

# Misquoted:

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to Handle*

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2 Corinthians 1:3-11

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**January 4, 2026 - 9:30 A.M**

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## We Enter God's Presence

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: *"Shout to the Lord"*

*"King of My Heart"*

Confession and Assurance

Song of Assurance: *"It is Well with My Soul"*

Intercessory Prayer: Pastor Brad

Offering received for: 1) General Fund

2) Community Christian School

## We Hear God's Word

Children's Message: Nicole Hoffman

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Message: **Misquoted: "Too Much to Handle"**

Prayer of Application

Song of Application: *"In Christ Alone"*

## We Depart with God's Blessing

God's Parting Blessing

Parting Song: *"Majesty"*



# Sermon Notes:

## **Thank you for worshiping with us today!**

- ◆ If you're a visitor with us, we welcome you in the name of Christ and invite you to fill out the card in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We would love to reach out to you and get to know you better!
- ◆ Nursery care for infants through age two is available during our service.
- ◆ Children in Worship is available for children ages 3-1st grade. Kids will be invited up front for a children's message, and will then be excused.
- ◆ Activity bags for small children are available near the office.
- ◆ Hearing enhancers are available in the Sound Booth.
- ◆ As a courtesy, please switch your cell phones off or to silent mode.

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come.*

*The old has gone, the new is here!”*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

As our Heavenly Father again shows his faithfulness to us during the new year, may we respond in faithfulness to Him with a life of grateful obedience and service. Welcome to worship!

“Is that really in the Bible??” This morning **Pastor Brad** begins a six part sermon series entitled ‘Misquoted’, diving deeper into common phrases that are often misused. His first message, “Too Much to Handle”, comes from 2 Corinthians 1:3-11.



Next week we will take a closer look at “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves” with the help of Matthew 6 and Romans 5. We will also be commissioning our GAP team as they prepare to travel to Guatemala.

**Today Devotionals, Prayer Guides, and one-year Bible reading plans** are all still available in the foyer. If you’ve wanted to read the entire Bible, but it seems like a daunting undertaking, this reading plan breaks the Bible down into manageable portions.

**SNL** resumes next Sunday! Kid’s Club, GEMS, Cadets, and Pastor Brad’s adult class will all begin at 3:00. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break!

The second offerings for the month of January will be taken as follows:

- January 4- Community Christian School
- January 11- Perrin Werner, Missionary to Japan
- January 18- Rum River Life Choices Center
- January 25- 125 Campaign



## Our Church Family

We wish a very happy birthday to:

>**Joyce Kiel**, celebrating 97 years TODAY!

>**Jean Droogsma**, celebrating 99 years on Saturday, January 10!

>**Myra Minks**, celebrating 80 years on Saturday, January 10!

Please be in prayer for **Paul Totzke** as he submits to heart evaluations.

Continue to be in prayer for **Sarah Timmer** as she recovers at home after being admitted to the Crosby Hospital last week for bronchitis, asthma, and a viral infection.

Please keep **Carissa Toberman** in your prayers as she recently completed an angiogram and MRI to determine the effectiveness of her 2 brain surgeries in 2025. Please pray that they both produce positive results.

*“Dear church family, thank you so much for all the holiday wishes! Pleasant thoughts ran through my mind as I read each card. My heart is still in the Peace church! I celebrated the holidays with my family; we all miss Jim so much. I am doing quite well, but have had a few challenges in the past month. I have new cancer spots on my spine. I’m waiting for MRI and biopsy reports so we can move forward with a new chemo treatment plan. I covet your prayers! I pray for God’s richest blessing for each of you in the New Year!” ~Joanne Vedders*

**Men’s Timeout** will meet on Saturday, January 17, at 8:00 a.m. Enjoy a hot breakfast and hear from featured speaker Mike Pluimer, grandson of Harold and Alice Pluimer, son of Den and Sherri. Mike is an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Duluth, with a PhD in civil engineering. He has written and presented many research papers on infrastructure design and strength (bridges, dams, airports, water systems, roads, etc.) He has also completed in marathons and Ironman competitions, and we are privileged to have him join us. Please bring a friend!



