

St. Peter's Anglican Church
Loveland, CO

HOLY EUCHARIST
1st Sunday of Epiphany

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



January 11, 2026

Prelude

Processional: On This Clear Night - H #87

On this clear night, led by a star
Much brighter than the rest,
Wise Gentiles travel west to see
God's Wisdom manifest:
Emmanuel has come to earth
In human vesture dressed.

Incense and gold they give to him,
The King whom Herod fears.
To those who see the Light of lights,
Salvation now appears,
Ordained before all times,
Until the fullness of the years.

The boy Messiah's wisdom
In the temple soon is heard,
The wond'ring scribes astonished
By God's flesh encompassed Word,
More powerful, more piercing,
Than a soul dividing sword.

In Jordan, God's beloved Son
Fulfills all righteousness,
Baptized by John the prophet
Crying in the wilderness,
"Prepare a highway for our God,
The way of holiness."

Thus marked the Groom-to-be
As guest performs a wondrous sign;
At wedding feast, the Word made flesh
Turns water into wine.
The best has been withheld till now:
The fruit of Christ the Vine.

To one born blind, the world's
True Light reveals a radiant sight:
The vision of his kingdom, coming
Into earth's dark night.
Unto his saints, once blind to Truth,
The healer shows his might.

Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations,
People: That my salvation may reach to the end
of the earth.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy
Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon/Priest: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is
the first and great commandment. And the second is
like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On
these two commandments depend all the Law and the
Prophets.

- Matthew 22:37-40

The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy upon us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father,
Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Celebrant: Let us pray:

Collect for the Day

Celebrant: Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(The people may sit.)

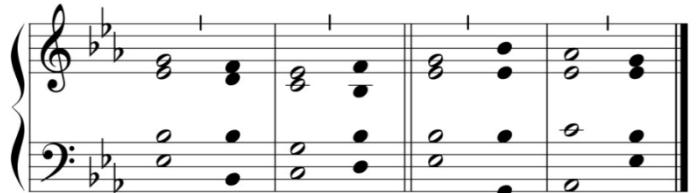
The First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. 5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89:20-29



20 I have found David my servant; |
with my holy oil have I anointed him. ||
21 My hand shall hold him | fast,
and my arm shall | strengthen him. ||
22 The enemy shall not be able to do him | violence;
the son of wickedness shall not | hurt him. ||
23 I will smite his foes before his | face |
and strike down those who | hate him. ||
24 My faithfulness and my mercy shall be | with him,
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted. ||
25 I will give him dominion over the | sea,
and with his right hand shall he rule the |
rivers. ||
26 He shall say to me, “You are my | Father, |
my God, and the rock of my salvation.” ||
27 And I will make him my firstborn, |
higher than the kings of the earth. ||
28 My mercy will I keep for him for ever, |
and my covenant shall stand fast with him. ||
29 His seed will I make to endure for ever |
and his throne as the days of heaven. ||

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever A-men.*

The Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-38

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies – H #92 (V. 1 & 2)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Deacon or Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies – H #92 (V. 3)

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine;
Scatter all mine unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

The Sermon

Deacon or Priest: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

***All:* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon or Priest: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

Intercessor: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one

God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For our Archbishop; for our Bishops; for our Rector, Father Matt Rucker, and for our assisting clergy: Father Bill Easterling, and Deacon Larry Doyle. We pray also for our Seminarian, Joel, and for those in formation and discernment, Seth and Anthony.

(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our President and our Governor. Give them a discerning heart and a wise mind to lead and serve as God desires. We also pray for those in our armed forces serving our country both home and abroad.

(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

(Additional petitions may be made during this moment of silence.)

Deacon or Priest: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Deacon or Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *I John 2:1-2*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

The Offering

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”.
Ephesians 5:2

(Please stand as you are able.)

Offertory: Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters – H #258

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters
Where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
Bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
Compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
Holy Dove and heart’s delight.

We, who bring them, long for nurture;
By your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
Cup of blessing, Living Bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
Free from sin and all its snares,
One with Christ in living, dying,
By your Spirit, children, heirs.

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
Waterwashed and Spirit born.
By your grace our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God transform!

The Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(Proper Preface) Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #785

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest*

(The people may kneel, stand, or sit.)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.****

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)

Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Agnus Dei – S # 786

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.*

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(You may kneel, stand, or sit during Communion.)

Communion Hymns

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life into me.

