

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

arr. Graham Kendrick

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: **Through the Word all things were made; without the Word nothing was made.**

Liturgist: In the Word was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

All: **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

John 1:1-5, 14 adapted

* **All Singing:** **103 "Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 5

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing:** **100 "Jesus, the Light of the World"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

All: For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Liturgist: In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, in accordance with pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has given us in the One he loves.
Ephesians 1:3-6 adapted

All: Even as your children we run away from you; even as those chosen to be holy and blameless we are profane and guilty. Lord have mercy on us.

Silent Confession and Lament

All Singing: 639 “Lord, Have Mercy”

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.

All: With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will – which he purposed in Christ.

Liturgist: And the will of God is this: to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

All: In him we also were chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.

Liturgist: And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. You were marked with a seal, the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Ephesians 1:7-14 adapted

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* **All Singing: 730 “I Want to Walk as a Child of Light”**
Singing verses 1 and 3

Scripture: John 1:9-18

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “God in Flesh”

* **All Singing: 72 “Imagine”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. World Renew

OFFERTORY “One Small Child” with “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Bill Wolaver
“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” John Carter

Eucharist

INSTITUTION THANKSGIVING INVITATION COMMUNION

All Singing: “We will Feast in the House of Zion” Moore/McCracken

**We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

**We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up**

**Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
and from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom**

All Singing: 837 “Let us Break Bread Together”

*** All Singing: 80 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**
Singing verse 3

Sending


*** BENEDICTION**

Postlude: “There Is a Balm in Gilead” arr. Mark Hayes

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Casey Kostelyk
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Kim Ottenhoff
Vocals / Violin:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker	Prayer:	Richard DeJong
Percussion / Ukulele:	Clay Carlson		
Postlude Pianist:	Dorothy Wassenaar		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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