



CROWN OF LIFE | LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1st Sunday after Epiphany

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A Service of Worship and Praise

-We Gather as God's People to Worship Him-

OPENING HYMN

Christian Worship 283

Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening

PLEASE STAND

Minister says: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

-We Lift Up Our Hands and Voices to God-

We sing:

In Moments Like These

In moments like these I sing out a song,
I sing out a love song to Jesus.
In moments like these I lift up my hands,
I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing, "I love you Lord," singing, "I love you Lord;"
Singing, "I love you Lord. I love you."

-We Prepare Our Hearts-

M: We stand here today before our Lord and Maker. He has created us to love Him and serve one another. But we have separated ourselves from Him with our sins. Let us be honest and confess to Him our sins.

C: Merciful Father, I confess that I am a sinner. I make no excuses. I have sinned against you by things I have done and the things I have not done. But I know that Jesus died for me. I stand before you in need of, and trusting in, your forgiveness.

We sing:*I Need Thee Every Hour*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

M: It is my duty and privilege as a called servant of God to announce to you that you are forgiven. You have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ and stand before Him forgiven of all your sins, His child, and an heir of eternal life. Let's thank Him for His amazing grace.

We sing:*He Looked Beyond My Fault*

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise,
For it was grace that bought my liberty.

I do not know just why Christ came to love me so,
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary,
To view the cross where Jesus died for me;

How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul,
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

BE SEATED

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-7

42 "Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
 and he will bring justice to the nations.
2 He will not shout or cry out,
 or raise his voice in the streets.
3 A bruised reed he will not break,
 and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
4 he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
 In his teaching the islands will put their hope."
5 This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
 who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
 who gives breath to its people,
 and life to those who walk on it:
6 "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
 I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
 to be a covenant for the people
 and a light for the Gentiles,
7 to open eyes that are blind,
 to free captives from prison
 and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

We sing:

Order My Steps (v1)

Order my steps in Your Word dear Lord,
 Lead me, guide me, every day,
Send Your anointing, Father, I pray.
 Order my steps in Your word.
Please, order my steps in Your word.

I want to walk worthy, My calling to fulfill.
Please order my steps, Lord, And I'll do Your blessed will,
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.
If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 10:34-38

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

We sing:

Order My Steps (v3)

Bridle my tongue, let my words edify;
Let the words of my mouth be acceptable in Thy sight.
Take charge of my thoughts, both day and night.
Order my steps in Your word.
Please, order my steps in Your word.

I want to walk worthy, My calling to fulfill.
Please order my steps, Lord, And I'll do Your blessed will,
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.
If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

BE SEATED

YOUTH MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christian Worship 81
Arise and Shine in Splendor

SERMON

How Important is Contentment For You?
Luke 3:13-18

¹³ "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?"

He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSTION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell. The third day, He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there, He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

AMEN.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

African-American Heritage Hymnal 307
His Name is Wonderful

PLEASE STAND

PRAYERS

The 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.

M: Brother and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

African-American Heritage Hymnal 219

Brightest and Best

Serving at CoL:	Today	Next Sunday
Music	Katherine, Elijah	Karis, Elijah
Ushers	Gary, Bob	Seth, Mike
Reader	Mike	Elijah
Altar		
Streaming	Noah	Noah
Refreshments		
Cleaning		
Mowing		

CALENDAR

Wednesday	7:00 PM	Online Bible Class	meet.google.com/dpk-rmfe-atx
Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Class, Sunday School	
Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship	
Today	12:30 PM	Council, Ladies Guild	
Jan 18	12:30 PM	2025 Q4 Congregational Meeting	

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“...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
II Corinthians 9:7



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