



"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes." Rom1:16

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany - January 25, 2026

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Ushers: Willy and Roman Frank

A Warm Welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us this morning.

Prepare for Worship: Psalm 23 Hymnal pg. 128

Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, Your love has called us here to worship in Your presence and to see Jesus our Saviour. Open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may come to know You and Your Son Jesus Christ ever better and to draw near to Him and follow Him alone in our life. May we walk humbly before you in true repentance and faith and rejoice in your love and forgiveness. Strengthen us to live as your true children, with confidence and joy, until we stand before You face to face in paradise. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A _____ men.

Opening Hymn: 384 Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion

1. Oh, how great is Thy compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
And in our deep degradation
Thou wast merciful that we
Might be saved eternally!

2. Thy great love for this hath striven
That we may from sin be free
And forever live with Thee;
Yea, Thy Son Himself hath given
And extends an earnest call
To His Supper unto all.
3. And for this our soul's salvation
Voucheth Thy good Spirit, Lord,
In Thy Sacraments and Word.
He imparts true consolation,
Granteth us the gift of faith
That we fear nor hell nor death.
4. Lord, Thy mercy will not leave me,-
Truth doth evermore abide,-
Then in Thee I will confide.
Since Thy Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Well assured eternally.
5. I will praise Thy great compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
And in our deep degradation
Thou wast merciful that we
Might bring endless praise to Thee.

Confession of Sins:

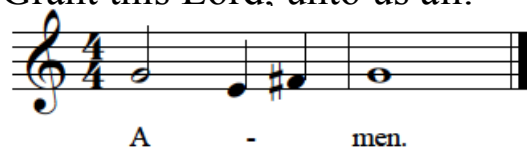
P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, seeking His grace and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C & P: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray, Oh Lord, by your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that you would be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

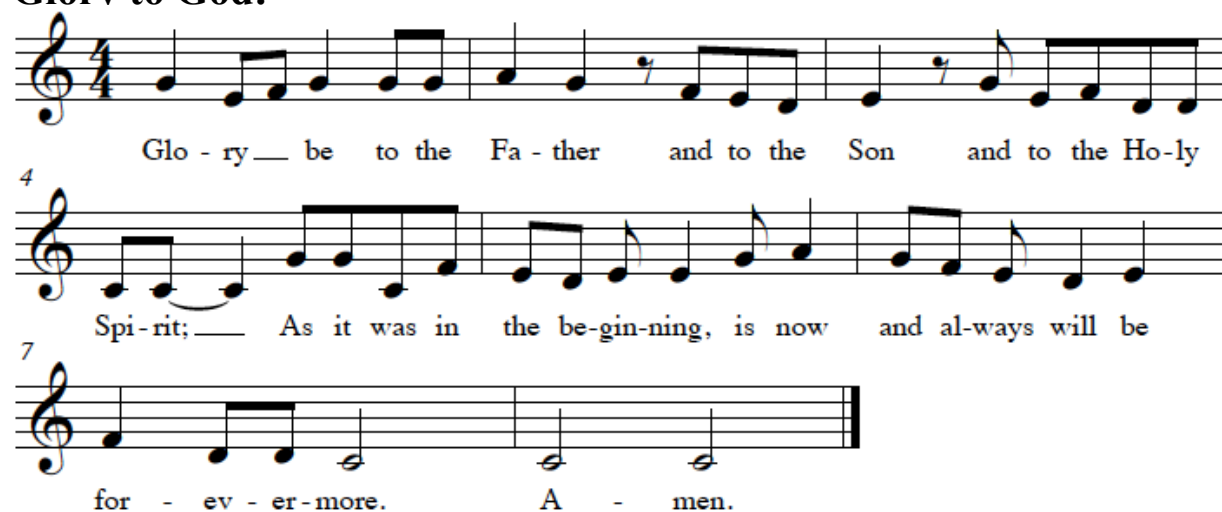
Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you, and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake He forgives

