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NEXT WEEK READINGS

Micah 6:1-8;
Psalm 15;
1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
Matthew 5:1-12

CHURCH INFORMATION

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 5 PM
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LIFE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The One who gives us our new beginning in Baptism is the same God who fashioned us and gave us our first beginning in the womb. It is God who brings forth life. It is God who created us, who ‘knits us together,’ so that we are ‘intricately and wonderfully made.’ Some say that the Bible never mentions abortion, and thus we should not speak against it. How far from the truth! The decisive moral truth of what Scripture teaches is this: Human beings are such from fertilization. And—it is a sin to shed innocent blood.” Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – lutheransforlife.org

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- For the Declaration of the Lord’s Name
- For God’s Grace Over Households
- For Faithful Leaders in Our Land
- For Those in Need of God’s Deliverance

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

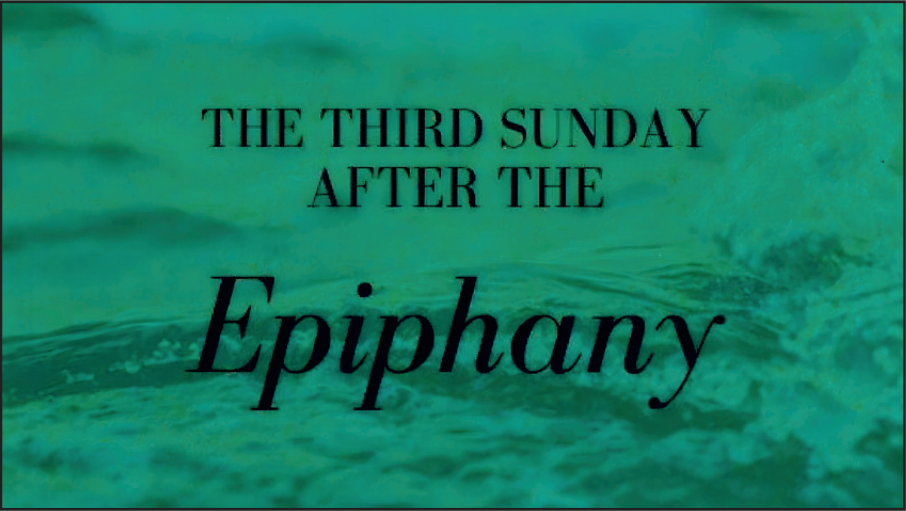
Gene Bern, Robert Cochran, John Mazur, Tami Harrison, Sean Hoven, Tammie Klinker, Susan Adams, Pat Fournier, Casey Thomas, Pat Strand, Donna Parsons, Tom Moring, Rod & Lou Ann Guy, Callie DiFulgentis, Justin Tews, Tara Knight, Eleanor Jandt, Bob Palmer, Fred Burow, Bob Haensel, Char Schram, Jim & Diane Lowry, Becca Thompson, Leona Wenaas, Robbie Stubbs, Nancy Radford, Monica Fournier, Fred Shauer, Sandy Rittenhouse, Judy Stubbs, Barb Clark, the family David Hellod (Pat Strand’s cousin)

NEED PRAYER?

Call or email the office to be added to this list or to the prayer chain.



JANUARY 25, 2026



WELCOME

Welcome to our church. We trust God will bless you through your worship here today. We believe that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, so that in receiving them we receive our Lord. If this is your belief, and you have been baptized into the body of Christ, you are welcome to receive the sacrament here. White grape juice is available for those who do not wish to receive wine. Individually wrapped Gluten-free wafers are also available. If coming up to the front is difficult for you, please tell an usher and we will serve you communion where you are seated.

Out of gratefulness for God's blessings, the ministries of Faith are supported by members and friends who give their tithes and offerings in support of the church, the need in our community, and around the world.

We have a family room located to the right of the sanctuary entrance. Our nursery is open ask an usher to show you where it's at.

If it's your first visit please pick up your welcome gift and sign our guest book at the Connection Center. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us at Faith!

ABOUT US

We are a loving church — *called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.*

We are a praying church — *people of prayer who pray for one another and for the needs of our community, world and all in need.*

We are a disciple-making church — *committed to living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bearing witness to our Christian faith in inviting others to know and follow Jesus.*

We are a serving church — *serving others in Jesus' name by feeding the hungry, helping the poor and being the presence of Christ in a tangible way.*

AS CHRIST-FOLLOWERS WE



THIS IS THE JOURNEY OF FAITH.

