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DAYTON·OH**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 25, 2026, 9:30 AM**

*As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.*

**We ask your prayers for:** The John Snyder family, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Linda, Mark, The family of Nancy Bruck, Helen, David, Sherrie, Nancy, Pat, Sharon, Ken, Candace, Lori, Debi, Nevitt, James, Avery, Pamela, Connie, Linda, Anne, Kim, and Ella.

**And for those serving** in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country:  
David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**—Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**—Church of the Good Samaritan, Amelia; and Espiritu Santo/  
Latino Ministry Center.

**The Altar Arrangements** are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of  
Philip & Dorothy Berner

SERVING TODAY - 1/25/26 - 9:30AM		SERVING NEXT SUN. - 2/1/26 - 9:30AM	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cheryl Strine Mary Anna Conley Cathy Kremmel	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ellen Foster Diane Labrie
<b>Reader</b>	Kathleen Walters Chuck Berry	<b>Reader</b>	Mike Miller Diana Uhlman
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Filson Mary Beth Coker	<b>Ushers</b>	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben
<b>Crucifer/ Chalice</b>	Kathleen Walters	<b>Crucifer/ Chalice</b>	Kathleen Walters
<b>Book</b>	Teena Baldrige	<b>Book</b>	Bob Neben

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**Shrove Tuesday** - February 17 - 6pm Evening Prayer - pancake supper to follow

**Ashes to Go** - Wednesday, February 18. Rev Jean is looking for volunteers to dispense ashes in the Dayton area. Pick a place and time and let Rev. Jean or Lois know.

**Stations of the Cross** - Every Saturday in Lent beginning February 21 at 9:30am

**Drive through Prayer** - Every Wednesday in Lent beginning February 25 from 4-6pm

**The Chapel** is open for daily prayer from 10am-12pm during Lent

**Devotional Book** for the congregation - *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly. We will do a Lenten Bible Study on Sundays after church beginning Sunday, February 22. This book will be available at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

*All Hymns are in the Blue, 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).*

**PRELUDE: SYMPHONY V, MOVEMENT IV**

*C. M. Widor*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #304 I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord**

*Land of Rest*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*      Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**, “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”, sung to the tune *Salzburg* (#135)

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to thee we raise;  
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar.

Branch of royal David's stem; in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee address, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy Word;  
Grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,  
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:1-4

A Reading from Isaiah

**T**here will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he 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.

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.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
    you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
    as with joy at the harvest,  
    as people exult when dividing plunder.  
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.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE: PSALM 27:1, 5-13 (*sung by the choir*)

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
    whom then shall I fear? \*  
    the LORD is the strength of my life;  
    of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
    one thing I seek; \*  
    that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
    and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
    he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
    and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
    above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18**

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

**N**ow 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 united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 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." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 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.

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.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if able.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION:** HYMN #707 Take My Life, and Let it be

*Hollingside*

## THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-23

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**W**hen Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
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.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

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 fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 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. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## HOMILY

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

## SILENT REFLECTION

*Please stand if able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

**W**e believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**W**e believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - From the book *“Hear Our Prayer”*

After each petition the people respond with **“Hear Our Prayer”**.

#### **PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*           **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*       Let us pray.

May God's grace be upon this shawl warming, comforting, and enfolding. May this mantle be a safe haven, and sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in God's love. **Amen.**

*Please stand or kneel if able.*

## CONFESSON OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Today's loose plate offering will benefit the Rector's Discretionary Fund, which is used for assistance to the poor or other charitable needs consistent with the Church's mission.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC: ALLELUIA

*William Boyce*

*Please stand if able.*

**HYMN #493, vs. 1-3, O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

*Azman*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany  
(from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Augsburg Fortress 2006*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is indeed our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, gracious God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will make all things new. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

*Please stand or kneel if able.*

**SANCTUS**, Hymnal #S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise made to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

With this bread and cup we remember your Word, Jesus Christ, dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in Christ's death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

*People* **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP 364**

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364**

**FRACTION ANTHEM: HYMNAL #37 FROM ENRICHING OUR MUSIC 1**



A - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

keep the feast. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance  
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with  
thanksgiving.

**COMMUNION MUSIC: HYMN #661 They Cast their Nets in Galilee**

*Georgetown*

*Please stand or kneel if able.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**E**ternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

**RECESSONAL:** HYMN #381 Thy Strong Word did Cleave the Darkness

*Ton-y-Botel*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** PSALM 19

*Marcello*

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**WELCOME!**

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew rack in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

**WORSHIP TIMES**

**9:30 am** - Worship Service with Hymns

**Office hours:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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**Class of 2026** - Linda Bumiller, Charlie Campbell, Steve Ireland

**Class of 2027** - Cheryl Strine, Kathleen Walters

**Class of 2028** - Chris Brandt, Jill Davis

**Senior Warden** (*term expires 2026*)- Paul Sampson

**Junior Warden** (*term expires 2026*)- Joe Cairo

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