

# CHRIST

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### *The Divine Service*

The Feast of the Confession of St. Peter

✠ January 18, 2026 ✠

### “Thou Art the Christ”

*“Yet surely unless [St. Peter] had rightly confessed Him, as begotten of the very Father Himself, this were no work of revelation; had he accounted our Lord to be one of the many, his saying was not worthy of a blessing. Since before this also they said, Truly He is Son of God, Matthew 14:33 those, I mean, who were in the vessel after the tempest, which they saw, and were not blessed, although of course they spoke truly. For they confessed not such a Sonship as Peter, but accounted Him to be truly Son as one of the many, and though peculiarly so beyond the many, yet not of the same substance [...] Why then is this man blessed? Because he acknowledged Him very Son.”*

—St. John Chrysostom  
*Homily of Matthew 54*

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

**Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?**

**Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?**

**Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?**

**Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?**

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith<sup>4</sup>, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,  
and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew. Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.*

*We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!*

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

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<sup>1</sup>Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

<sup>2</sup>Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 11:28-32

<sup>4</sup>1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

# DIVINE SERVICE I

**Preservice Music**

*The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate*

## SERVICE OF PREPARATION

**Processional Hymn** Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

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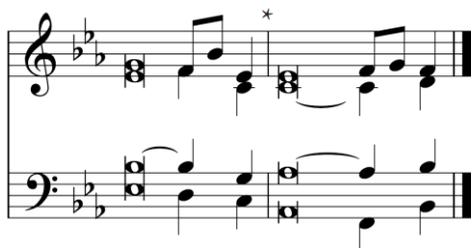
**Confession & Absolution**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Introit: Misericordias Domini**

*Psalm 89:1, 5, 15-16; Ant. Psalm 119:46*



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

**I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;\***  
**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O Lord,\*  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

**Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\***  
**who walk, O Lord, in the light | of your face,**

who exult in your name | all the day\*  
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

**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.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
and shall not be | put to shame.

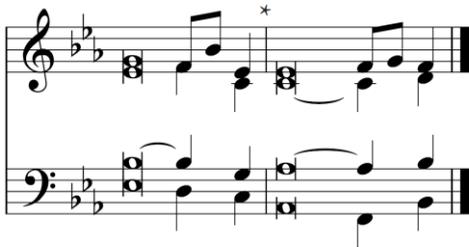
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**Old Testament Reading** Acts 4:8-13

**Gradual** *2 Corinthians 4:5a, 13c; 1 Peter 4:11b; Psalm 113:3*



**What we proclaim is | not ourselves,\*  
but Jesus | Christ as Lord.  
We also believe, and so we | also speak,\*  
as one who speaks ora- | cles of God.  
From the rising of the sun to its | setting,\*  
the name of the Lord is | to be praised!**

**Epistle** 2 Peter 1:1-15

**Alleluia** p. 156



Cantor:

Mark 8:35

*Whoever would save his life will | lose it,\**

*But whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will | save it.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

Mark 8:27-35

**Office Hymn**

At the Name of Jesus

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**Sermon**

*The Lone Christ*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Offering**

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**Sanctus**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**Lord's Prayer**

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Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as

it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly

bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give

those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -

to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -

ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**The Words of Our Lord**

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**Pax Domini**

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Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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All for Christ I Have Forsaken

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**Serving Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. George Fields

**Acolyte:** Nathan Hansford, William Hansford

**Interpreter:** Charlie Warren

**Altar Guild:** Michelle Miller

**Elder:** Glen Hansford

**Organist:** Sr. Sara Fields

**Cantor:** Natalie Rudsenke

**Altar Flowers:** This morning's altar flowers are given for the glory of God by Keith and Anita Martin.

**New Member Reception:** We recently received Nathan Brownstein into our Christ Lutheran family. If you didn't get to shake his hand or say hi, fear not, for you will yet have a chance! Join us for a cake reception in his honor following this morning's Divine Service. See you there!

**Quilting This Week:** Quilters, arise! We will be sewing together this week on Wednesday and Thursday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Come for the fabric, stay for the fellowship. See you there!

**Midweek Matins Has Resumed!** No better way to begin the day than in prayer and God's Word! Join us on Wednesday mornings as we pray Matins together at 7:30 a.m.

**Altar Flower Sign-Up:** Sign up for the new year! Flowers have a long history of adorning the Lord's altar, and you can help to continue this beautiful tradition. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

**Readings for next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Third Sunday after the Epiphany:**

Introit Ps. 22:27-31; Psalm 27:1-9; Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25.

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*This week at Christ Lutheran Church: January 19 – January 25*

**Wednesday 7:30 a.m.** Matins  
**9:30 a.m.** Quilting  
**Thursday 9:30 a.m.** Quilting  
**Sunday 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School for all ages  
**10:30 a.m.** **Divine Service – Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

*For comfort, health, and recovery:*

**Francis Dillon, John Garner, Jennifer Haggard, Jim Hansford, Elmer Held, Joseph Holleman, Sharon Holleman, Elaine Johnson, Alex Kates, Linda Lau, Roger Lindsey, Richard Mullis, Donald Ochs, John Samuel Smathers, Steve Spinks, Jean Sprecher, Eloise Springer, Janie Story, Nicole Tatum, Dean Walker, Barbara Zeigler**

*For those who are ill or distressed:*

**Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, George Fields, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Pippin Family, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Eloise Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Dana Taquino, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Cynthia Widlitze, Barbara Zeigler**

*For college and graduate students:*

**Sara Fields, James Hansford**

*For military servants and their families:*

**Glen Hansford, James Hansford, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum**

*This week's prayer family:*

**The Gallarno Family and their loved ones**