



St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Stephenville, TX  
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 1, 2026  
8:00 & 10:00 am

*Coffee Hour to follow at 11:00*

To All Who Are Joyful And Thankful, To All Who Mourn And Need Comfort  
To All Who Are Weary And Need Rest, To All Who Are Friendless And Wish Friendship  
To All Who Pray And Who Do Not But Ought, To All Who Sin And Need A Savior.  
And To Whoever Will, The Church Opens Wide The Door  
And In The Name Of Christ, The Lord Says Welcome.

**The Processional Hymn**  
**The Hymnal 1982 #381 Thy strong word**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says:*

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

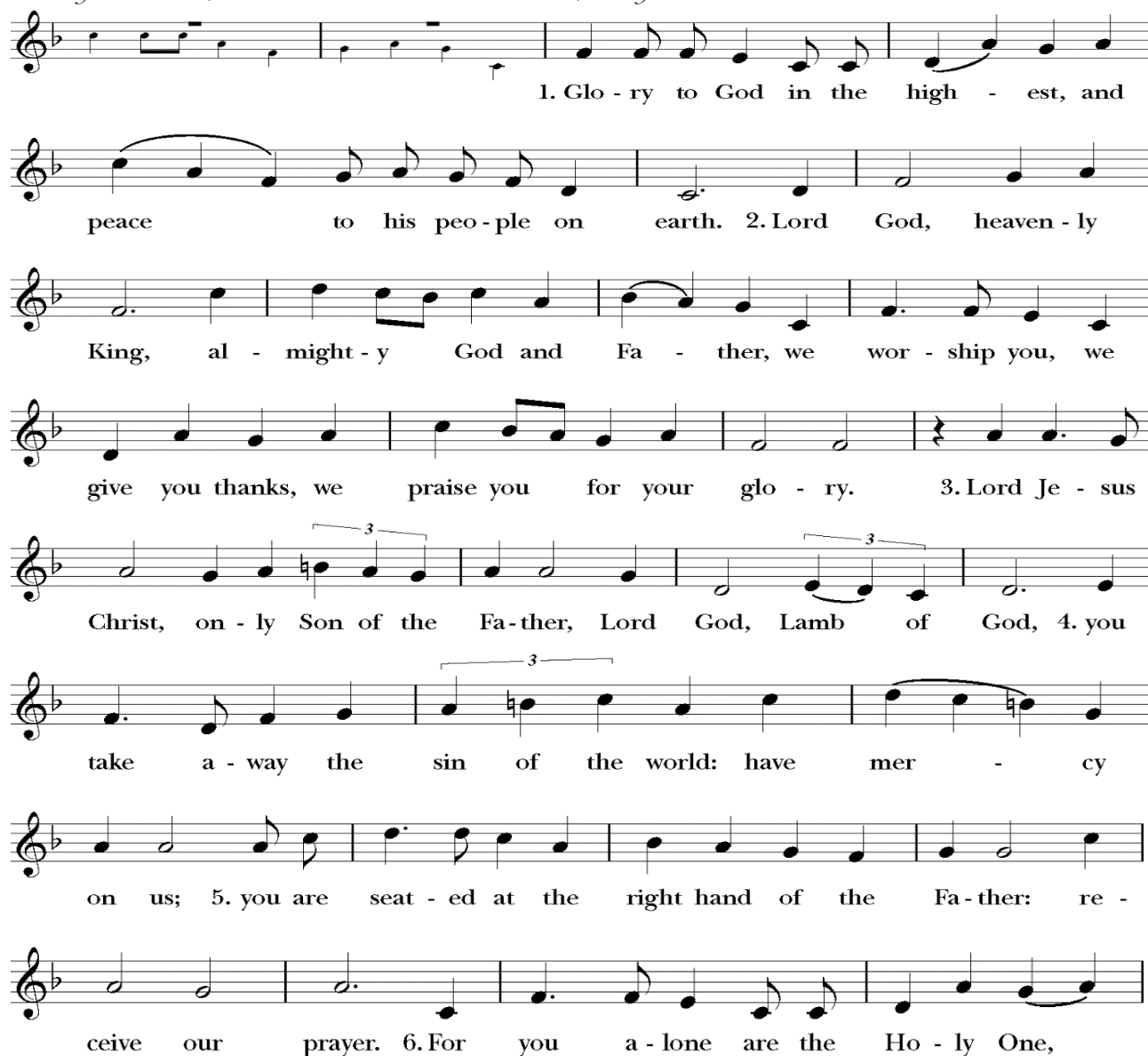
*People*        **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity**

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.**

**The Gloria**

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #280 Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



## 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.**

## The Readings

*All are seated.*

### Isaiah 9:1-4

There 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.

