

Second Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 4th, 2026



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"We are baptized children of God, forgiven and redeemed by Jesus. We are His family, called together to receive His gifts and serve others."

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Greetings to all in the Name of the Risen Lord!

May our worship this glorious morning celebrate the joy and hope, peace and presence, of our Lord Jesus Christ, raised to life for us. We welcome all, especially our guests. If you do not have a church home, please consider Divine Shepherd. We would love to have you as part of our family. Please take a minute and sign our guest book.

A prayer before Worship

This is the day you have made, O Lord Jesus, a day of new life and eternal celebration! The stone is moved; death is defeated; heaven is open. As Your disciples first saw and believed Your victory over the tomb, so give us joy in the promise You made and keep for us: because You live, we live also! Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated by us this morning in the confession and gladness that, as our Lord says, He gives into our mouth not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His Words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.



Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the blood of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. (1 Cor 11:28 ESV) Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Any who holds a confession differing from that of the Holy Scriptures or are not a member in good standing with the LC-MS, are asked to speak with Pastor Bauman.

Pre-Worship Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose never-failing providence sets in order all things in heaven and on earth, put away from us, we pray, all hurtful things, and give us those things that are profitable for us according to Your will, through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Invocation & Exhortation

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

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord, we are gathered today as sinners before our Holy God. We have been given life through Jesus Christ, but we have not lived as we should. We have been called to freedom, but we have found the burden heavy and the anxiety painful. Let us confess our sinfulness to God our Father, seeking His mercy through our only Savior from sin, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Most merciful Father, we know we do not love You above all things and neither do we really love our neighbor. We are too interested in ourselves and have turned our backs on You. Heal us, O God, from the sins that separate us from You and one another. Grant us true peace through Your beloved Son, and our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you. 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.

C: Amen

Introit *Psalm 8:1, 4–6; antiphon: v. 2*

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

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

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet.

**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.**

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength
because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 46:1–7*

¹So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here am I."

³Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes." ⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, ⁷his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Peter 4:12–19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 2:13–23*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

742 For Me to Live Is Jesus



1 For me to live is Je - sus, To die is gain for me;
2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth - er, I leave this world so dim
3 My woes are near - ly o - ver, Though long and dark the road;
4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail - ing, My breath comes heav - i - ly,



So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him.
My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God.
And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me

A slumber soft and still,

No doubts to vex or haunt me,

Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving

When death shall come to me,

I fall asleep believing

And wake in heav'n with Thee!

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Sermon "Escape Into Protection" *Matthew 2:13*

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Service of Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right for us to do so.

P: Truly you are holy and blest, O God our Father, for You have shown us Your love by giving us Your only Son, Jesus Christ. He was willing to suffer all, even death, to reconcile us back to You. Merciful Father, send down on us Your Holy Spirit, the Giver of life, and fill Your whole church. Sanctify us and renew us daily. May the cup which we bless be a true sharing of the Blood of Christ and bread we distribute be a true sharing of the Body of Christ.

C: As this wine was once many grapes and this bread was once scattered in the fields, and are here gathered into one, so gather Your church together from our various walks of life to serve You and carry out Your will. Grant that being together in Christ, we may all share in the unity of the faith, and may grow in all things to Him who is the Head, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Distribution Hymns

716 I Walk in Danger All the Way



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -
 3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -



leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is
 tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The
 cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He
 friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares
 cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty
 takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I
 heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,



May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to
 I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my
 In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -
 All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.
 soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.
 ty to - day As death pur - sues me all the way.
 what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay
When Satan's pow'r assails me;
And by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray;
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When God's good healing shall allay
All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.
Then, worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
 3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,
 4 My God has all things in His keep-ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
 me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
 too, de - sires to save. There-fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
 ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for-tress
 grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
 na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
 weep-ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.
 preme must ev - er be: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.
 done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.
 dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.

