

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.
C: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh, you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. At your invitation to see you more clearly, we gather together in the meal which your Son gave to us.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

P: God is now in flesh, appearing. Come to the feast of joy!
Distribution of Holy Communion
Distribution Hymn
Post-Communion Blessing
Post-Communion Prayer
P: Let us pray.
C: Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.

Distribution Hymn Angels, from the Realms of Glory ELW #275

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.
C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High ELW #857

Dismissal: P: Glory to God in the highest!
C: And peace to God’s people on earth!
P: Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.
C: Thanks be to God.

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”

Sunday, January 4th, 2026; 9:30 am 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.
C: Amen.
P: Trusting in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

C: Reconciling God,
We yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

P: 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!
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: Love Has Come ELW #292

Call to Worship Psalm 147

P: Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
C: For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.
P: He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.
C: He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.
P: He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.
C: He hurls down hail like crumbs-- who can stand before his cold?
P: He sends out his word and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
C: He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

P: He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

First Reading: **Acts 20:7-12** Harley Drew

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. ⁹ A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.” ¹¹ Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. ¹² Meanwhile, they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

Second Reading: **Ephesians 1:3-14**

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia* Dakota Road p. 128

Gospel Reading: **John 1:1-18**

(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ”) ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God, the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known. ¹

(After the reading, P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children’s Message Pastor Josh Schunk

Sermon Pastor Josh Schunk

Hymn of the Day: *Yours, Lord, is the Glory* ELW #849

Nicene Creed
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: *Once in Royal David’s City* ELW #269