



Sunday, January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Song of Gathering – “There Is One Lord” (*see insert*)

*Call to Worship

Jos Hartman

Leader: God in Christ has revealed his glory.

People: Come let us worship.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting

People: the Lord’s name is greatly to be praised.

Leader: Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

People: O praise the name of the Lord!

*The Collect

Nathan Wannemacher

**Leader & People: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the
renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Song of Praise – “Laudate Dominum” (*see insert*)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-15 (p. 741)

Jos Hartman

New Testament Reading

Luke 2:41-52 (pp. 1028-1029)

Sermon

“Good Different – Jesus, Servant of His Heavenly Father”

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Affirmation of Faith

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Leader: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

People: 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.

***Song of Response – “The Kingdom of God” (see *insert*)**

Prayers of Penitence

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

People: Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,

People: slow to anger and of great kindness.

Leader: He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

People: nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

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People: God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Patrik Jehle, Evening Worship Elder

Offertory

“Kol Nidre” by Max Bruch, arr. Matthias Eisenberg

Yasmine Urquhart

Prayers of Intercession

Patrik Jehle

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen this church and all your churches in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Bless and guide the rulers of the nations; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another and seek the common good. Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your people everywhere, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. In Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Welcome of Visitors

Patrik Jehle

Announcements

***Closing Song** – “In Christ Alone” (*see insert*)

Sending

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Leader: We go into the world to walk in God’s light, to rejoice in God’s love and to reflect God’s glory.

People: Amen

Benediction

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Benediction Response – “Holy, Holy, Holy” (*see insert*)

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today’s bulletin cover features a copy of a wood engraving drawn and designed by Gustave Doré and engraved by A. Bertrand. The engraving is from 1875 and was part of a Dutch work called *De Bijbelsche Geschiedenis (The History of the Bible)*.

Today’s musicians:

Organ: Ruth Pfister
Piano: Patrik Jehle, Gordon Schultz
Guitar: Cris Achim
Cello/Clarinet: Yasmine Urquhart

