

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*  
*January 25, 2026*

## **WELCOME VISITORS**

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!  
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.  
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome at worship.*

*If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children  
on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the hallway, and  
the nursery is the first door on your right.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices  
for today's worship are available.  
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

# Gathering

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

# Thy Strong Word

Text: Martin H. Franzman Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

<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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

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 upon 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 servant 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.

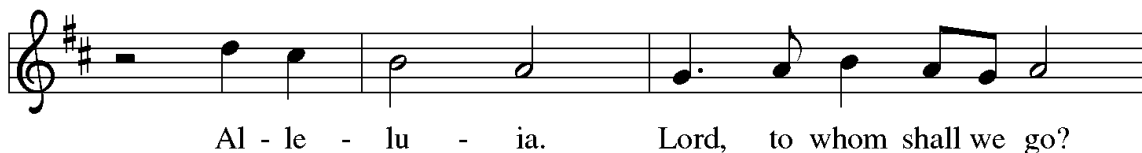
<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





## GOSPEL

**Matthew 4:12-23**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 4th chapter.

**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.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

# Will You Come and Follow Me

Text: John L. Bell, b. Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

# Our Response

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at [felcc.org](http://felcc.org) or by scanning this QR code.*



## ANTHEM

*O, Thou Great Jehovah*

by Harlan Williams

*Please stand as you are able for the offertory.*

## OFFERTORY



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 pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Merciful God. Receive our prayer.**

*Please be seated.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Jesus, as you taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

SENDING

## **BLESSING**

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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***Please remember in your prayers...***

Healing: Brooklynne (1/27), LaVonne Dorseth (2/11), Vaughn Erickson (2/6), **Nancy Fricke (2/01), Dalton Paul (2/16), Barbie Vinson (1/27), Connie Wilkins (1/29)**



Continuing Prayers: **Joanne Caskey, Pat Dent, June Diehl, Mark Hammer, Charles Kampmeyer, Julie Paul**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, **Hunter Boock**

**ATTENDANCE**      January 18                      42 in person                      10 online

**CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING** will be held today following worship. This meeting will provide us with the opportunity to review the highlights of the past year and approve a ministry spending plan for 2026. We hope you will be able to join us.

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH** is holding their annual Pancake Breakfast on January 31 from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2 for children. The menu includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee or tea. The breakfast is in the Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall located behind the church at 58 S. Second Street, Chambersburg.



**ST. SERAPHIM** Soup Kitchen needs your help. Since they provide soup, hotdogs, sandwiches, crackers, drinks and a sweet bite for folks who need a meal on Thursdays and Saturdays, the Orthodox Church is asking for donations of canned soups. No tomato please. There is a bin in Memorial Hall for donations.



**ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 18. This year we will be having a 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. service with scripture, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. These services will last no longer than 10-15 minutes. The evening service will be our traditional service including music, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. You are welcome to invite friends and neighbors to worship on this day.



**LENTEN WEDNESDAYS** Join us on Wednesday evenings for 5 weeks beginning February 5 for our Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic (LARC) worship and fellowship. Soup suppers will be served at 5:30 at the church where worship will be taking place. Worship will then be at 7:00 p.m. Corpus Christi has graciously offered to host worship twice on February 25 and March 4. First Lutheran will host on March 11. Trinity Lutheran will host on March 18. And Trinity Episcopal will host on March 25.



**LENT SOUP SUPPERS** A soup and bread supper will be held each Wednesday evening at 5:30 at the church where worship will be held. If you are able to help serve, clean-up, or provide soup on March 11 for the supper being held at First Lutheran, please contact Barb Evans at 717-360-2535.

**LENTEN OFFERINGS** The LARC Lenten offerings received on Wednesday evenings will be donated to Harken House Ministry. Harken House Ministry provides a work/training program for those being released on parole from Pennsylvania state or county jail and who strongly desire to change the way of life they have chosen in the past. Checks to support Harken House may be made payable to LARC.



**BIRTHDAY BAGS** for Little Daisy's Closet are needed. The needs are: large birthday bags, plates, napkins, candles, balloons, small gifts, snack items, cakes, icings, and cake pans. Thank you for your contributions to make up the bags!

**SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network)** Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations—domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. Please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, [tim@gotwald.org](mailto:tim@gotwald.org), [mary@gotwald.org](mailto:mary@gotwald.org) Thank you for considering.



## January 25 – February 1

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
		Annual Meeting after Worship
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
<b>Thursday</b>	6:15 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
<b>Friday</b>		Ice Festival
<b>Saturday</b>		Ice Festival
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion



	<b><u>January 25</u></b>	<b><u>February 1</u></b>	<b><u>February 8</u></b>
Lector:	Gerry Wilson	Joyce Ray	Jane Love
Communion Assistants:		Jim Brown Ralph Burdick Deb Fleegal	
Greeters:	Bev Rebok Peggy Stout	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson	Bob Wildeson Nancy Wildeson
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans	Barb Evans	Barb Evans
Ushers:	Barb Evans Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy Denny Love	Jim Brown Denny Love Mary Beth Warne-McGraw Rose Wilson	Jim Brown Denny Love Rose Wilson



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**We welcome visitors this morning.**

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.  
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

**Our Mission**

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,  
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

**Sunday Schedule**

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
and on our webpage at [www.FELCC.org](http://www.FELCC.org)

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,  
and to worship with us.