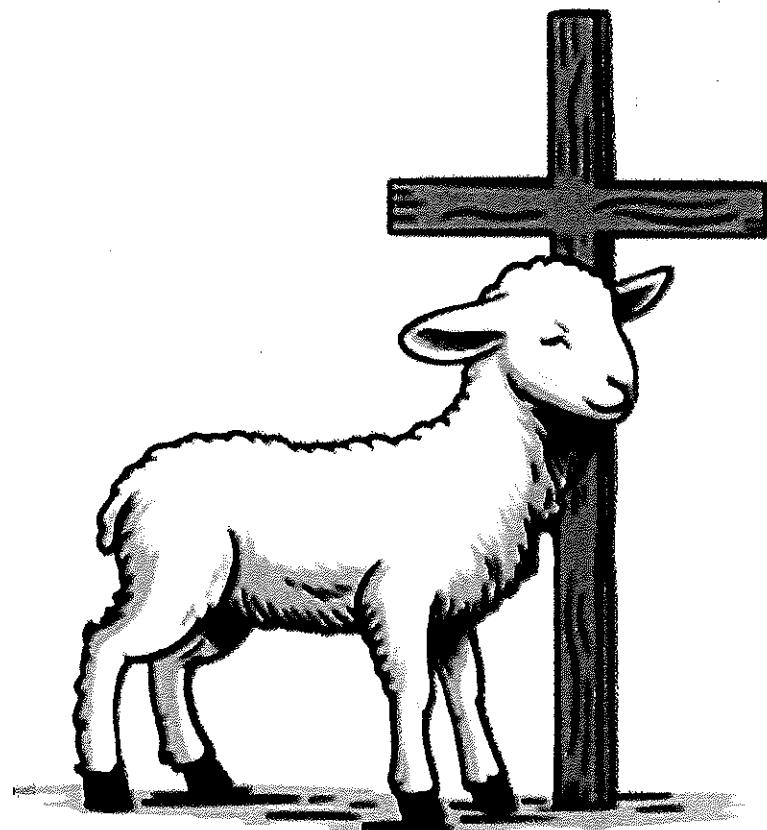


welcome to worship
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 18, 2026 ♦ 10:00 am



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The Rev. Katie Lyon ♦ Deacon Tom Yenser, director of music

The assembly's responses are in bold print.

PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (Part 1)

Buxtehude

WELCOME

Deacon Tom

The assembly stands.

CONFSSION 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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, ...bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN 459

Making Their Way



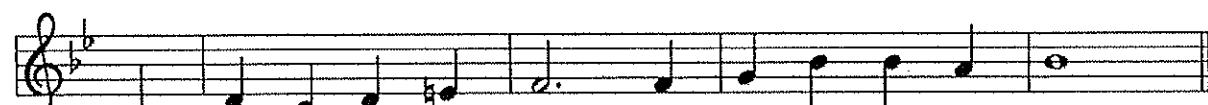
1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris-tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks,
learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Lauryn

READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (The Message)

1 ¹⁻² I, Paul, have been called and sent by Jesus, the Messiah, according to God's plan, along with my friend Sosthenes. I send this letter to you in God's church at Corinth, believers cleaned up by Jesus and set apart for a God-filled life. I include in my greeting all who call out to Jesus, wherever they live. He's their Master as well as ours!

3 May all the gifts and benefits that come from God our Father, and the Master, Jesus Christ, be yours.

4-6 Every time I think of you—and I think of you often!—I thank God for your lives of free and open access to God, given by Jesus. There's no end to what has happened in you—it's beyond speech, beyond knowledge. The evidence of Christ has been clearly verified in your lives.

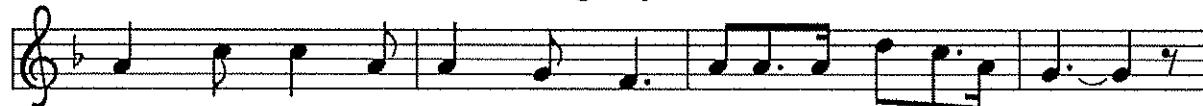
7-9 Just think—you don't need a thing, you've got it all! All God's gifts are right in front of you as you wait expectantly for our Master Jesus to arrive on the scene for the Finale. And not only that, but God himself is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus. He will never give up on you. Never forget that.