Holy Spirit, come, abide within;
May your joy be seen in all I do:
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought, and deed, and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth;
Cause your Church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

Saw You Never in the Twilight – H #86

Saw you never, in the twilight,
When the sun had left the skies,
Up in heav'n the clear stars shining
Thro' the gloom, like silver eyes?
So of old the wise men, watching,
Saw a little stranger star,
And they knew the King was given,
And they followed it from far.

Heard you never of the story:
How they crossed the desert wild,
Journey'd on by plain and mountain,
Till they found the holy child?
How they open'd all their treasure,
Kneeling to that infant King;
Gave the gold and fragrant incense;
Gave the myrrh in offering?

Know ye not that lowly baby
Was the bright and Morning Star,
He who came to light the Gentiles,
And the darken'd isles afar?
And we, too, may seek his cradle;
There our hearts' best treasures bring:
Love, and faith, and true devotion
For our Savior, God, and King.

Brightest And Best - Getty & Skaggs

Hail blessed morn, see the great Mediator
Down from the regions of glory descend
Shepherds go worship the babe in a manger
Lo, for a guard the bright angels attend

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion
Fragrance of Edom and offrings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Refrain:

*Brightest and best of sons of the morning
Dawn on our darkness and lend us
Thine aid Star in the East, the horizon adorning
Guide where our infant Redeemer was laid*

Vainly we offer each ample oblation
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure
Richer by far is the heart's adoration
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor
(Refrain)

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops were shining
Low lies His bed with the beasts of the stall
Angels adore Him, in slumbers reclining
Wise men and shepherds before Him do fall
(Refrain)

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional: Crashing Waters at Creation – H #252

Crashing waters at creation,
Ordered by the Spirit's breath,
First to witness day's beginning
From the brightness of night's death.
Parting water stood and trembled
As the captives passed on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage
Channel to a life made new.
Cleansing water once at Jordan

Closed around the One foretold,
Opened to reveal the glory
Ever new and ever old.
Living water, never ending,
Quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal,
Drench our dryness, make us whole.

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest: Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Announcements for this Week – January 11, 2026

Office Closed January 20-27

Fr. Matt will be resting with his family from January 20-27, and the office will be closed during this time.

Adult Formation for Epiphany and Lent: Understanding Sin, Grace, and Forgiveness

No aspect of Christian faith is more central, difficult to understand, and – at times – controversial than the call to enemy love in the form of forgiveness and repentance. Before and during the season of Lent, Fr. Matt will be leading an adult education series to better understand what forgiveness and reconciliation mean, and crucially, what they do not mean. By looking closely at the biblical and theological principles behind forgiveness and reconciliation, we will explore hard questions about reconciliation like what forgiveness means for victims, whether forgiveness is mandatory, the role of church discipline in forgiveness, and how to put all of it in practice. The series will run from February 1 through March 22 with a week off for the first Sunday in Lent.

Crew Dinners

Crew Dinners are going to resume this spring starting in February and lasting through April. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex and if anyone has any questions, please contact Doug or Kathleen Edmiston. If you have participated previously, please sign up again so we have an accurate number to schedule.

Lenten Soup and Poetry Groups

During the season of Lent, St. Peter's will have small groups meet to read and discuss sacred poetry over soup and bread. If you are interested in leading a small group, or being part of a small group, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, contact the office, or Fr. Matt.

Slammin' Famine Is Coming Soon! February 14, 2026, from 12 noon - 2 p.m.!

St. Peter's Anglican is again planning to be "Slammin Famine" at the Ranch Events Center in Loveland in February! Slammin' Famine has set their Loveland Packing event for the weekend of February 13-15, 2026. We have submitted our application as a sponsor group and have been scheduled for Saturday, February 14! Our shift will be from 12 noon until 2 p.m. We have asked for 20 spaces for St. Peter's. The shift includes a brief orientation, packing meal packages with ingredients that have staved off starvation for millions worldwide (Including Disaster Areas in the U.S.!), and a quick clean-up for the next shift after us. Most importantly each shift can offer prayers for the efforts of this congregation, organization, and all who have a hand making sure the meals reach those in need.

Kathy Porter will head up taking reservations for volunteers. She can be reached at 970-217-3331 or leadmaremom@yahoo.com.

2026 Calendars Available

The 2026 ACNA Church Year Guide is available for sale in the Narthex for \$3.00/each.

EVERY WEEK:

Wednesday Bible Study – Bible Study at St. Peter's at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays

Thursday Bible Study – Bible Study over ZOOM at 7:00 AM on Thursdays