

**The Third Sunday After The Epiphany
January 25, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.**



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1. Welcome

2. Opening Hymn #166 “Arise And Shine In Splendor”

1 Arise and shine in splendor, Let night to day surrender;
Thy Light is drawing near. Above thee day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming; The glory of the Lord is here.

2 See earth in darkness lying, The heathen nations dying
In hopeless gloom and night. To Thee the Lord of heaven
Thy Life, thy Hope, hath given Great glory, honor, and delight.

3 The world’s remotest races, Upon whose weary faces
The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with zeal untiring,
With joy the Light desiring That breaks upon them from on high.

4 Lift up thine eyes in wonder; See, nations gather yonder,
They all come unto thee. The world has heard Thy story,
Thy sons come to Thy glory, And daughters haste Thy Light to see.

5 Thy heart will leap for gladness When from the realms of sadness
They come o’er land and sea Thine eyes will wake from slumber
When people without number Come thronging from afar to Thee.

6 See all from Midian coming With camels laden moving,
From Ephah, too, they run, From Sheba...gold all bringing,
And incense with glad singing, The Lord they praise, lo, ev’ryone.

3. Invocation

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

4. The Confession of Sin

Pastor Let us confess our sins:

Congregation Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word, and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

5. The Kyrie - Hymn #34 "Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above"

*Kyrie, God Father in heav'n above, Great art Thou in grace and love
Of all things the Maker and Preserver. Eleison, eleison!*

*Kyrie, O Christ, our King, Salvation for sinners Thou didst bring.
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Our Mediator at the heav'nly throne,
Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison, eleison!*

*Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the most;
Do Thou our last hour bless; Let us leave this sinful world with gladness.
Eleison, eleison!*

6. The Gloria Hymn - Hymn #35 "All Glory Be to God on High" verse 1

*All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;
O thank Him for His goodness!*

7. The Collect for the Day

Pastor Let us pray. O almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all dangers and necessities stretch forth Your mighty hand to defend us against our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

8. Psalm 27:1-9 (read responsively by whole verse)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: 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 inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

9. The Old Testament Lesson – *Isaiah 9:1-4*

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made 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 dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

10. Heritage Choir “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” Praetorius/Kirchner

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter when half-spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, this Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior when half-spent was the night.*

*This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us, And lightens every load,
From sin and death He saves us, And lightens every load.*

11. The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³ Is Christ 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 may 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 preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

12. Chief Hymn #418 “How Fair The Church Of Christ Shall Stand”

1 How fair the Church of Christ shall stand, A beacon light in all the land,
When love and faith all hearts inspire, And all unite in one desire
To be a fam'ly and agree To live in peace and unity.

2 'Tis all in vain that you profess The doctrines of the Church, unless
You live according to your creed, And show your faith by word and deed.
Observe the rule: To others do As you would have them do to you.

3 Resentment, hate, and cruel jest, Must not be harbored in the breast
Where love and charity should dwell; Then think and speak of others well,
Refrain from all that causes strife And mars a truly Christian life.

4 So let your tongue, your heart, and mind Agree to banish ev'ry kind
Of malice, falsehood and disguise, And here on earth a paradise
Of peace and harmony maintain, Where concord and good will shall reign.

5 For God observes our thoughts and deeds, The secrets of our heart He reads;
The wicked cannot be concealed, Their evil ways shall be revealed,
He ev'ry true believer knows, And love and grace on him bestows.

6 My soul, be therefore of good cheer, Though sinners threaten, scoff, and sneer,
Serenely on your way proceed, Nor worldly strife and clamor heed,
For Jesus' sake the cross you bear, And soon with Him the crown shall wear.

7 O gracious God, wilt Thou my heart So fashion in each secret part,
That Thou be sanctified in me, Till Thee in heav'n above I see,
Where holy, holy, holy Lord, We sing to Thee with one accord.

13. The Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:12-23

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. ¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

14. The Creed Hymn #37 "We All Believe In One True God"

1 We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present Help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host,
By whose mighty pow'r alone All is made and wrought and done.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won,
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore'er proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blest and Holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

15. Children's Message

16. The Sermon "United In Christ" 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

17. The Offering

18. The Prayers *prayer requests and general prayers for the needs of all people*

19. The Lord's Prayer (sung by all)

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.

20. The Closing Prayer

Pastor Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed

hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

21. The Benediction

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

22. Closing Hymn #153 “The People Who In Darkness Sat” (verses 1,2,3,7)

1 The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.

2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.

3 For Thou their burden dost remove
And break the tyrant's rod
As in the day when Midian fell
Before the sword of God,
Before the sword of God.

7 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

Announcements

Heritage School Open House – Our annual Open House is today from noon – 2 pm. Please help spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors!

February Newsletter Items – Please send February newsletter items to the office by January 26th.

Women's Bible Study – The Monday Evening Bible Class meets at church at 6:30 pm. Contact Ruth Braun if you would like more information.

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Choir – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. New members are always welcome!

2026 Offering Envelopes – Please pick up your 2026 offering envelopes from the table in the narthex.

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

Cleaning Schedule – Help is needed to clean the sanctuary, narthex and gym. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board if you are able to help out. Thank you!

Budget Update – We have updated the member-giving scorecard through the end of December. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

<u>Member Giving Scorecard</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>
Member General Fund Giving	\$170,837	\$174,264	(\$3,427)	\$360,000
Estate Gift	\$42,200	\$0	\$42,200	\$0
School Deficit Reduction Giving Target	\$12,653	16,059	(\$3,406)	\$32,117
Hike for Heritage	\$17,517	\$0	\$17,517	\$0
Accrued Matching Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Member Giving	\$243,207	\$190,323	\$52,885	\$392,117



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**CHILI
COOK-OFF**



Super Bowl Sunday!

Sunday, February 8th • Right After Church




Get ready for great food, good laughs, and a little friendly competition!
The *In-Reach Board* is excited to host our *Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off* here at Heritage Lutheran.

Bring your *best batch of chili*, your *favorite drink*, and a *board game you love*— and don't forget to invite friends, neighbors, and family to join the fun!



Whether you're a seasoned chili pro or a first-time cooker, we'd love to have you enter!

Come for the worship, stay for the fellowship, and kick off Super Bowl Sunday with warmth, community, and maybe a little spice. 

Hope to see you there!