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

ACCLAMATION HYMN

Jesus the Light of the World



4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42 (The Message)

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹⁻³¹ The very next day John [the Baptizer] saw Jesus coming toward him and yelled out, “Here he is, God’s Passover Lamb! He forgives the sins of the world! This is the man I’ve been talking about, ‘the One who comes after me but is really ahead of me.’ I knew nothing about who he was—only this: that my task has been to get Israel ready to recognize him as the God-Revealer. That is why I came here baptizing with water, giving you a good bath and scrubbing sins from your life so you can get a fresh start with God.”

³²⁻³⁴ John clinched his witness with this: “I watched the Spirit, like a dove flying down out of the sky, making himself at home in him. I repeat, I know nothing about him except this: The One who authorized me to baptize with water told me, ‘The One on whom you see the Spirit come down and stay, this One will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ That’s exactly what I saw happen, and I’m telling you, there’s no question about it: *This is the Son of God.*”

³⁵⁻³⁶ The next day John was back at his post with two disciples, who were watching. He looked up, saw Jesus walking nearby, and said, “Here he is, God’s Passover Lamb.”

³⁷⁻³⁸ The two disciples heard him and went after Jesus. Jesus looked over his shoulder and said to them, “What are you after?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ He replied, “Come along and see for yourself.”

They came, saw where he was living, and ended up staying with him for the day. It was late afternoon when this happened.

⁴⁰⁻⁴² Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John’s witness and followed Jesus. The first thing he did after finding where Jesus lived was find his own brother, Simon, telling him, “We’ve found the Messiah” (that is, “Christ”). He immediately led him to Jesus.

Jesus took one look up and said, “You’re John’s son, Simon? From now on your name is Cephas” (or Peter, which means “Rock”).

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Tom Scornavacchi

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, source of all life and all love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, fully God, fully human, Savior of the world, the risen King of kings. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the very breath and power of God, sustainer of our life in Christ. We believe in the church, Christ’s body, called to be Love and Light, to pursue justice and show mercy, to proclaim the Good News of Christ, to work for the common good of humanity.

PRAVERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes ... Merciful God, receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude ... in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

If you brought an offering or your pledge card today, please place it in an offering plate that ushers will pass at this time. Thank you for your generous gifts! Did you know you can give using a credit card? Scan the QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY

Jesus Calls Us

Patterson

Atonement Choir | Ellen Bryan, soloist

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his voice is sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still, he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Words by Cecil Frances Alexander

HOLY COMMUNION

Following the words of institution...

Life's greatest feast before us, we excitedly proclaim:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Dear God, you bring light to all peoples, ...your glorious creation both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Atonement. Follow the directions of the ushers to receive bread and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice (in purple cups) from the communion assistants. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the front pew and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to receive communion with their parents' permission.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the attendance pads found in the pews, check in to Atonement on your favorite social media platform, share a photo with your digital community, and say something gentle in the spirit of Jesus!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 336

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (opposite page)*Lamb of God**The assembly stands.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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 308

