

2nd of Epiphany — January 18, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Absolution

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L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Children's Sermon

Apostolic Greeting

ELW Pg. 147

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all. C And also with you.

Glory to God

ELW Pg. 148

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

People: 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 on 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.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me.² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."⁵ And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 40: 1-11 *chanted*

¹ I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD,
who stooped to me and¹ heard my cry.

² The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the¹ miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my¹ footing sure.

³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust¹ in the LORD.

⁴ Happy are they who trust¹ in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who¹ follow lies.

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com-¹ pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than¹ I can count.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do¹ not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have¹ not required.

⁷ And so I said, "Here I¹ am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ-¹ ten of me:

⁸ I love to do your will,¹ O my God;
your law is¹ deep within me.'"

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the¹ great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O¹ LORD, you know.

¹⁰ I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your
faithfulness and¹ your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the¹ great assembly.

¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas-¹ sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually¹ keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

ELW Pg. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 3rd Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter). This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Just As I Am Without One Plea

ELW 592

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

Prayers of the Church

L: Called to become disciples and followers of Jesus, let us raise our intercessions for our neighbors and ourselves. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For all across the centuries and throughout the nations who have heeded Christ's call to choose his path of love, forgiveness, compassion, and peace, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For all who have power to influence the course of events, that they, too, may be shaped by a spirit of wisdom, mercy, honesty, and humility, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For nature's wonders, and for a passion to preserve and sustain a world fit for human thriving, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For children, our own and those we do not know, that they may be spared the worst of adult abuse and neglect, and be able to enjoy the life God intended for all people, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For any needs that weigh on your hearts this day, in speech or in silence.....Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

AM: For thankful and generous hearts, that in our sharing, we may be blessed, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer**

L: For all these, and whatever else is beneficial for us and our neighbors, we seek your divine care, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer Amen**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The offering is received

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic church,
the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

Anthem: Tender Mercies Words and Music Travis Boyd

Your tender mercies are ever new. You show compassion in all you do. With loving kindness, you speak the truth. And I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from you. Your word is steadfast, your love is true. You show great wisdom in all you do. Your Spirit guides me the whole day through. And I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from you. Oh, the wonder of a love so deep and strong! Oh, the miracle of grace so free! I can only stand amazed at all you've done to save someone like me. Your tender mercies are ever new. You show compassion in all you do. With loving kindness, you speak the truth. And I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from you, come from you. Lord, I thank you for the tender mercies that could only come from you.

Offertory Hymn

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – page 152

L The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
L Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is chanted.

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus Pg. 152

C 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 Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

Agnus Dei Pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Shout to the Lord

ELW 821

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.
C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Thank you for coming.

May God's peace be yours today.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens	Gail Lavoie	Paul Smith	F.C.H.
Connie Aparo	John Lewis	John Sproat	Stephan
Phil Bascetta	David Little	Dana & George Steele	Jason R
Charlie Blakeslee	Rebecca Little	Jennifer Stella	Diane L.
Kathleen Bowler	Amy & Dave Louen	Deb & Jon Sterling	Holly L.
Cherie Brown	Kari Machowski		Al & Mary
Sharon Cable	Mary Ellen Mackinnon	Tom Sterling Sr.	Isaac
Kathy Ann Campbell	Jerry MacManus	RuthAnn Stone	
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Irene Madore	Patricia Switzer	Friends and Family
Carol Cianciolo	Audrey Marquard	Gloria Thibault	of
Ann Combs	Abigail Marine	Andy Thomas	Jamel Bonello
Leif Dallaire	Richard Marine	Julia Thompson Carroll	
Emily Decker	Janis Martin	Susan Tycienski	Our Nursing Home Members
Linda Dellano	Gil & Marilyn Martin	Lucille Videlto	Dee Gammon
Carla Derrickson	Gladys Medina	Carol Vrlik	Midge Rosenbeck
Winifried Diorio	Michael Meyers	Eveyln Walters	Judy Schaller
Irene Douglas	Kate Merrow	Steve Warner	Ernest Marquard
J.J. Eby	Colin Moore	Sue Watkins	Mae Fay
Judy Elliott	Brigitte Mueller	Kim Weissman	Francine Ahrens
Diane Engle	Bob Murphy	Renee Woodard	Betty Hilton
Walt Esker	Barbara Nalette	\Bruce Yauney	Walter Joray
Jan Eucalitto	Karen Ness	Clayton Young	Our Military Friends
Jennifer Ezzo	Tom O'Brien	Clarence & Priscilla	Lord Jesus, Savior of the
Weston Faith	Lea Orriola & family	Ed	World and King of Peace,
Bruce & Liz Falls	Karen Pagano	Jen O.	watch over our sons and
Tommy Fitzpatrick	Russell Palmer	Jaiden	daughters in the service of
Bob Frantz	Maria Payne	Steve	their Country. Protect them
Ashley Friday	Lisa & Dennis Polzun	Lou W.	from the physical and moral
John Fox	Caroline Quintal	Steve	dangers. Keep them close to
Joan Gerard	Leisa Radzins	Todd	you and help them live the
Danise Hall	Ed & Susan Regner	Robert K.	commandments. Lord, Jesus
Jack & Barbara Heintz	Gordon Richard	Terry	give them courage to serve
Brayden Herzberg	Jonathan Richard	Joe	their country with honor and
Renate Higgins	Louise Roche	Carol G.	dignity. Be with them when
Charles Hilton	Baerbel Roehl	Kristen & Jared	they are in danger; strengthen
Kathleen Hilton	Patricia & Richard	Vinny	them when they face hardship.
Shannon Hilton	Sawitzke	Hagbard	Above all Lord, grant that
Jake Hoadley	Holly Schaff	Carolina	when their service is finished
Sven Holmgren	Rosemary & Otto Schibi	Robert P.	that they may return to us,
Erma Horn	Denae Seelye	Peanut	sound in mind, body and soul.
Eunice Jones	Sara Seelye	Colleen	Amen.
Rusty Judd	Matt Simpson	Ken	
Colin Keeley	Lori Sola	Kathy	Tyler Quinn
Marilyn Killingbeck	Dana Steele	Jaxson	Eric Beyus
Jason Lashbrook	Sigrid Smitley	Gail	Major Zachary Fulton

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Council	1/19	7 pm
Breakfast	1/21	8:30 am
WELCA game night	1/23	6 pm
Install Council Service	1/25	10 am

Grinder Sale forms available in the Narthex

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays
10:00 am

Wednesdays

Tai Chi 11:00 am
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

**Offerings Summary:
We are resetting for 2026!
Stay tuned!**

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In other news...

Please fill out commitment sheets if you have not done so already.

If you can share food for those in need, we would be grateful. The food will be distributed between the social service agencies in our area.

Sunday helper rotation for 2026- Anyone who would like to do any of the roles - Asst Min, Comm Asst, usher, slides, healer - should contact Pastor via email, text, or sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found in the Narthex. We will find a convenient date early next year to welcome you during worship.

Our new website is up. Please check it out. It should help you stay informed. If you have suggestions for any improvements, please let us know. We are working on adding a calendar with all the meeting dates of committees, groups and other events that are happening.

Bulletins - The full text bulletin is intended for those who have trouble following the service with only the monitors. The abbreviated bulletin is sufficient for most members. Also, there is a milk crate under the table near the right choir loft stairs. Please recycle bulletins there, unless you are taking it to someone who would like it. The prayer list, for example, is on both the full and abbreviated bulletin.

Don't forget Name Tags are in the Narthex!