**Thrive Faith Formation Tip-** Epiphany (January 6)

reminds us that Jesus was revealed to the Magi, who were considered outsiders and seekers. This week ask God to show you someone who might feel like an outsider or seeker. How can you reflect Christ’s light and love to them? Sometimes the simplest act—an invitation, a kind word, a prayer—can be a guiding light in a weary world. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](https://crcna.org/Thrive)

## Calendar for the Week

### Sunday, January 4

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

### Wednesday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Coffee in the Fireside Room

6:00 p.m. Coffee Break

6:30 p.m. REC Jr.

7:45 p.m. REC

### Thursday, January 8

7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

## Upcoming Events

- January 11- Sunday Night Live
- January 12- Mission Society
- January 13- Women's Crafting Group
- January 13- Administrative Team Meeting
- January 15- Leadership Roundtable
- January 17- Men's Timeout
- January 20- Shepherding Team Meeting

## Community Announcements

Join **This Side of Heaven** today at 3:00 p.m. for a country-gospel singalong at the Milaca E. Free Church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.



**Epiphany** season begins on January 6. The liturgical year celebrates the life of Christ, and epiphany, which means “manifestation” commemorates Christ’s revelation to the Gentile world as symbolized by the visit of the Magi with their three crowns on the pulpit parament. The “good news” of the gospel made manifest to all the nations of the world is represented by green, the color of life and growth. The circle on the pulpit parament represents the earth across which the gospel message must travel. The four colors represent the four directions in which the gospel is sent to circle the globe. Like the Magi, may the light of Christ lead your way as you follow Him in the coming year.

## Opportunities To Serve

**Sound Board Today, January 4:** Jeff Hanenburg

**Next Sunday, January 11:** Bernie Boldt

**Media Today, January 4:** Anita Hubers

**Next Sunday, January 11:** Anita Hubers

**Livestream Today, January 4:** Carrie Rosenberg

**Next Sunday, January 11:** Damian Patnode

**Greeters Today, January 4:**

**East Door:** Morris Droogsma

**West Door:** Kevin & Kristi Santema

**Next Sunday, January 11:**

**East Door:** Keith & Keri Cook

**West Door:** Harly & Pauline Pap

**Ushers Today, January 4:**

**East:** Jim Santema

**Center:** Diana Krueger

**West:** Duane Droogsma

**Next Sunday, January 11:**

**East:** Mike Larsen

**Center:** Ron & Bonnie Homstad

**West:** Laura Broberg

**Nursery Today, January 4:**

**Leaders:** Julie Jaunich, Sara Swanson

**Helpers:** Londyn Theisen, Elava Hoffman

**Next Sunday, January 11:**

**Leaders:** Kristin Bierma, Beth Sumner

**Helpers:** Keslyn Hoyez, Amelia Schluender



**Children's Church Today, January 4:**

**Little Lambs:** *"Who is this Child?"*

**Leader:** Peggy Timmer

**Greeter:** Josh T., Mallery V.

**Worship Center:** *"Jesus is Baptized"*

**Leader:** Haley Hemmerich

**Greeter:** Kinsley Hoyez

**Sunday School:** *Christmas Lesson 2*

**2nd & 3rd:** Julee Moorlag, Heather V.

**4th & 5th:** Jackee Bekius

**Children's Church Next Sunday, January 11:**

**Little Lambs:** *"Follow Me!"*

**Leader:** Barb Goslinga

**Greeter:** Max & Ty Patnode

**Worship Center:** *"The Great Pearl"*

**Leader:** Michelle Schluender

**Greeter:** Otto Hjort

**Sunday School:** *Quarter 5/Unit 3, Week 2*

**2nd & 3rd:** Keri Cook, Mariah Schreur

**4th & 5th:** Bonnie Ash

## **2026 Administrative Team**

**Elders:** Jeff Hanenburg—President  
Kevin Santema—Vice President  
George Droogsma—Clerk

**Deacons:** Keith Cook—President  
Joelle Hjort—Vice President  
Char De Kraker—Secretary

## **2026 Shepherding Teams**

**Red:** Sam Pearson, Darick Kvien, Hope Vermeer  
**Yellow:** George Hemmerich, Dylan Ash, Cindy Hemmerich  
**Purple:** Dick Ritzema, Curt Hanenburg, Char Burklund  
**Orange:** Phil Van De Riet, Jennifer Elton, Peggy Swenson  
**Blue:** Barb Goslinga, John Teeler, Shirley Geurkink  
**Green:** Tom Patten, Ian Thompson, Kris Kiel



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