

**February 1, 2026**

**Welcome**

**The Hymn of Invocation**

**869 With the Lord Begin Your Task**

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| 1 With the Lord begin your task;<br>Jesus will direct it.<br>For His aid and counsel ask;<br>Jesus will perfect it.<br>Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,<br>And when day is ended,<br>In His name then close your eyes;<br>Be to Him commended. | 2 Let each day begin with prayer,<br>Praise, and adoration.<br>On the Lord cast ev'ry care;<br>He is your salvation.<br>Morning, evening, and at night<br>Jesus will be near you,<br>Save you from the tempter's might,<br>With His presence cheer you. |
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This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God with a pure heart for "if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not with us.

**But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."**

**Kyrie**.....*sung to: Amazing Grace*

**Have mercy on your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King;  
Renew us by your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.**

*(Silence for prayers of confession.)*

Let us then confess all our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore announce the full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** .....*sung to: Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Glory to God on high, and to the earth God's peace!  
With thanks God's name we glorify; let gladsome praise increase!  
With angel hosts we sing your holy name to bless,  
Almighty Father, heav'nly King, enthroned in holiness.**

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, since you have called us to love you with all our heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves, grant that by your Holy Spirit, we may pray for our neighbors as we pray for ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Old Testament

**Jeremiah: 29:7**

[The Lord told His people in exile in Babylon] "...seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have moved you. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

**Ephesians 3:14, 16-19**

[Paul wrote:] For this reason I kneel before the Father.... I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Verse**.....*sung to: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

**Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord! Forever be God's name adored!**

**Alleluia! God's saving Word Throughout the earth in faith be heard!**

### The Gospel

**Matthew 7:7-12**

[Jesus said:] "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Object Lesson

## **The Hymn of the Day**

### **712 Seek Ye First**

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

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## **Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**The Prayers** *[If you need information to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus  
**And for all people according to their needs.**

*(After each portion of the prayer)*

Lord in Your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Our offerings help to support:**

Bibles and Hymnals

**Offertory** .....*sung to: We Give You But Your Own*

We give you but your own In any gift we bring;  
All that we have is yours alone, A trust from you, our king.  
May we your bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, Lord, as you bless us, To you our first-fruits give.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Always and everywhere praise and thanksgiving are due to you, holy Lord, God of power and might! Today we are chiefly bound to praise you for the promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ; sin is forgiven, death is defeated, life is restored both now and forevermore, therefore the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven join in their unending hymn:

**The Sanctus** .....*sung to: Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.  
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Through Jesus Christ, your beloved we give you thanks, heavenly Father for the love with which you loved the world, for the salvation you prepared for us through Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit sent into our hearts and into our midst, that we may receive and share our living Lord with living faith.

**Amen.**

**Jesus' Directions for Communion**

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**The Agnus Dei** .....*sung to: My Faith Looks up to Thee*

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away—Our faith increase,  
Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,  
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

**Distribution of Communion**

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol,  
the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]*

**The Distribution Hymns**

### 779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

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| 1 Come, my soul, with ev'ry care,<br>Jesus loves to answer prayer;<br>He Himself has bid thee pray,<br>Therefore will not turn away.   | 4 Lord, Thy rest to me impart,<br>Take possession of my heart;<br>There Thy blood-bought right maintain<br>And without a rival reign. |
| 2 Thou art coming to a King,<br>Large petitions with thee bring;<br>For His grace and pow'r are such<br>None can ever ask too much.    | 5 While I am a pilgrim here,<br>Let Thy love my spirit cheer;<br>As my guide, my guard, my friend,<br>Lead me to my journey's end.    |
| 3 With my burden I begin:<br>Lord, remove this load of sin;<br>Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,<br>Set my conscience free from guilt. | 6 Show me what is mine to do;<br>Ev'ry hour my strength renew.<br>Let me live a life of faith;<br>Let me die Thy people's death.      |

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### 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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| 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,<br>All our sins and griefs to bear!<br>What a privilege to carry<br>Ev'rything to God in prayer!<br>Oh, what peace we often forfeit;<br>Oh, what needless pain we bear—<br>All because we do not carry<br>Ev'rything to God in prayer!                        | 2 Have we trials and temptations?<br>Is there trouble anywhere?<br>We should never be discouraged—<br>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>Can we find a friend so faithful<br>Who will all our sorrows share?<br>Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—<br>Take it to the Lord in prayer. |
| 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,<br>Cumbered with a load of care?<br>Precious Savior, still our refuge—<br>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?<br>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>In His arms He'll take and shield thee;<br>Thou wilt find a solace there. |  |

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### 894 For the Fruits of His Creation

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| 1 For the fruits of His creation,<br>Thanks be to God.<br>For His gifts to ev'ry nation,<br>Thanks be to God.<br>For the plowing, sowing, reaping,<br>Silent growth while we are sleeping,<br>Future needs in earth's safekeeping,<br>Thanks be to God. | 2 In the just reward of labor,<br>God's will is done.<br>In the help we give our neighbor,<br>God's will is done.<br>In our worldwide task of caring<br>For the hungry and despairing,<br>In the harvests we are sharing,<br>God's will is done. |
| 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,<br>Thanks be to God.<br>For the good we all inherit,<br>Thanks be to God.<br>For the wonders that astound us,<br>For the truths that still confound us,<br>Most of all, that love has found us,<br>Thanks be to God.  |  |

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

**Amen.**

**Post-Communion Cantic**.....*sung to: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness!**

**All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, tell His love, His name confess.**

**Praise the Father, Son and Spirit, Living God, who sets us free**

**By His mercy to inherit life and joy eternally!**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**The Final Hymn**

**923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

- 1 Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
- 2 We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.
- 3 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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## Server Schedule

	2/1	2/8	2/15
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Gordon	Mike	Greg
Reader	Dianna	Edwin	Nanette
PowerPoint	Wanda	Dan	Gordon
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Benjamin	Greg	Preston
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Herold	Bill	Dan
Reader	Royce	Christi	Royce
PowerPoint	Cole	Cole	Amy
Audio/Visuals	Erik/Preston	Hayden/Donovan	Vicki/Preston
Counters	Adria/Michelle	John Da/Wayne	John Di/Wayne
	Both	Both	Both
Altar Guild	Ron/Barb	Dan/Amy	Nancy D
Altar Flowers	Reitz	Prossers	Ehlers

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## Birthdays this Week

02/04 Wendy Kerr  
 02/05 Herold Schulz  
 02/06 Pat Sorenson

## Anniversaries this Week

None on record