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

**Psalm 27:1, 5-13** Dominus illuminatio (*Read responsively by half verse*)

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?**

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;**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
**and to seek him in his temple.**

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.**

Even now he lifts up my head

**above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;

**I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;

**have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

**Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

Hide not your face from me,

**nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

You have been my helper;

cast me not away;

**do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

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 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.

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

*All stand as are able.*

## **Gradual Hymn**

### **The Hymnal 1982 #530 Spread, of spread thy mighty word**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Matthew 4:12-23**

When 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*A brief time of reflection follows the sermon*

Rev. Mark Witte

## The Nicene Creed

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

We 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.

## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that your Church, gathered by the call of your Son, may shine with the light of Christ among the nations, faithfully proclaiming the good news of repentance and hope. We pray especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Kai, Jeff, Hector, and Brian our bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of the nations, and all in authority, that they may govern with justice and seek the common good, especially for those who dwell in poverty and the shadow of war. Give wisdom to the leaders of this nation, and to all who shape public life.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless this community and all who live and work here. Strengthen us to follow Christ in our daily vocations, that our words and actions may bear witness to the kingdom of heaven drawing near.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Have compassion on all who suffer from sickness, grief, oppression, or fear, especially [N.] Draw near to them with healing and peace, and raise up companions to walk with them in their need.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially [N.], that they may rest in the light of your eternal presence.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

### **Concluding Collect**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

*The Celebrant says*

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**

*All stand as are able.*

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

### **Announcements**

#### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Madison Burney (25<sup>th</sup>), Taber Meyers (27<sup>th</sup>), Jo Ann Masuda (28<sup>th</sup>), Justin & Dylan Dowell (28<sup>th</sup>), Landry Dowell (31<sup>st</sup>)

*Celebrant and People*

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, given by text by sending an amount to (254) 282-0706, or given online. Mailed checks may be sent to the address printed at the end of the bulletin.*

**The Offertory Hymn**

**The Hymnal 1982 #537 Christ for the world we sing**

**Doxology**

*(sung to The Hymnal 380)*

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing, as are able. The Celebrant says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people stand or kneel, as are able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

*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**

Jesus said to the disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

## The Distribution of Holy Communion

### *Concerning Holy Communion*

*“This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.  
So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little,  
you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,  
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.”*



*If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.  
Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.*



*Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*



*If after receiving Communion or a blessing you would like special prayers for healing, you are invited to go to the votive stand at the rear of the church where someone will pray with you.*

## Communion Hymn

**The Hymnal 1982 #707 Take my life and let it be**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says  
Let us pray.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Priest gives the blessing*

### **Blessing**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

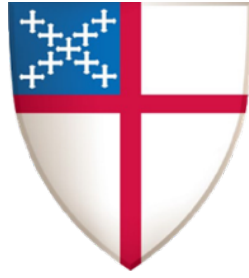
## Processional

**The Hymnal 1982 #539 O Zion haste**

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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### From the Calendar of Saints

**January 25** Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Saul, an orthodox Jew who zealously persecuted Christians, became Paul, the apostle of Jesus to the Gentiles. He experienced a dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus when Christ spoke to him from heaven.

**January 26** Timothy and Titus *Companions of Saint Paul*

Timothy, son of a Greek father and a Jewish mother who was a convert to Christianity, was sent by Paul on important missions to the Thessalonians, the Corinthians, and the Ephesians. Another young man, Titus, a Greek, accompanied Paul to the apostolic council at Jerusalem, and later ministered in Corinth and Crete.

**January 27** John Chrysostom *Bishop of Constantinople, 407*

One of the great saints of the Eastern Church, John was called Chrysostom, “the golden-mouthed,” because of his great eloquence as a preacher. His sermons give insights into the liturgy of the church, especially eucharistic practices.

**January 28** Thomas Aquinas *Priest and Friar, 1274*

Next to Augustine, Aquinas is considered the greatest theologian in the history of the church. After Aristotle’s works were rediscovered, Aquinas asserted in his *Summa Theologica* the basic harmony of reason and revelation.

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## Clergy

The Rev. Bradley C. Dyche – Rector  
The Rev. Mark Witte – Curate  
The Rev. Leslie Guinn - Assisting

## Staff

Lexi McLemore – Parish Administrator  
Duncan McMahan – Organist  
Gail Johnson & Kelly Barbee – Altar Guild Directresses  
The Rev. Mark Witte – ECM Missioner  
Neely Carter – Vestry Secretary  
Emma Gomez – Technology Minister

## Vestry

Term Ending 2026 – Kelly Barbee, Malcolm Cross, & Ian Wilson  
Term Ending 2027 – Doug McLemore & Allison Haynes  
Term Ending 2028 – Gail Johnson & Dylan Dowell

