

February 15, 2026

Welcome

The Hymn of Invocation

837 Lift High the Cross

- ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

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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 share the good news of your saving love in word and deed so that all who learn of it may receive the gift of salvation; 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

Psalm 40:1-2, 9-10

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

I do not seal my lips, as you know, O Lord. I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth....

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 3:14-16

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

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

Mark 13:1

[Jesus said] "...do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Object Lesson

The Hymn of the Day

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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| 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain | 3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain |
| 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain | 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain |

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

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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:
Habitat for Humanity

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

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

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| 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive. | 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good. |
| 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone. | 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith. |
| 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs. | 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally! |

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821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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| 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood." | 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea. |
| 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore"? | 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast. |
| 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood." | |

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830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

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| 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall. | 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do. |
| 2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save. | 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do! |
| 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice. | 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call. |

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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 Canticle.....*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.

Choir

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

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

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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| <p>1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
 Our true faith confessing,
 The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
 The Supper is ended.
 O now be extended
 The fruits of this service in all who believe.
 The seed of His teaching,
 Receptive souls reaching,
 Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 His grace did invite us,
 His love shall unite us
 To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.</p> | <p>2 With praise and thanksgiving
 To God ever-living,
 The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
 Our faith ever sharing,
 In love ever caring,
 Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
 With Your feast You feed us,
 With Your light now lead us;
 Unite us as one in this life that we share.
 Then may all the living
 With praise and thanksgiving
 Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.</p> |
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Server Schedule

	2/15	2/18 Ash Wed	2/22	3/1
	8:30	7:00 PM	8:30	10:00 AM
Elder	Greg	Herold	Edwin	Herold
Reader	Nanette	N/A	Amy	Royce
PowerPoint	Gordon	Wanda	Phil	Lisa
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Preston	Greg	Preston	Amy
	10:30		10:30	
Elder	Dan		Erik	
Reader	Delka		Kathy	
PowerPoint	Amy		Vicki	
Audio/Visuals	Vicki/Preston		Conor/Logan	
Counters	John Di/Wayne	N/A	Adria/Michelle	John Da/Vicki
	Both		Both	
Altar Guild	Nancy D	Dan/Amy	Williams/Koob	Royce/Paula
Altar Flowers	Ehlers	N/A	Henderers	Kluzek

Altar flowers are in appreciation for everything Karen Bianco has done for COS over many years.

Birthdays this Week

- 02/15 Royce Boehrs
- 02/15 Patti Anne Sorenson
- 02/18 Jan Jorgensen
- 02/19 Renette Berggren
- 02/21 Karen Bianco

Anniversaries this Week

None on record