# Manifest in Prophecy Fulfilment

January 26, 2025



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome, guests! We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services (hymnals are available in the entryway for the hymns), and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register in the entranceway; your information is only for the pastor's records. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS:** Jesus reveals himself as the Anointed one with the Father's authority to proclaim himself as the fulfillment of prophecy. The Word made flesh points to the Word and boldly proclaims, "Fulfillment." This bold proclamation carries joy to the very heart of the body of Christ and emboldens its members to proclaim the same.

**MORNING PRAYER:** Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God now and forever. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN: (ELH) #109

HARK THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOR COMES \*\*Please Stand for The Last Verse\*\*

(p. 60) In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**G** Who made heav'n and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



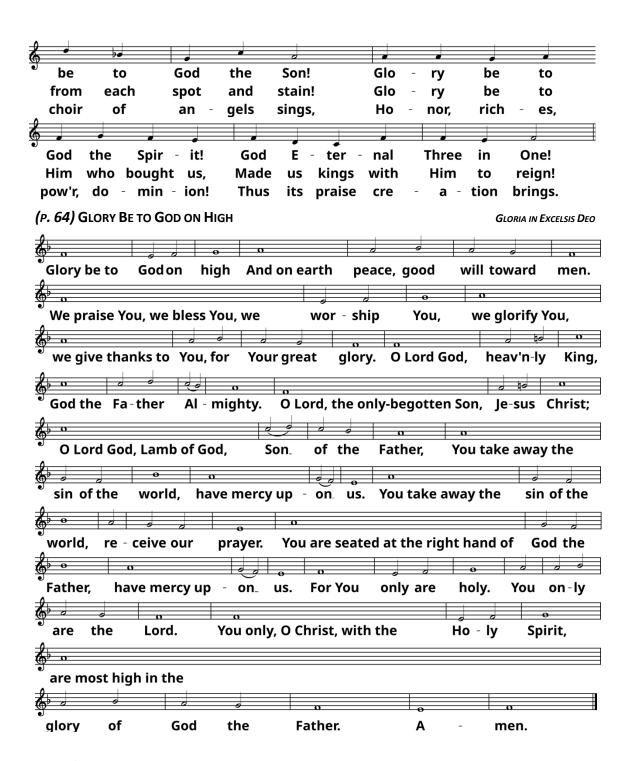
(p.61) Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(p. 62) O most merciful God, You have given your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us for his sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only-begotten Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name, He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.







Let us pray: (p. 150, Collect 24)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God now and forever.



\*\*Please Be Seated\*\*
THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61: 1 – 6

Isaiah speaks for broken hearts and imprisoned souls the Voice of Salvation. The Anointed One proclaims healing and freedom — the restoration of all things. No longer will there be sin and sorrow, but restoration and righteousness.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the afflicted. He sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for those who are bound, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance for our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion, to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, a cloak of praise instead of a faint spirit, so that they will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord to display his beauty.

Then they will rebuild ancient ruins. They will raise up what was formerly devastated, and they will renew ruined cities, which have been devastated for generations. Strangers will stand and shepherd your flock, and foreigners will be your farmers and vinedressers. You will be called the Lord's priests. You will be named ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, and you will boast about their riches.

GRADUAL OF THE DAY: (p. 142, Epiphany 2)

Worship him, all you gods; Zion hears and is glad. The daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments, O Lord. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; the multitude of the isles be glad. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.

The believer is brought to appreciate the unity of the body of Christ. Though different parts, yet each is a part of the one body.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we all were baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free people, and we were all caused to drink one Spirit. Furthermore, the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not part of the body," it does not on that account cease to be part of the body. If the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body," it does not on that account cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has arranged the members in the body, each and every one of them, as he desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need for you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need for you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are much more necessary. As for the parts of the body we consider less honorable, these we provide with more honor. We treat our unpresentable parts with more modesty, whereas our presentable parts have no such need. But God put the body together in a way that gave more honor to the parts that lack it. He did it so that there might not be any division in the body, but that the members might all have the same concern for one another. So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it, or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

You are the body of Christ, and individually you are members of it.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations! Exalt Him, all you people! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Alleluia.



