

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

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LEMMEL
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Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in His
won - der - ful face, won - der - ful face, and the things of earth will grow
strange - ly dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace.



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 25, 2026
10:15 AM

**Inviting People to Journey with Christ's
Family In Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross— as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God's grace and mercy.

**(Indicates the people should stand as they are able.)*

**Welcome and Announcements*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Hymn “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” 2X Back Cover

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
**you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

**We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.**

Turn us to seek your face.

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you.

✝ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.

Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

Amen.

Hymn "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

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THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People; Synod Authorized Minister:
Karen Sparling; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Amber
Sebranek; Acolytes: Confirmation Students

ANNOUNCEMENTS .

The Annual Meeting will be held immediately after the
conclusion of our worship service today.

Please mark your calendar on March 1 to attend a
presentation on "scamming" here at the church.

CALENDAR

Sun. Feb 1	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Bowling Party	Noon

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Amen

Hymn “Lift Every Voice And Sing” ELW#841

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God’s people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Meltesen, Linda, Jeremy Munson, Kristy Gwin Solovey, Gordy O’Rourke, Marilyn O’Rourke, Larry Arndt, Nick Evans, Collin Niedfeldt, Mark Drews, Carol Lydon Fronk, Nikki Fronk Lewis, Ben Bender, Jeff Bruce, Brian, Alice Leis, Jack Arndt, Jim Summerfield, Darlene Diekrager, Diane Hornburger, Mike Escutia.

We ask God to comfort and sustain Joanne Schachtely whose husband Jim passed away this past week. Joanne’s address is 27826 London Rd. Wilton 54670 .

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Allen Roscovious, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Amen.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

FIRST READING

A Reading from Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] 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.

² 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.
³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴ 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.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I
fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall
I be afraid?
⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days
of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and
to seek God in the temple.**
⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and
raise me high upon a rock.
⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who
surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to
the LORD.**
⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the
world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's
table.*

Distribution

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Radiant God,
**we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

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.

***PRAYERS** (Merciful God, receive our prayer.)

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn "As with Gladness Men of Old"
ELW #302, V4

OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

⁸ My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

¹⁰ 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 knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² 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." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

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***GOSPEL READING**

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

The holy gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ 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."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸ 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 fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ 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. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all 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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Karen Sparling

Synod Authorized Minister

Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW#798

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

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