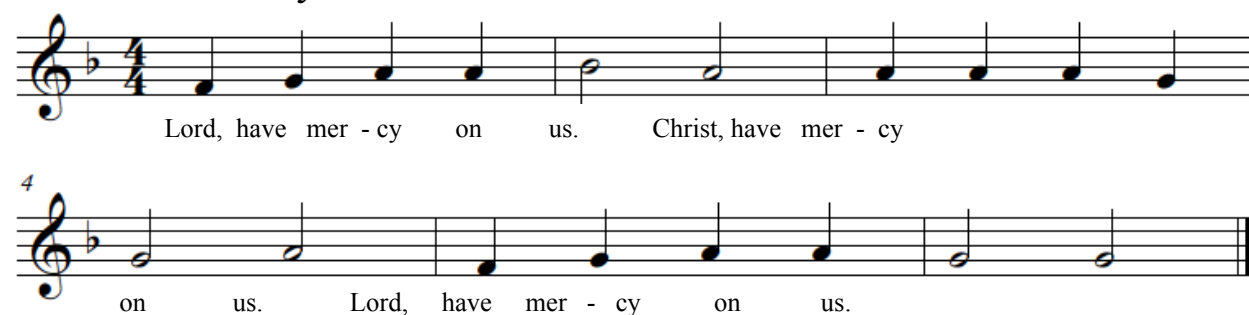
you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.



Glorv to God:



P: With our sins forgiven, we also have access to the throne of grace to seek God's mercy in all areas of life.



Prayers for Mercy: Lord, we seek Your mercy for Karl and for Helena that You may strengthen them both in body and in spirit to handle the challenges they face. May the trials of life remind us all that in this fallen world we are afflicted with many things so that we may fully rely on You for all things. Have mercy on us all for the sake of Jesus our Saviour who gave His life for us that we may live with You forever.



A _____ men.

P: The Lord be with you,



And al - so with you

Epistle Lessons: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Response of Praise:

P: In my distress I called upon the Lord:

C: And He heard my voice out of His temple.

P: I will love Thee, O Lord, my Strength:

C: The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

P: Out of the depths have I cried unto You, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear my voice.

P: If You, Lord, should mark iniquities:

C: O Lord, who shall stand?

P: But there is forgiveness with You:

C: That You may be feared.



Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So he told them this parable: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. 8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Confession of Faith: The Apostolic 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: 342 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1. Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die,
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me--wondrous thought!--
Found me when I sought Him not.

3. Jesus only can impart
Balm to heal the smitten heart;
Peace that flows from sin forgiven,
Joy that lifts the soul to heaven;
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

4. Chief of sinner though I be,
Christ is All in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.
Safe with Him from earthly strife,
He sustains the hidden life.

5. O my Savior, help afford
By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Sermon: Ezekiel 34:11 - 24

11 “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

17 “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. 18 Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? 19 And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

20 “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

Theme:

Jesus, the Good Shepherd
Seeks and Finds His Lost Sheep,
Then He Feeds and Cares for Them.

Hymn: 324 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

1. Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve--
Jesus sinners doth receive.
2. We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim.
Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe--
Jesus sinners doth receive.
3. Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh:
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live--
Jesus sinners doth receive.
4. Come, ye sinners, one and all,
Come, accept His invitation;
Come, obey His gracious call,
Come and take His free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
5. I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession;
Savior, mercy show to me
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6. Oh, how blest it is to know;
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter Passion:
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
7. Now my conscience is at peace,
From the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release
And my every sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve,--
Jesus sinners doth receive.
8. Jesus sinners doth receive.
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave--
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing while bringing up the offering) Melody of 568
**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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 pre - sence and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
 Re - store un - to me the joy of Your Sal - va - tion and up -
 hold me with your spir - it free. Cre - ate in me a clean
 heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 800 Go, My Children, With My Blessing

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
 In my love's baptismal river
 I have made you mine forever.
 Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”



Scripture Treasure to Remember **Isaiah 40:11**

*“He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs
in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Sunday School and Bible Study.

Tuesday - Instruction class with Helena at 10:00 am.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study at 9:30.

Thursday - PCPC Study Club at 2:00

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30.

Catechism Class at 5:00.

Saturday - Online Women’s Retreat 9:00 -11:00 a.m. All are welcome and there is no cost. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause26>

Next Sunday - Worship Services at 10:00 am.

Sunday School and Bible Study at 11:20

Voter’s Annual Meeting

Our Annual Voters meeting is scheduled for February 8th after the service.
If you have any comments or suggestions for our joint work please speak with one of the voters.

The Lenten Season

We have approval to hold our Midweek Lenten services at the Orchard Valley Senior home on Tuesday evenings at 6:00. They will begin on February 17th. Will that work for everyone?

February Birthdays and Baptisms

Raena Birch

3rd

Mattea Johnston

21st