

**January 25, 2026**  
**Third Sunday after**  
**Epiphany / Lectionary 3**  
**ELW Holy Communion**  
**Setting Three**



**PRELUDE/BELLS**

**GATHERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*\*Please stand as able*

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you**

Let us greet one another in the spirit of god's special peace.

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

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

**Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

**\* GATHERING SONG** *Listen, God is Calling (ELW #513)*

## **\*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.**

## **\*KYRIE** (*ELW p. 138*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of  
God, and for the unity of all,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

## **\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (*ELW p. 139*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **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.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

The LORD is my light and my salvation. (*Ps. 27:1*)

<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.**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** - as the children come forward the congregation sings Jesus Loves Me (ELW #595) (V. 1)

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*ELW p. 142*)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\* GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**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.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Will You Come and Follow Me* (ELW #798)

### **\*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;

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.

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, **receive our prayer.**

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.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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.

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. **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING SONG** *Create In Me a Clean Heart (ELW p. 146)*

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

### **COMMUNION SONG** *(ELW p. 191)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray... **O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

**\*SENDING SONG** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW #815)*

### **\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (ELW 884)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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### **JOYFULLY SERVING**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mon., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Quilting at Fisher
- Tues., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM Stretch and Pray  
9:00 AM Quilting at Fisher
- Wed., Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30 PM Confirmation (Gr. 8) at Bygland &  
Inside Out Faith - GF Area ELCA Youth Night
- Sun. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM Worship at Bygland  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship at Fisher  
12:00 PM Fisher Annual Meeting & Lunch

### GRAND FORKS AREA ELCA YOUTH NIGHT

# INSIDE OUT *Faith*



*Exploring Faith, Identity, and Mental Health*

**Wednesday, Jan 28. 7:15pm - 8:30pm**

**📍 Calvary Lutheran Church**

Middle & High School students are invited to an engaging evening centered on mental health, identity, and faith. We'll gather for pizza, music, conversation, and hands-on stations that create space to explore emotions, stress, relationships, and self-care through a faith-filled lens.

Keynote speaker— School Counselor and ELCA Deacon, Shera Nesheim—will help us talk honestly about mental health and share how community and healthy tools can support us through life's ups and downs.

Youth will have the chance to reflect, create, ask questions, and discover ways God meets us in our real lives—feelings and all. This is a safe, welcoming space to listen, learn, and grow together. Come as you are. This event is hosted by Greater Grand Forks ELCA leaders.

