



**OAK GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**JANUARY 25, 2026**  
**THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

“YOUR LIGHT HAS COME” SETTING (BREWER)

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**  
**IT IS GOOD THAT YOU ARE HERE.**

JESUS BEGINS HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY BY CALLING FISHERS TO LEAVE THEIR NETS AND FOLLOW HIM. IN JESUS THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR. WE WHO HAVE WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT. WE SEE THIS LIGHT MOST PROFOUNDLY IN THE CROSS—AS GOD SUFFERS WITH US AND ALL WHO ARE OPPRESSED BY SICKNESS, SIN, OR EVIL. LIGHT DAWNS FOR US AS WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD, THE FONT, AND THE HOLY TABLE. WE ARE THEN SENT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS THAT OTHERS MAY BE “CAUGHT” IN THE NET OF GOD’S GRACE AND MERCY.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**—*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**All: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Most Merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**



# OPENING HYMN: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!, LBW 76



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, light di - vine, and deep with - in  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us, when



own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



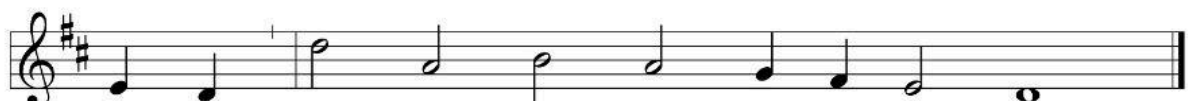
Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, our Lord and mas -  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch -  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him



ter, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!  
 es of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
 here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in  
 Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and dis -  
 Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! for you  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life for -



bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

## GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

## TRINITARIAN BLESSING

Verses

3 L:In the name of the Fath - er. C:In the  
L:Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. C:Lord, have

5 name of the Fath - er. L:In the name of the Son. C:In the  
mer - cy up - on us. L:Lord, we pray, hear our prayer, C:Lord, we

7 name of the Son. L:In the name of the Spir - it. C:In the  
pray, hear our prayer. L:Now we ask your for - give - ness. C:Now we

10 name of the Spir - it. ALL:In the name of the Three-in - One L:In the  
ask your for - give - ness. ALL:We give thanks for your lov - ing care.

13 name of the Son. L:In the name of the Spir - it. C:In the name of the Spir - it. ALL:In the

16 name of the Three - - - One.

Refrain

## GLORY TO GOD

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to  
God in the high - est. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to  
God, glo - ry to God in the high - est. Peace on  
earth be to ev - 'ry - one. The light of the world is here!  
Those who have walked in dark - ness now have noth - ing to  
fear.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: 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.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **THE WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**



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### **Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my  
life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the  
temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

**<sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD.**

**<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;  
have mercy on me and | answer me.**

**<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.**

**<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.**

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

**<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.**

**<sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.”**

**<sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved**



it is the power of God.  
The word of the Lord,  
**All: Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able*



## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 4th chapter.

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

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles-<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you

fishers of people.”<sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.<sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

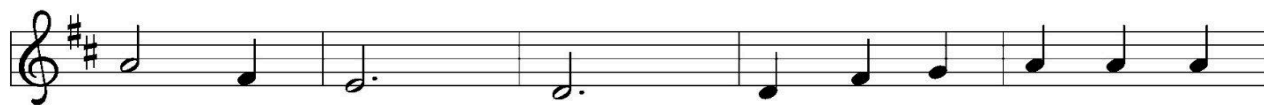
## SERMON



## HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*, WOV 649



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

TEXT: KATHLEEN THOMERSON, B. 1934 TEXT © 1970, 1975 CELEBRATION.

## **OFFERING**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**L:** Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed

**All:** 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 power of 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**

**L:** 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.

*A brief silence for reflection.*

**L:** Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

**L:** Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

**L:** Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly

condemned. We pray for those in authority (*local and national officials may be named*). Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

L: Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, any who are sick those on our prayer list, comment feed, especially those we name before you now. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters (*individuals or situations may be named*). Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

L: Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

L: Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,

**All: Receive our prayer.**

P: We give you thanks for the people among us who in service to others place their lives in harm's way and when called, lay down their lives for the sake of others. We pray especially for military members, firefighters, law enforcement, emergency responders and their families. Hear us, O God.

**All: Receive our prayer.**

P: 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.

**All: Amen.**

# PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*Greet each other with a sign of peace.*

# OFFERING

## OFFERING OF MUSIC

*Please be seated. The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. Once the Offering has been collected please stand & sing:*

## OFFERING SONG



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray...

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### PREFACE

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and chord symbols are placed above the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "L: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you. L: Lift". The second staff contains the lyrics: "up your hearts to the Lord. Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is". The third staff contains the lyrics: "right that we give Him our praise." The chord symbols are: D/F#, E, A, D/F#, G, G/B, D, F#, b m, e m, G/A, D.

L: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you. L: Lift  
up your hearts to the Lord. Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is  
right that we give Him our praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Hol - y, hol - y, hol - y — Lord, God of pow-er and might.

5 em f#m G g#dim bm em B  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est!

9 E c#m A B g#m D A  
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the

13 E C D E9  
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! \_\_\_\_\_

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him,



with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us:

**All: 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Please be seated)*

*The practice at Oak Grove is to commune at the rail. When you are ready or have been instructed, please proceed down the side aisle and gather at the rail shoulder by shoulder facing the Altar. If you would prefer an individual cup of wine, please take an empty cup found in the tray at the end of each rail. If you would prefer grape juice, please take an individual cup from the tray that has juice in it already.*

*If you do not take an individual cup, the common cup of wine will be offered to you. Gluten free wafers are available, please request from the Pastor.*

## **COMMUNION**

## COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have

6  $E^b$  F G C  $B^b$  F/A C/G F  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

12 d m  $E^b$  F G C  $B^b$  C/E F  $f^{\#dim}$   
world. Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

18 C/G A d m  $E^b$  F G C  
sin of the world. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank - ful hearts and voi - ces now raise, go tell now all that

7 F G A D F C D e m  
God has done. Let all who seek the Lord now re-joice and proud - ly

14 G A sus4 A b m A/C# D b m  
bear His name. Send us now Lord with your word so true of

27 em em/A bm em A f#m  
 how to earth You came. We glor - i - fy Your hol - y

28 bm Bb C D  
 name, for - ev - er and the same.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

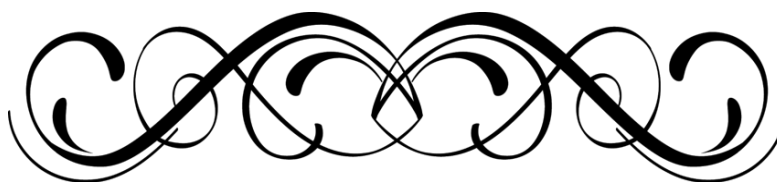
Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord cause His face to shine up -

4 C/E A dm C/G G#dim am C/G  
 on you. The Lord give you His peace both now and for-ev - er - more. A -

9 Bb am fm/Ab C  
 men. A - men. A - - - men.



## SENDING SONG: *I Love to Tell the Story*, LBW 390



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

### *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo-ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William G. Fischer, 1835–1912

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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