

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Grafton, WI
January 25, 2026

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Today's Focus: Jesus came as the light to all those living in darkness with truth and hope.

Stewardship from God's Word: Matthew 4:12-23

Whatever we do, if we do it for God. When Peter and Andrew went fishing, they did not imagine anything than filling their nets with fish. Jesus showed them a better way: "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Any job is God's gift to provide for our needs, and to serve others. Jesus came to die for our salvation. We can't thank him enough for all he has done, but we can start by doing everything, using everything, to bring glory to his name.

Welcome!

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Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptism

At the 10:30 a.m. service, Anita Coleman will be baptized and welcomed into the Holy Christian church. The 10:30 service will continue on page 5 with the Prayer of the Day.

Lord, Have Mercy

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.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 8:19—9:4

¹⁹When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

²⁰Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²²Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep
darkness
a light has dawned.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's
defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

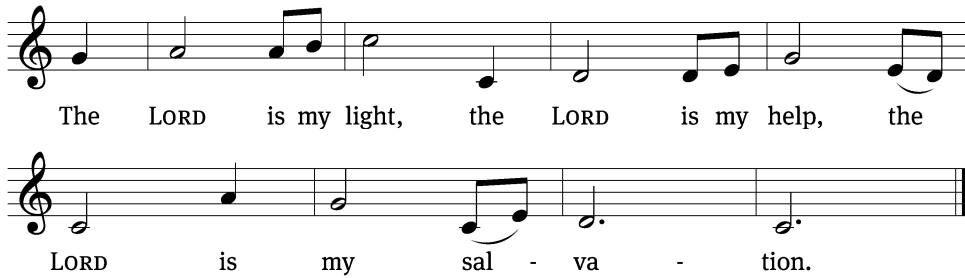
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

27A The LORD Is My Light

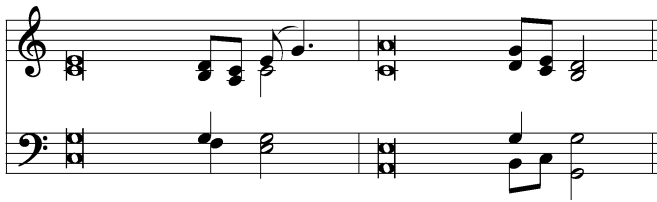
Psalm 27A

Refrain



The LORD is my light, the LORD is my help, the
LORD is my sal - va - tion.

Tone



The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom / shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I / be afraid?

One thing I ask / from the LORD,

this only / do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house / of the LORD

all the days / of my life,

to gaze on the beauty / of the LORD

and to seek him in his / temple. *Refrain*

He will hide me in the shelter of his / sacred tent

and set me high up- / on a rock.

I remain confi- / dent of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land / of the living.

Wait / for the LORD;

be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in / the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 2:3–11

³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The students of Our Savior will sing, “Whiter Than Snow,” by Sarah Tornow at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Jesus, you came down from heaven to earth. Gave up your life so that I would be worth more to the Father than I'll ever know. Washed in your blood I am whiter, whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, whiter than snow. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, whiter than snow. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

I was a sinner when I was conceived. How you could love me is hard to believe. You want the truth in my innermost parts. Come teach me wisdom and live, live in my heart. (Refrain)

Create inside me a pure heart, O Lord. Renew my spirit that I am restored. Give me the joy your salvation can give. Grant me a spirit that's willing, willing to live. (Refrain)

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

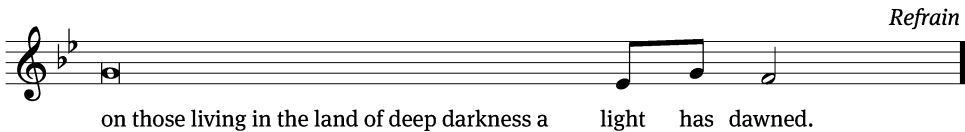
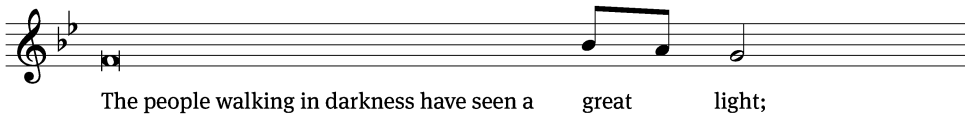
Isaiah 9:2



Refrain



Tone



Gospel

Matthew 4:12–23

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were

fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”
²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

CW 904

Sermon

Matthew 4:12–23

The Light Has Dawned

- The Light of Truth

- The Light of Hope

Space is provided for you to take notes during the sermon.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]*. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *[especially . . . here name the person]*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:

Give In person: The offering is collected during each service.

Give with the App: Download the *Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement* app, search near me and select "Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran".

Give Online [Oursaviorgraffton.org/give](https://oursaviorgraffton.org/give).



During the offering, please sign the friendship register located in each pew.

I Hear the Savior Calling

CW 743

Christ Begins

CW 385

The students of Our Savior will sing, "Christ Begins" at the 10:30 a.m. service.

We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.

Water runs and all heaven opens wide and a voice like thunder replies. (Refrain)

*Ref Here's my Prophet, my Priest, my King,
 a light in the dark, Christ steps in;
 here's my Savior, my God, my King,
 the time has come, Christ begins.*

Mary's whispering, but it's not the time.

Yet six jars are filled with the finest wine. Tell me, who is this by our side? (Refrain)

See the sun outshined on the hill and hide.

Clothes like lightning white, heaven opens wide, and a voice like thunder replies. (Refrain)

We stand, gathered round on the mountainside.

Watch the closing clouds hide him from our eyes; with a voice united we cry: (Refrain)

Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CW 713

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