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

JANUARY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

First Sunday of the Month

GREAT FALLS FOOD BANK

Third Sunday of the Month

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM



FAMILY SUPER BOWL PARTY



**FEBRUARY 8
4:00 PM**

1300 FERGUSON DRIVE
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This will be a
potluck, bring your
favorite super bowl
food to share!



Wednesday Bible Study

REVELATION

Available In Person

Online or Zoom

10 am weekly

(11 am 2nd Wed./month)



FREE!
FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

**JANUARY 25
2:00-4:00 PM**

Join us for a movie, fun and fellowship. We'll be serving snacks & soda.

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THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

**MEN OF FAITH
BIBLE STUDY +
BREAKFAST**

Thursday mornings at 6:30am

Love Day Quilters

Thursday, February 5th,
at 9am

SOULO SISTERS

February 10th at 11:30
at City Bar

BENEDICTION

HYMN “Goodness of God” [CCLI Video]

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God and WE WILL!

NOTES

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

We Are Called To Be Ordinary Disciples

January 25, 2026

AS WE GATHER

The Epiphany season proclaims and celebrates the salvation of God coming into the world as a light shining in a dark place. Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah predicting the dawning of that light into the darkness of unbelief, separation from God, sin, and “the shadow of death” (Matthew 4:16). That light was and is Jesus and His message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (v. 17). It may seem like a minor detail that Matthew says Isaiah’s prophetic words were fulfilled when Jesus left His hometown of Nazareth to live “in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali” (v. 13). Yet even this little fact testifies to how real the words of the Old Testament are and how they are fulfilled in Jesus, the Christ.

Likewise, it may at times seem insignificant and even unimportant when the light of the Gospel is preached in our hearing and in our world today. How many of us have heard God's voice directly saying, "Follow me"? Those who were baptized as infants have no memory of ever being apart from God or His church. The life of faith in God may just seem normal or even routine to us—nothing out of the ordinary. Still, our sins remind us of the temptation to ignore God. Like the Christians in Corinth, we have sinful pride that causes divisions and quarreling among us. And while that's no different than anywhere else in our world, to be a disciple of Jesus means to be truly different than the world. Repentance means being transformed by love of God and love of neighbor. Today, Jesus truly is saying to you, "Repent" and "Follow Me," even in the ordinary details of life.

PRESERVICE SONGS “Thy Word” [CCLI Video Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith]
 “Holy Forever” [CCLI Video Chris Tomlin/Jason Ingram/Phil Wickham]

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

BELL CHOIR

HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” [REC 206]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Today Jesus Christ comes to you with an invitation, saying, “Repent” and “Follow Me.” Let us prepare to receive His Word, leave our sin behind, and follow Him in the power of His forgiveness.

People: **Lord God, open our ears to hear Your call of salvation and life. Enable us to hear the voice of Your Son, Christ our Lord, that His Word may move us to turn from our ways and our walk without You, and follow Him in faith, that we may learn and live in the light of Your love.**

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 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.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Now, let us follow Him!

People: **Amen.**

☩ WORD ☩

SONG OF PRAISE “Here I am to Worship” (CCLI Video)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 9:1–4*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:10–18*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 4:12–25*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON “We Are Called To Be Ordinary Disciples”

SERMON HYMN “Take My Life and Let it Be” [REC 233]

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: We pray that the Lord, who dwells in our midst by His Means of Grace, would open our mouths to tell of His name and declare His praises, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: We pray for families, that our Father in heaven would bless our households with grace and protection; and that we might remember Him in both joy and trouble and worship before Him forever, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: We pray that the nations may enjoy peace; that we may know the gift of good and faithful leaders in our land; and that justice may be served in every place, for the good of all people and for the protection of the unborn and the weak, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: We pray for those oppressed by demons, illness or any other affliction, especially _____, and those we name in our hearts in this moment of silence. We pray that the Lord Jesus would heal them in body, mind and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: We pray for penitent and joyful hearts, that those who partake of the Sacrament this day would rejoice that the kingdom of heaven is at hand in the body and blood of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

☩ SACRAMENT ☩

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

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