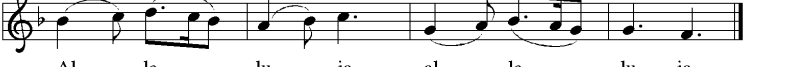
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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -



lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

L: *The holy gospel according to Matthew.*

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 4:12-23 — Page 785

L: *The gospel of the Lord.*

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn No. 661

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Remmers

Hymn No. 676

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

Apostles' Creed

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C: **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.**