



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community

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A BETTER WAY

Living the way of Jesus
isn't easy,
but it is good
because
GOD is good!

10 AM Worship + Epiphany 3 + January 25, 2026



January 25, 2026 – Third Sunday after Epiphany Service of Holy Communion & New Member Welcome

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell

Assisting Minister: Rev. Darryl Roste

Ministers: Every member

Ushers: Dan Loewen & Margie Nunweiler

Council President: Karen Oko

Musician: Kathryn Elford

Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell

Worship Host: Paul Thomsen

Welcome

Gathering Song “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (ELW 310) vs 1,2,4

Kyrie & Gloria – Canadian Liturgy

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Time

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

Psalm 27:1,4-9 read responsively

¹ 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?

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

**⁷ Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.**

⁸ My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."

Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

⁹ 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

¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² 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." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.

Gospel Acclamation Canadian Liturgy

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—¹⁶ 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."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ 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.²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.²³ 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.

Sermon

Song of the DAY ‘Will You Come and Follow Me’ (ELW 798) vs 1,2,5

Reception of New Members

A Statement of Faith: written by two fourteen-year old boys

We believe in God,

who made the sun and the sky,

the stars and the sea,

who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

who became human, who healed the sick,

who talked to children,

who made friends with sinners.

He burned brightly and offended many.

His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.

His light continues to shine in darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

who inspires the scriptures

and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community,

committed to one another

offering a welcome to everyone,

old and young, rich and poor,

strong and weak.

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,

workers for justice,

brothers and sisters

a light for our world. **Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Liz Holt and family as they mourn the loss of John, Pastor Prema as she is installed today as pastor at St Matthew’s Lutheran in Thorsby and St Peter’s Lutheran in Millet, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Peace

Offertory: Canadian Liturgy

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy – Canadian Liturgy

Lord's Prayer – from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker,

Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all.

Loving God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today,

feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,

forgive us.

In times of temptation and test,

spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil,

free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs

Lamb of God – Canadian Liturgy

'This Is Christ's Body' (ACS 967) sing 2x

'Welcome Table' (ACS 969)

'In This Feast of Love' (ACS 962)

Blessing

Community Life

Sending Song 'Shine, Jesus Shine' (ELW 671)

Dismissal



Online Giving