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725 Children of the Heavenly Father



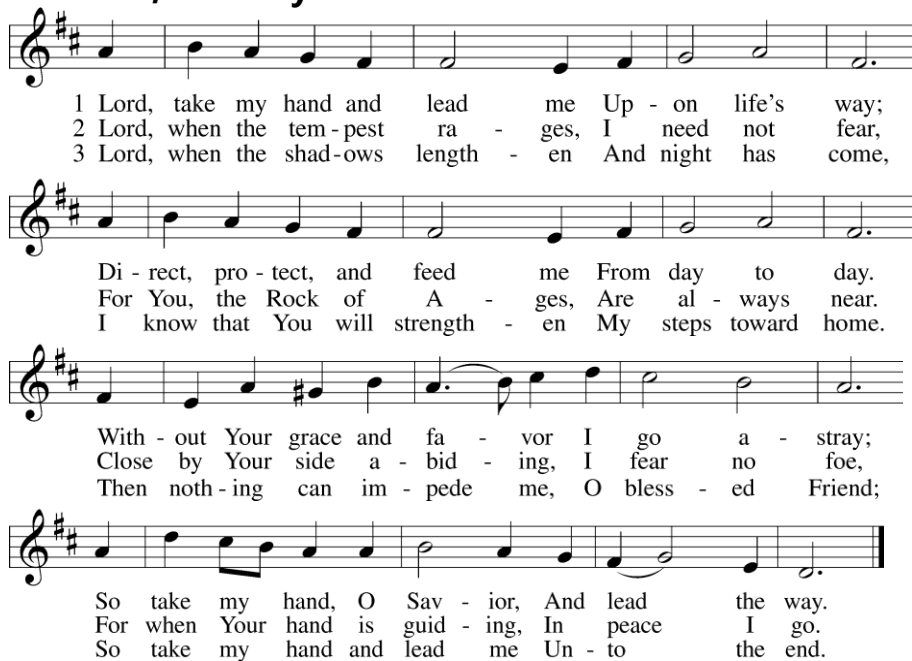
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

First Carolina Sacred Bury 1822-1913 by Ernest W. Olson, 1870-1958

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,

Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
 For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
 I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.

With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;

So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
 For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

Closing Prayer

P: O God, our Father, we are deeply grateful for the blessings that have come to us as Your children in Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord. Having fed us with the Body and Blood of our Lord, help us to recognize and to believe that we have received with this Sacrament the forgiveness of sins; reconciliation with You and each other, and the promise of resurrected life, both now and in the world to come.

C: We thank and praise You for these priceless blessings and ask that You remain with us throughout the days of our pilgrimage here on earth, until that day when we see You face to face in eternity. In Jesus name, Amen.

Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen

718 Jesus, Lead Thou On



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer-less, We will fol-low calm and fear-less.
 fears o'er-take us; Let not faith and hope for-sake us;
 come al-lur-ing, Make us pa-tient and en-dur-ing.
 still di-rect us, Still sup-port, con-sole, pro-tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa-ther-land.
 For through man-y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe-ly stand In our fa-ther-land.

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Important Dates and Information

We will be observing Epiphany on **Wednesday, January 7th at 7:15 pm**. All other evening Wednesday activities will resume as normal.

****Please note that 11:00 am Midweek services have been discontinued****

Christmas decorations will be taken down on

Saturday, January 10th at 9am. If you are able to come and help us out, please join us on the 10th!

The sign up for Epiphany Home Blessings is on the bulletin board for **January 13th-24th**. Please write your name and what date & time you would like to schedule with Pastor for the blessing. **Pastor is available Tuesday mornings, Fridays, and Saturdays.**

Adult Catechism classes will start **January 20th at 7:00 pm**. If you plan to attend these classes, please reach out to the church office to be placed on the list. Those who need to attend will be sent a letter soon about the class!

There is a **Voter's Meeting on January 25th** after the 9am service. Please plan to attend!

Offering Envelopes 2026

Offering envelopes have been placed in your boxes. If you marked that you wanted to receive a box and do not see one, please contact the church office!

The Annual Divine Shepherd Lutheran School Legacy Banquet is scheduled for February 28th, 2026 from 5pm-8pm at Angel's Catering and Receptions in Summerset! Join us for an evening of entertainment including dinner, silent auction, live auction, speaker, fellowship, and childcare! Tickets are \$50.00 each. **For more information, call Katie A. 605-791-1131**