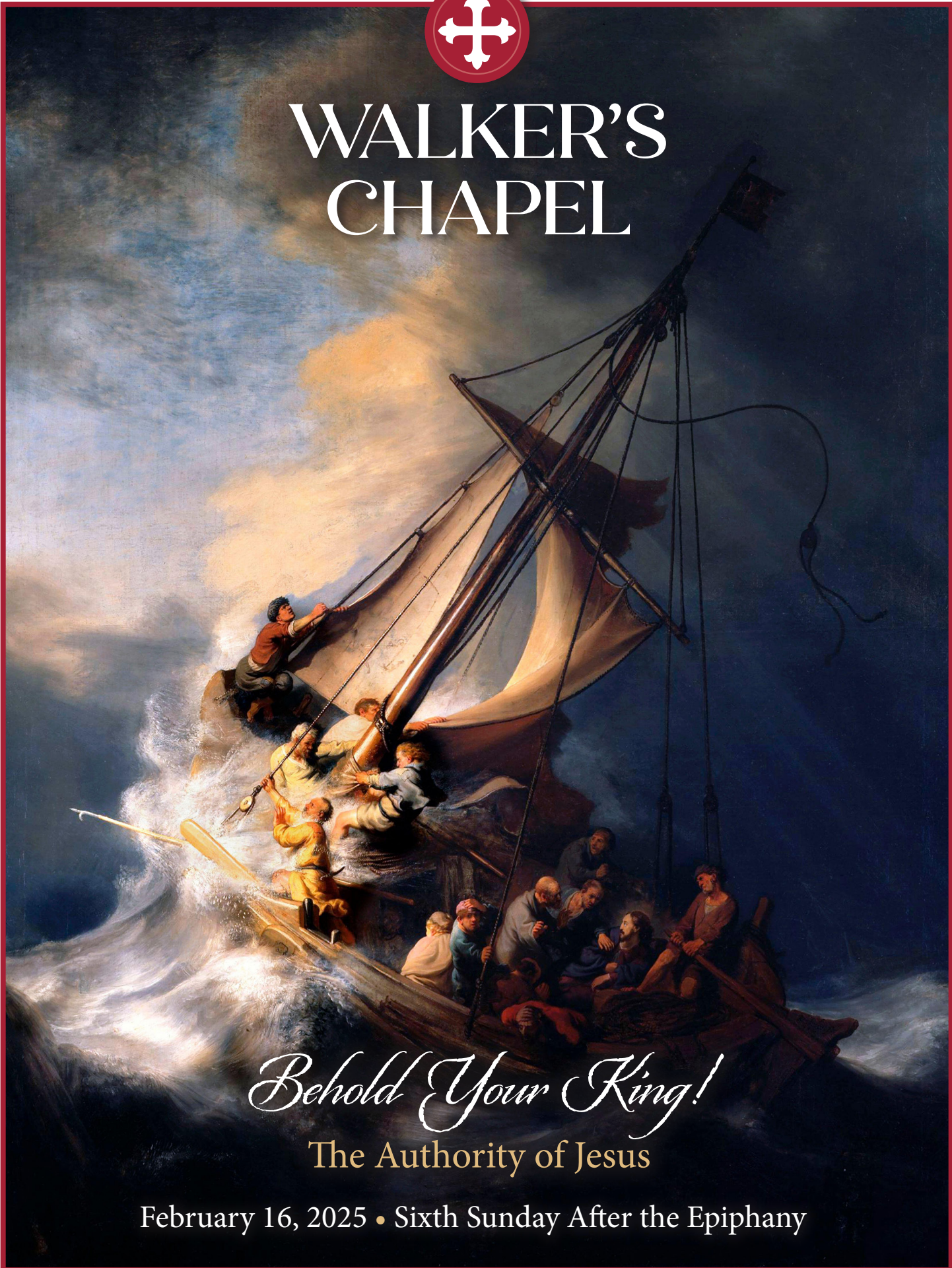




# WALKER'S CHAPEL



*Behold Your King!*

The Authority of Jesus

February 16, 2025 • Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany



## Service of Worship

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### *Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation*

#### *Words of Greeting*

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

### **God Calls His People and Reveals Himself**

*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

#### *Call to Worship • Psalm 103:1-5; 20-22*

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. . . . Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!”

#### *Invocation*

*Hymn of Praise • Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymnal, 53)*

### **God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation**

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God’s favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

#### *Prayer of Confession • based on Matthew 8-10*

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, You have all authority in heaven and on earth, yet we often fail to submit to You as Lord over our lives.

**People:** **Forgive us, Lord, for trusting in our own strength instead of submitting to Your righteous authority.**

**Leader:** You rebuked the winds and the sea, and they obeyed You, yet we are slow to trust You in the storms of our lives.

**People:** **We confess our fear and lack of faith. Teach us to trust in Your perfect peace.**

**Leader:** You have authority over sickness and disease, yet we often look to help from other sources before turning to You.

**People:** **Forgive us for doubting Your power to heal, restore, and sustain us in all things.**

Leader: You have authority to forgive sins, yet we often struggle to accept Your grace and to extend it to others.

People: **Forgive us for our hardness of heart. Teach us to receive and give mercy freely.**

Leader: Help us to submit to your authority in all things so that we may please you as the stewards of all You have entrusted to us.

People: **Give us the grace to rest in Your authority, Your power, and Your love. Amen.**

### *Silent Prayers of Confession*

#### *Assurance of Pardon • Psalm 103:8-12*

“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” **Amen.**

#### *Hymn of Faith • The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

1. The King of love my Shep-herd is, whose good-ness fail-eth nev -  
2. Where streams of liv-ing wa - ter flow, my ran-somed soul He lead -  
3. Per - verse and fool-ish, oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord be - side  
5. And so through all the length of days, Thy good-ness fail-eth nev -

er; I noth - ing lack if I am His, and He is mine for - ev - er.  
eth; and where the ver-dant pas-tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
me; and on His shoul-der gent - ly laid, and home re - joic - ing brought me.  
me; Thy rod and staff my com-fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
er; Good Shep-herd, may I sing Thy praise with - in Thy house for - ev - er.

## God Teaches Us Through His Word

*Scripture Reading • Matthew 8:5-13; 23-27; 9:2-8*

When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment. . . .

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?” . . .

And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – he then said to the paralytic – “Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

### *Sermon*

*The Authority of Jesus – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor*

## God’s People Respond in Grateful Praise

*Hymn of Faith • Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Hymnal, 508)*

*Profession of Faith • Colossians 1:15-18*

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.”

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### 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 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. *Amen*

### God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

### Hymn of Commitment • May the Mind of Christ My Savior (Hymnal, 644)

#### Benediction • Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. *Amen.*”

#### O Thou in Whose Presence

Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I  
know the sweet sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for  
Thou art my All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - jice.

Text: Joseph Swain, *Redemption, a Poem in Five Books*, 1791; Music: DAVIS, Freeman Lewis, 1813.

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