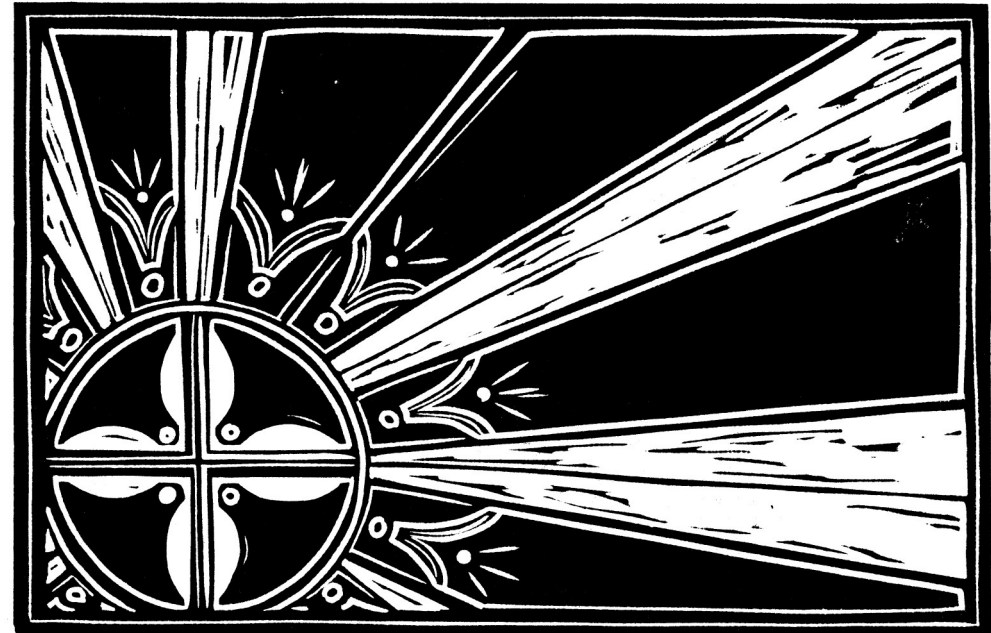


Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026



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Hearing Assistance



A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

Isaiah 9:2-3

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.”

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God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.

The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth,
and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

The Lord is our light and our salvation. We shall not be afraid.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Amen.

*Song: "Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come"

1. Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of God is on you.

**Arise, see, when the earth grows dark, that the Lord will arise upon you,
the Lord will arise upon you.**

*Chorus: Nations will come to Your light, lift up your eyes and see:
we'll gather together and come to You*

and your love will be all that we know. Your love will be all that we know.

2. Arise, come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you.

**Fear not, for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe,
redemption to all who believe. (to chorus)**

*Bridge: The sun will not shine 'cause you'll be all the light that we need,
and violence will end; all the wars that we wage will cease. (2x)*

We will glorify your name, we will glorify your name.

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*Song: "O Gracious Light"

**1. O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone;
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.**

**2. Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night;**

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who dwells in the eternal light.

Chorus: Light of the World, shine on our darkness; holy and blest are you.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker; chorus by Zac Hicks; Music: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis; chorus and arr. by Zac Hicks,
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Communion Songs: "Koinonia"

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"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

Chorus: 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.

1. We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood; up-held, protected, gathered up.

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid;

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one;

And from the garden to the grace, bind us together, bring shalom.

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*The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103:1-4

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Praise the Lord, O my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

We Are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Come, All You Servants of the Lord"

LUYH 924

**Chorus: Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing
the seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!**

**2. The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord! (to chorus)**

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God Meets Us at the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

LUYH 538:1

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Dying he destroyed our death. Rising he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there.

Gluten-free bread is available on the table.

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "The Lord Is My Light"

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We Are Reconciled & Renewed

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

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Prayer for Renewal

Words of Hope: John 1:9,12

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Song: "Let Justice Flow"

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Invitation to Giving

Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Prayers for the Church and World

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Children's Dismissal: "Come, Lord Jesus"

Come, Lord Jesus. (3x) Come and be born in our hearts.

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Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children and can gather in the fellowship hall with the helpers. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

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Message: "Our King Counsels"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Psalm 126"

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;

Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.

Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord