

In our Prayers: Steve Wright, Karen Lawing, LaVonne Karsten, Dennis Arndt, Harold & Beverly Rehberg (health)

This Week (1/25/2026), Lord Willing:

Sun 1/25 9:00 Bible Study/ Sunday School
10:00 Worship* (Sr. Choir Sings)
11:15 Sr. Choir Rehearsal
Wed 1/28 3:30-5:00 Midweek Confirmation Class
Sun 2/1 9:00 Bible Study/ Sunday School
10:00 Worship*+

* Available also on Facebook Live (FM 90.5 locally – Sundays only)

+ Holy Communion

Opening Hymn Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness LSB 849

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the LORD!

Confession and Absolution *Matthew 4:17; Philippians 3:20; 1 Corinthians 1:18*

St. Matthew writes that Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Let us respond by confessing our sins and asking our Lord’s forgiveness.

Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You. We are too much a part of this fallen world. Because our citizenship is in heaven, invade our thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious power. Help us to live each day as pilgrims heading to the eternal promised land. Turn us from our sinful direction to follow our Savior’s gracious lead, walking in ways pleasing to You for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” Be assured that through Jesus’ blood-bought rescue, you are already citizens in the Kingdom of heaven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies LSB 873

Collect of the Day

Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 Reading (see back of bulletin)

Isaiah 9:1–4

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle (see back of bulletin)

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

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Holy Gospel (see back of bulletin)

Matthew 4:12–25

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

(see back of bulletin)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.

Children's Message

Hymn **O Christ, Our True and Only Light** **LSB 839**

Sermon **Location, Location, Location!** **Isiah 9:1-4**

Offering

Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs... Let us pray for the Church here and around the world, that God's light would shine through us, attracting many who still walk in the darkness of their own making, and uniting in faith and confession all who trust in Christ their Lord.

Light of the world, use Your Church to enlighten those who live in this world's darkness, and enable our brothers and sisters to find in their Savior the true source of peace and concord.

Let us pray for governments local and national, that God would open leaders' eyes to see opportunities for peace between nations and safety and concord among their citizens.

Light come to us from above, we ask that You guide, protect, and defend elected officials, police and emergency response personnel in our communities, and troops deployed, that people are protected and care provided, that peace may break out, and the Church may prosper.

Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*]. Lord Jesus, **source of light and health and peace, hear the prayers of all who call to You in their illnesses, sorrows, and grief. Shine on them in blessings and peace so that faith may remain firm until it is replaced by sight.**

Let us pray for expectant parents, helpful counselors, and resourceful agencies as they seek to help families be places of growth in body, soul, and mind. **By Your gracious visitation, give them strength, increase their love, and provide unexpected joy in their service to You and the people around them.**

Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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.

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.

Closing Hymn I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light LSB 411

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Worship Attendance:

1/18: Sanctuary 62; Live stream 69+;

Sunday School: 9 Sunday Bible Class: 15

Offering:

1/18: Home \$1,862; Missions \$25; Portals of Prayer \$25; Lutheran Witness \$20;
Mission of the Month \$20: Total \$ 1,952



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