

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Season of Epiphany February 5 & 8, 2026

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*\* All who are able please stand*

*L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude

Accompanists: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L: Shout it out—no holding back!**

**P: There is truth that needs to be spoken.**

**L: Let the people rise and hear it.**

**P: We are listening. We stand ready.**

**L: Shout to the weary, the overlooked, the worn-thin:**

**P: With courage, we gather. With voices, we speak words of life.**

**L: Shout to the hearts carrying hidden weight,**

**P: The Holy One meets us here in our honesty.**

**L: Shout to the systems that press people down,**

**P: Their power is not the final word.**

**L: A new song is rising—**

**P: A song that frees, A rhythm that restores, A melody of reparation.**

**L: Shout to the builders, the dreamers, the stubbornly hopeful:**

**P: The time has come for burdens to lift, For the grip of harm to loosen, For the rebuilding what has been broken.**

**L: Come, Beloved Community, Come. bring your resolve, your compassion, your wide-awake faith.**

**All: Let us worship the God who calls us to remove every yoke.**

**\*HYMN: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

**R232/Projected**

**\*INVOCATION**

***ALL: Calling Voice That Won't Be Silenced, we come into this moment carrying the weight of our days—the strain we feel in our bodies, the struggle we witness in our neighbors, the burdens that press on our shared life. Draw near to us now. Gather our scattered breath. Steady our trembling places. Kindle in us a courage that does not look away. You are the One who refuses empty rituals and meets us instead in acts of mercy, in the work of lifting burdens, in the rebuilding of what has been harmed. Open us now—open our hearts to compassion, open our imaginations to repair, open our hands to the work of freeing one another. Let this time be honest, let this gathering be brave, and let your Spirit move among us with***

*the power to uproot what harms and to plant what heals. We are here. Speak to us. Lead us. Remake us for your justice and joy. Amen.*

\*RESPONSE & INVITATION: “Alleluia” by Jerry Sinclair

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 58:1-9a

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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.

\*CONFESSION OF SIN

*ALL: Calling the Presence who knows our hidden places, we admit that we have not always chosen the path that frees. We have stayed silent when truth asked for our voice; we have protected our comfort when compassion asked for our hands; we have waited for others to do the work you entrusted to us. Loosen our resistance, lift the habits that keep us from seeing one another clearly, and break the patterns that bind us to what harms. Teach us the courage to act with mercy. Teach us the discipline of repair. Teach us the way of releasing what we cling to so that others may breathe more easily. Let this moment mark a turning—a turning toward your justice, a turning toward your tenderness, a turning toward the shared life you imagine for us. In your grace, make us new. Amen.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Be of good courage, for God sent the Word into the world not to judge but to save. I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ: Your sin is forgiven.

**P: Through the power of the Spirit, let us live as children of God. Amen.**

(Let us bless one another with the peace of Christ)

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:13-20

A TIME OF LEARNING: Matthew 5:14 Light

Projected

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Wherever Love is” by B. Sirchio

Sunday School Puppeteers

\*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**

**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: “Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly” by Pat Barrett      Projected**

**MEDITATION: “Light Breaking Forth”      Rev. Mundell**

**HYMN:      “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”      R88/Projected**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

**L: Faithful Friends of God, the prophets tell us that devotion is revealed in the way we lighten each other’s load—right here, in our streets and neighborhoods, where strain is real and hope needs partners. When we give, we join the work of lifting burdens and repairing the places we call home. Let our offering be simple and true: open hands, willing hearts, and commitment to our shared life. Let us give.**

**\*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: Calling Voice Who Leads Us Toward Freedom, we give thanks for every gift offered today—for open hands, willing hearts, and the courage to imagine a shared life made whole. Bless what we have brought. Carry us forward in your work with gratitude deep enough to shape the world we are building together. 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**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 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.*

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

Our Sunday Service is broadcast via radio at 10:50 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 a drop box adjacent to the office door if you need to drop off items when the office is not open, or you can use the mail slot in the North Narthex if the building doors are all locked.

