



3rd Sunday of Epiphany
January 8, 2026 — 10:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

- L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A. And also with you.

Invocation

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us examples like Philip. Help us to be bold in sharing our faith with others. Let us seek those whose hearts are open to hearing the Gospel. That by our sharing, the Holy Spirit may work in their hearts. Amen.

Song: ***Come What May***

Sometimes sorrow is the door to peace
Sometimes heartache is the gift I need
You're faithful, faithful in all things

In every high, in every low
O mountaintops, down broken roads
You're still my rock, my hope remains
I'll rest in the arms of Jesus, come what may

Come what may

There is deep joy that You give to me

Where hurt meets the healing is a holy thing
I see goodness, Your goodness in all things

In every high, in every low
On mountaintops, down broken roads
You're still my rock, my hope remains
I'll rest in the arms of Jesus, come what may

Come what may

Come what may

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
The Lord is my shepherd, leads me to still waters
And He restores my soul

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On mountaintops, down broken roads
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Song: ***Goodness Of God/O Praise The Name***

I love you Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head down
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as Father
I've known You as Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Oh, Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything, cause
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Oh praise the name
Of the Lord our God
Oh praise Him name forever
For endless days
We will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, Oh Lord, our God

Oh, Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after me
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything, cause
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Scripture 1 Kings 8:46-50

“If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near, yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors, saying, ‘We have sinned and have acted perversely and wickedly’, if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions that they have committed against you, and grant them compassion in the sight of those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them.”

Acts 8:30-35

“So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ And he said, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ And the eunuch said to Philip, ‘About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.”

Mark 1:14-15

“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, ‘the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’”

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Sermon — *“The Church Evangelistic”* Pastor David Kaiser

Song: ***O Come To The Altar***

Are you hurting
And broken within
Jesus is calling
Have you come
To the end of yourself
Do you thirst
For a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father’s arms
Are open wide
Forgiveness was bought

With the precious blood
Of Jesus Christ

Leave behind
Your regrets and mistakes
Come today
There's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows
And trade them for joy
From the ashes
A new life is born
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms
Are open wide
Forgiveness was bought
With the precious blood
Of Jesus Christ

O come to the altar
The Father's arms
Are open wide
Forgiveness was bought
With the precious blood
Of Jesus Christ

Oh what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful
Sing hallelujah
Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah
Christ is risen

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Apostle's Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration
Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: The Holy Scriptures proclaim that God is "...gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." Be assured that on account of Christ Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross, God forgives you all your sins.

A: Amen.

L: With the Saints of every generation, we proclaim the church's ancient song:

A: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave

it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

How Deep The Father's Love

ALL: How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His Treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away. As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Song: *The Prodigal*

I've been sick and tired
Of being sick and tired
Searing far and wide
For something that feels real
And it's something that feels real

I don't want to lose my soul
Chasing after things that don't
Lead me strait to you

And oh...I'm lost in a feeling
That I ain't from this world
Going back to Eden
Ain't gonna be easy
But it leads me straight to You
Now I'm running home
Like the Prodigal

I don't need the money
I don't want the fame
I don't want what I can't take
With me in the grave

I don't want to lose my soul
Chasing after things that don't
Lead me strait to you

And oh...I'm lost in a feeling
That I ain't from this world
Going back to Eden
Ain't gonna be easy
But it leads me straight to You
Now I'm running home
Like the Prodigal

And oh...I'm lost in a feeling
That I ain't from this world
Going back to Eden
Ain't gonna be easy
But it leads me straight to You
Now I'm running home
Like the Prodigal

I don't want to lose my gaze
When I meet You face to face
Well done, welcome home
Now I'm running home
Like the Prodigal

And oh...I'm lost in a feeling
That I ain't from this world
Going back to Eden
Ain't gonna be easy
But it leads me straight to You
Now I'm running home
Like the Prodigal

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That I ain't from this world
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Sermon Notes

The Church Evangelistic

- ⇒ What is repentance?

- ⇒ What is the good news of the gospel?

- ⇒ What difference does the gospel make in your life?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Pam Morbeck, Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Cly-

mer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman