

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Season of Epiphany February 6 & 9, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: There is a good word for you if you are weary.

P: It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.

L: There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.

P: It is the Word of Hope, "Do not be afraid!"

L: There is a good word that needs to be heard.

P: It is the Word of Life, that raises up abundant blessings.

***HYMN:** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" R19/Projected

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Loving God, gather us anew into your net of love. Interrupt whatever overwhelms us with the gift of your renewing grace. Plumb every depth and reveal Your holy abundance. Let it awaken us to what you make possible when we risk answering your invitation to begin again. Gift us with the courage to trust the command of Christ to put out into the deep, even when it doesn't seem to make sense. Answer our trust with Your promised presence, which reveals an ever-new rising. Bless us with this of You as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***RESPONSE & INVITATION:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,
I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 6:1-8

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 138

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: God has come to us in Christ, but we often live as if it made no difference.
Let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Holy One, it is easy to succumb to weariness when our work has seemed to yield little goodness. Hope-crushing night can seem so long. Yet You call us to keep putting out into the deep, facing the reality of our

emptiness. Sometimes it is of our own making. At other times, pressures beyond have submerged us to the point of losing our breath. So we release everything to you. We pray that Your promised forgiveness will continue to be trustworthy and true. Let it raise us up for some work of abundance made possible by your grace. We pray this in the name of the one You raised to life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Friends, hear the words of Jesus, “Do not be afraid!” There is nothing in our past that matters more than what God can do, beginning now. We are forgiven by the one who has endured the depths of death and has risen to ever-new life. Not only are we forgiven, but we are also sent to fish for others, whom God also yearns to gather with the net of holy love. This is the Good News! You can trust it with your life.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 5:1-11

A TIME OF LEARNING: Royal Priesthood Series
“David and the Priestly King”

Projected
with the ABP

*STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

Projected

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Do Lord, oh Do Lord”

with Voices Ala Carte

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

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. And lead us not into temptation,

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Open the Eyes of My Heart” with Maranatha Music Projected

MEDITATION: “Catching People for God”

Rev. Mundell

*HYMN: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

R267/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: Just when he was at his wit’s end, Peter received the command of Christ, to let down his nets into the deep and trust what God can and will do. The result was a net-bursting catch. Jesus revealed the secret of a generous life. It requires trust that God can and will multiply our best efforts for a good deeper and wider than we can imagine. As we bring our gifts to God, may the same spirit that enlivened Jesus and surprised Peter be at work in us. And may it grow in us a deep joy!

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ALL: God of the bursting nets, we thank you for your abundant blessings rising up at every turn. Multiply these gifts and our faith that your good news of life-giving love may stretch wider still. Yes, form us deep in Your heart for this good and gracious work. Amen.

*BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*Postlude



OUR SAVIOUR'S
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 FAITH FAMILY FRIENDSHIP

We welcome all visitors and guests and are glad you can join us for our services.

Large print bulletins and regular bulletins are available in the vestibule and online. If you would like one mailed to you, please let us know.

Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 11:00 am on WRPN, AM station 1600. If there is a problem with the broadcast, please let the Church Office know on Monday morning.

All worship services are livestreamed on our Social Media Platforms and are available to watch at your convenience. If you are viewing from one of our Social Media Platforms, please make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you are worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please let the Church Office know.



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OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM till Noon. There is also a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open.

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Dale Baird, Darwin Schultz, and James Schultz Feb 7, Lucas Page, Matthew Page, Thomas Stellmacher, and Ethan Stibb Feb 9, Linda Graff and Dustin Lawless Feb 11, Trudith Frei Feb 12

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK

Thursday:	In-Person: 8	Livestream: 115	Total: 123
Sunday:	In-Person: 71	Livestream: 158	Total: 229

General Fund: \$2,410.00 OCWM: \$50.00 Capital Improvements: \$369.00

Thank you so much for your continued support of in-person, mailed in, and online contributions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

Audio Operator: Bob Meyer **Liturgist:** Diane Heyn **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2025 Scholarship applications are available in the East Narthex by the presentation monitor, in the church office, or at the countertop directly across from the church office door. Deadline for submission is April 1, 2025, and the applications can be mailed or dropped off at the church office.

OSUCC ANNUAL MEETING

Our OSUCC Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16th at 10:15 am and we encourage all members to participate by attending this important meeting.

Printed copies of the Annual Report document are available for members to take home and review in preparation for the meeting. The reports are available at all the main entrances to the Sanctuary, the Chapel, the East Narthex, and the Church office. Thank you!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

This year's date for Missions Committee's Souper Bowl Sunday is February 9th. Help us, well, at least acknowledge that big football game our Packers aren't in this year (Super Bowl LIX) by donating cans of soup that will help our Ripon community food pantries stay stocked up and our community fed during this chilly winter. We thank you for your help!

2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The 2025 contribution envelopes have been moved onto the bookcase on the far right in the Conference room. Thank you!

MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION

Suggested food items for *February* are:

Oatmeal; breakfast bars; pancake mix; pancake syrup; single serve cereals (used in emergency food bags); canned meats such as SPAM, tuna, or chicken; Hamburger Helper type meals; any fresh fruits and vegetables; canned soups; canned chili; tortillas.



The Ripon Community Food Pantry is now accepting donations of toilet paper, paper towels, boxes of tissues, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and bath soap. They also have a pending grant to meet their 2025 goal of providing fresh milk, eggs, and butter to pantry clients.



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Are you in need of special prayers? Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff, 920-748-2367.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Sandra Badtke, Jim Clausen, Cattibree Dailey, Tara Koller, Sue Meyer, Barb Schultz, Ron Triemstra, Chris Wiegand, and 9 Unspoken.

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

Ash Wednesday is March 5th and during the next five Wednesday 6:30 pm mid-week Lenten services we will be studying the Apostle Paul's first letter to his understudy, Timothy. 1 Timothy focuses on Paul's instructions to Timothy to help him deal with conflict in the church in Ephesus.

- Week 1: "Timothy's Commission and Paul's Poems"
- Week 2: Instructions to live by (Prayer and Leadership)
- Week 3: More Instructions to Live by (How to be Good Ministers)
- Week 4: Duties Toward Believers (How we Talk to One Another)
- Week 5: Final Instructions to the church and Timothy

Please join us for this interesting Lenten study series!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Feb. 6	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
Sun.	Feb. 9	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary - Souper Bowl Sunday 10:15 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Altar Guild 10:30 am - Adult Education
Mon.	Feb. 10	6:15 pm - Puppet Practice 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting
Tues.	Feb. 11	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Grace Lutheran 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting
Wed.	Feb. 12	6:00 pm - Audit Meeting in the Conference Room

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thur.	Feb. 13	9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily 9:30 am - Called to Care Committee Meeting 5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice 6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel
Sat.	Feb. 15	Messenger Article Deadline 10:00 am - Private Baptism
Sun.	Feb. 16	9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - OSUCC Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary 10:15 am - Sunday School
Mon.	Feb. 17	4:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - Christian Ed Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice
Tues.	Feb. 18	5:30 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal at Immanuel Methodist 5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting



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