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***Dale Baird, Darwin Schultz, and James Schultz Feb 7, Lukas Page, Matthew Page, Tom Stellmacher, and Ethan Stibb Feb 9, Maryann Klettke Feb 10, Carol Blattner and Linda Graff Feb 11***

**ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LAST WEEK**

Thursday:	In-Person: 9	Livestream: 184	Total: 193
Sunday :	In-Person: 67	Livestream: 161	Total: 228

General Fund: \$3,777.00                      OCWM: \$214.50                      Capital Improvements: \$499.50

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM**

**A/V:** Bob Meyer/Kelly Mundell                      **Liturgist:** Jeremy Schouten                      **Musician:** Nicole Burdick

**MEMORIAL GIFT THANK YOU**

We received a generous memorial gift to our Technology Fund In Memory of Walter “Votch” & Leona (Gatzke) Wahoske and Eugene & Lorraine (Wahoske) Jess given by Connie Jess Wahoske.

**OSUCC ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual Meeting will be February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary and is open to all, though only members of the church are able to vote. We encourage you to attend this meeting.

Thank you to all the committees and groups who have submitted their reports on time! Copies of the Annual Report are available in the East Narthex and by the Sanctuary doors for you to take home and review. If you are homebound, let the church office know and we’ll arrange to get a copy out to you.

**DAVINCI’S LIVING LAST SUPPER**

Maundy Thursday is April 2<sup>nd</sup> and this year Grace Lutheran and OSUCC are collaborating to do a living Last Supper production based on DaVinci’s beautiful painting of the event. This will take the place of a Maundy Thursday worship service and will be held at Grace Lutheran at 6:30 pm.

We are looking for 6 or more volunteers from OSUCC who are interested in being a disciple in the Last Supper or who would like to help with the production (lights, curtain, audio, makeup, costumes, etc.). Please email Jeremy Schouten, jcscooter78@gmail.com, as soon as possible if you are interested in being a disciple or production help. Thank you so much!

## LADIES GOING TO WINTER WILD WOMENS WEEKEND

We're planning a quick get together after Sunday's worship service in the sanctuary to talk about carpooling up to Moon Beach, answer any questions, tips on what to pack, etc. for those who haven't gone before. All who are going are welcome to join the conversation!

## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Are you a member of OSUCC and a graduating high school senior planning to attend college or a tech school, or are you a post high school member who is already attending college or who would like to enroll in a tech school? If so, we might be able to help.

The 2026 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. Applications must be submitted to the attention of the Scholarship Committee by Wednesday, April 1, 2026, either by mail or by dropping them off in our church office. Thank you!

## 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:*** *Sharri Dailey, Tara Koller, Emily McGuire, Ron Prellwitz, Mark Sabel, Barb Schultz, and 14 Unspoken.*

## MISSIONS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We provide donations to both the Ripon Area Food Pantry and the Ripon Community Food Pantry. The items you donate are divided between the two.



*Suggested items for February are:* Canned tuna, chicken, salmon; peanut butter; oatmeal; rice; pasta; pasta sauces; single serve cereals, apple sauce, etc.; dried fruits; boxed cereals; instant potatoes; protein bars; crackers; canned vegetables, fruit, stew, beans, chili; Hamburger Helper; Mac & Cheese; shelf-stable milk; flour; white sugar; condiments; salad dressings; cooking oil.

Thank you for your support of our local area food pantries!



### QR CODES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Please feel free to use either of these two scannable QR codes with your Smart Phone.



### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

- Thur. Feb 5 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sun. Feb 8 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
**10:00 am - Altar Guild Meeting**  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
10:30 am - Adult Christian Ed  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Mon. Feb 9 6:15 pm - Puppet Practice  
**6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting**
- Tues. Feb 10 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Grace Lutheran  
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting

### **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

- Thur. Feb 12 9:00 am - Mind, Body, Soul Clinic with Nurse Emily  
**9:30 am - Called to Care Meeting**  
5:15 pm - Senior Choir Practice  
6:30 pm - Worship Service in the Chapel  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Sun. Feb 15 9:00 am - Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
**10:00 am - Our Saviour's UCC Annual Meeting (open to all)**  
6:30 pm - Lego Multiverse Team
- Mon. Feb 16 **4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting**  
**5:30 pm - Christian Ed Meeting**  
6:15 pm - Puppet Practice  
**6:30 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting**
- Tues. Feb 17 5:00 pm - Sharing Table Community Meal - Immanuel UMC  
**5:30 pm - Missions Committee Meeting**  
6:30 pm - Pack 3735 Den Meeting
- Wed. Feb 18 **6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sat. Feb 21 **March Messenger Deadline for Articles**