



*FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*

*JANUARY 11, 2026*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests with us today sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

**YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS** – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.



## Year A (2026) – Sundays after Epiphany

### ***IDENTITY REVEALED***

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#### **SERIES EXPLANATION**

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” It is the season when you see Jesus begin his public ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. During Epiphany, you will come to understand that when the true identity of Jesus is revealed, you realize your own true identity as well.

Our worship follows this pattern.

First Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Jesus Is the Christ, the Anointed One</i>
Second Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Jesus Is the Lamb of God</i>
Confession of St. Peter	<i>Jesus Is the Christ, the Son of the Living God</i>
Third Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Jesus Is the Light</i>
Conversion of St. Paul	<i>Jesus Is the Christ, the One Who Calls</i>
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Jesus Calls You Blessed</i>
Chaplain Sunday	<i>see separate resources</i>
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	<i>Jesus Calls You Salt and Light</i>
Transfiguration of Our Lord	<i>Jesus is the Son of God in Glory</i>

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### ***SERVICE OF THE WORD***

# 385 Christ Begins

CW 385



1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.  
 2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.  
 3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.  
 4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.



Wa - ter runs and all heav - en  
 Yet six jars are filled with the  
 Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en  
 Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him



o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.  
 fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?  
 o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.  
 from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

## Refrain



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my



God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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Tune: Luke Thompson, b. 1981; Kent Reeder, b. 1986

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## INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## First Reading

Isaiah 42:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight.  
I am placing my Spirit on him.  
He will announce a just verdict for the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry out.  
He will not raise his voice.  
He will not make his voice heard in the street.

<sup>3</sup>A bent reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.  
He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.

<sup>4</sup>He will not burn out, and he will not be broken,  
until he establishes justice on the earth.  
The coastlands will wait for his law.

<sup>5</sup>This is what the true God says,  
the LORD who creates the heavens and stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth  
and everything that it produces,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and life to those who walk on it.

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD.

I have called you in righteousness.

I will hold on to your hand,  
and I will guard you.

I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,  
to be a light for the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon,  
and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 45B Great Are the Works of the LORD

Psalm 45B

### Refrain



### Tone



My heart is stirred by a / noble theme  
as I recite my verses / for the king.  
You are the most excel- / lent of men  
and your lips have been anoint- / ed with grace.  
Gird your sword on your side, you / mighty one;  
clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty. *Refrain*

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your / kingdom.  
You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your com- / panions.  
I will perpetuate your memory through all gener- / ations;  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and / ever.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: “Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup>“You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. <sup>38</sup>God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 1:11

Alleluia. You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!". The second staff contains "These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that". The third staff contains "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.". The fourth staff contains "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!". The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?"

<sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John let him. <sup>16</sup>After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, <sup>17</sup>and a voice out of the heavens said, "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### 377 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

CW 377



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -  
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the  
God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the  
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
anointed Christ in glorious sight  
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
to save the world and free us all.

- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Text: James P. Tiefel, b. 1949

Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

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## SERMON

*Matthew 3:13–17*

### ***“Now is the Time”***

- 1. For Jesus to state His purpose*
- 2. For the Father to state His approval*

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## THE 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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.

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### 374 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

CW 374



1 The star pro-claims the King is here; but, Her - od,  
2 The east - ern Ma - gi saw from far and fol - lowed  
3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood the pure and  
4 At Ca - na, mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter  
5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be and praise for



why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's  
on his guid - ing star, and, led by light, to Light they  
ho - ly Lamb of God; the Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -  
red - dened in - to wine, the faith - ful saw his glo - ry  
his e - piph - a - ny, whom with the Fa - ther we a -



throne does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.  
pressed and by their gifts their God con - fessed.  
dove, con - firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.  
shown and put their trust in him a - lone.  
dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent., abr.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, ed. Joseph Klug

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## CLOSING PRAYER

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BENEDICTION

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



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# 384 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CW 384



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
- 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
- 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring;
- 4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,  
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.  
from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light  
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,  
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.  
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601

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