GOSPEL LUKE 4: 14 – 21

All that was promised to Adam and Eve, all that was renewed with the Patriarchs, all that was foretold through Isaiah, all that was passed from generation to generation...is fulfilled. It is no longer a future promise to fainting hearts, blind eyes, and bound souls. It is a promise fulfilled as the Anointed One reveals himself to be the Fulfillment.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. He was teaching in their synagogues and being honored by everyone.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."



Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*\*Please Be Seated\*\*

THE CHIEF HYMN: (ELH)
JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'RE THE SUN

#193





OFFERING: In 2 Corinthians 9: 7, Paul tells us, "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver." This service is our gift to our guests; if you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EPIPHANY

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time, you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts so we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far so that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

#### Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

### Silent prayer.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home, where we will stand in the full light of your glory and, with all your saints and angels, sing the everlasting song of triumph.

#### Amen.

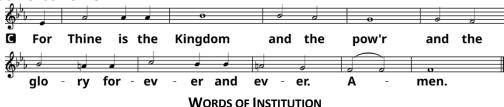


It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we praise You that You sent us Your only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### LORD'S PRAYER

(sung p.77) 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.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

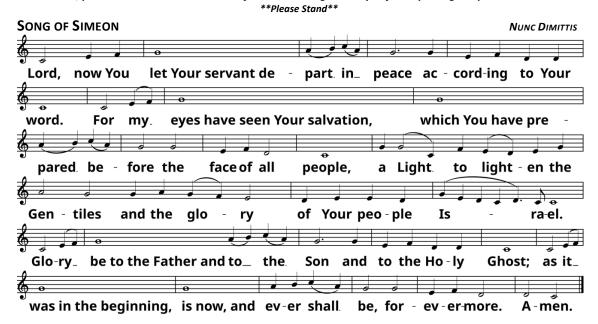
In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament is my (†) blood, which is shed for you and the many, for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.



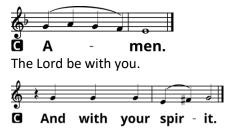
My Hope Is Built

#### DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION — Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.



Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, for refreshing us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that, in Your mercy, You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and fervent toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



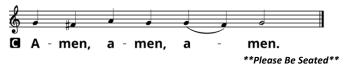
Let us bless the Lord.



The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN:** 

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SEND, O LORD, THY HOLY SPIRIT

# WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational and Voters Meeting:** We will hold a special congregational and voter meeting on Sunday, February 2, immediately following the church service. The council would like the congregation's input on calling a vicar for the July 2025 to May 2026 school year. We will receive input from all baptized members, and then the voter assembly will decide.

**Sunday Bible Study:** Please join us for our Sunday morning Bible Study as we consider the book of Luke. Bring your questions, reading is always optional, and you can come and go as you like. We begin at 9 a.m.

**Midweek Bible Study:** We will resume our midweek Bible study this Tuesday, January 28, at 6 pm at Pastor Emmons' home (4927 SW Yew Pl., Redmond.) We will study the Lutheran confessions for the next few weeks until Lent. What makes us Lutheran? You can also join us from the comfort of your home on Zoom. You can request an invitation if you are unfamiliar with Zoom or join us at:

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057 Password: GraceOT

**Potluck:** We will hold our first potluck of the new year on 16 February. The event will be themed around Valentine's Day, welcoming our newest members.

**Council Position:** In May, our council president, Mitch Breyton, will have served two terms. According to our constitution and by-laws, he is ineligible to serve an additional term. Please consider serving in this capacity. The requirements are as follows: He must be one of the primary signatures on all legal paperwork for our congregation, coordinate all council and voter meetings, and work with the council members to oversee all administrative work of the congregation.

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