

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).

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

ELW Hymn 539

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

...Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God’s loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen**

*PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY - “Praise to the Lord” arr. Marian McLaughlin

*OFFERING SONG

“Brightest and Best of the Stars”

ELW Hymn 303 | Verse 1

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

... 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

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...together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

...that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

...all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD’S PRAYER

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At the direction of the usher, please come forward, forming two lines in the center aisle, to stand or kneel at the chancel rail to receive the gift of God’s living Word in bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, and you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All are welcome at this table.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

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“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

ELW Hymn 312

*TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

“How Marvelous God’s Greatness”

ELW Hymn 830

*DISMISSAL

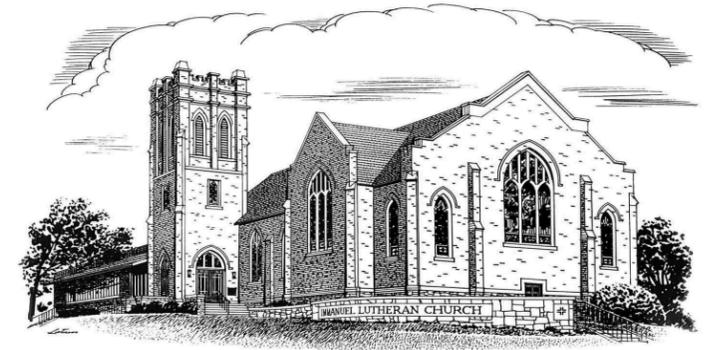
Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn," BWV 601, by J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)
Based on ELW 309

Welcome to Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany



January 18, 2026

10:00 a.m



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(red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

Setting 1 begins on page 94

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*Please stand as you are able

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern," by Johann Ludwig Krebs
(1713-1780)
Based on ELW 308

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
**you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW Hymn 314

***GREETING**

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

***KYRIE**

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***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Glory to God"

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. **Amen.**

WORD

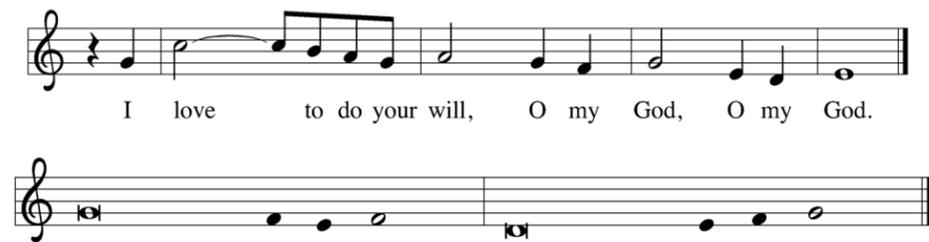
FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

1 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."
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALMODY: Psalm 40:1-11



1 I waited patiently up- | on the Lord,
who stooped to me and | heard my cry.
2 **The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry
clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing
sure.**

3 The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our
God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the Lord.
4 **Happy are they who trust | in the Lord!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.**

R

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your
plans for us, none can be com- | pared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are
more than | I can count.
6 **Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have | not required. R**
7 And so I said, "Here I | am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:
8 **'I love to do your will, | O my God;
your law is | deep within me.'**"
9 I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O | Lord, you know.
10 **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have
spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from
the | great assembly.**
11 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually | keep me safe. **R**

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.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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***GOSPEL: John 1:29-42**

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