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright – stanzas 1, 4, 5

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (Part 1) Buxtehude

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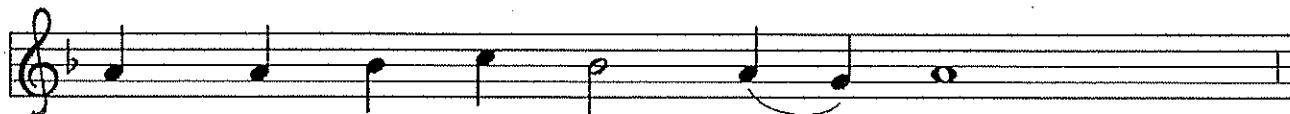
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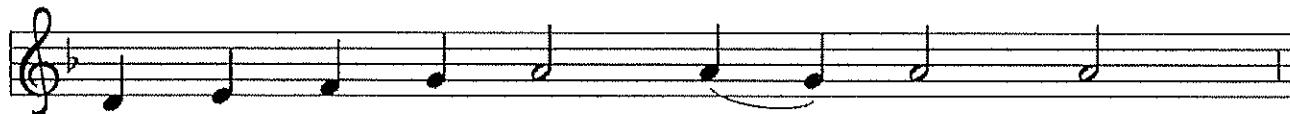
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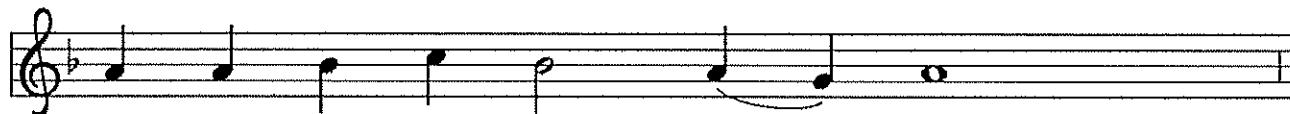
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



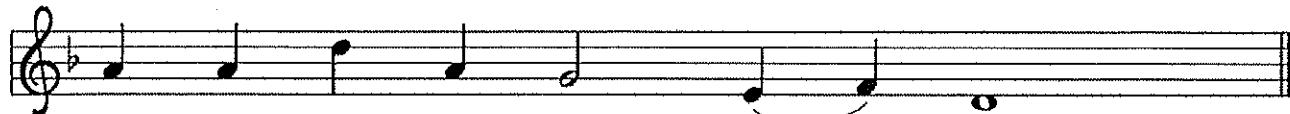
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de -feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

WARMEST WELCOME to this congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We are a Lutheran church, but we're not just for Lutherans—we belong to our community! Together we are on the journey of discipleship with Jesus, who guides us from worship to formation, from formation to fellowship, and from fellowship to Christ-like servanthood.

CHILDREN are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags and children's bulletins are available at the entrance to the worship space. Children from 3 years of age to 2nd grade are invited to experience worship geared just for them—follow the CHILDREN'S CHAPEL leader to the privacy room after the Children's Message. Children will return to their families for communion.

THE NURSERY is available for children preschool age and younger in Room F 126.

HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have trouble hearing the service—ask an usher on your way into the worship space.

RESTROOMS are located in the hall next to the worship space. A FAMILY RESTROOM with a changing table is also located in the Privacy Room at the back of the worship space.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK are Tuesday—Thursday, 10:30am—2:30pm or by appointment. The office will be closed Monday, January 19 in observance of MLK, Jr. Day.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN meets Sunday mornings, 8:45-9:45. Adults meet in room F122, children meet in the choir room.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE COMMUNION CELEBRATION will be held January 25 during 10:00 am worship.

ATONEMENT VOLUNTEERS SERVE AT OPPORTUNITY HOUSE the third Saturday of every month. Contact Bob Eisenbrown at 484-332-8788 if you would like to join the team.

DONATING TO THE COMMUNITY AID THRIFT SHOP can benefit Common Ground. Use the code **50244** when you make a donation.

DONATIONS FOR COMMON GROUND are being collected in the large bin next to the coatroom in the narthex. You can also donate using our Amazon wish list, available by going to atonementwyo.org and selecting Common Ground from the top menu of the home page.

CHILI COOKOFF is February 1, 5-7, cookers arrive at 4:30. Sign up in narthex or email Cara Pepper at peanut623li@msn.com.

GOOD GRIEF, a 10 week grief group at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wernersville will start meeting Monday, January 12, 6-7:30pm in the library. This gathering is for anyone experiencing any kind of loss: divorce, job loss, loss of a loved one. This is a time of comfort and companionship as we provide community with which to journey through times of loss. You are not alone. These gatherings are open to anyone. To sign up call the church office at 610-678-1782 and leave a message with your name, number, and that you will be attending. Trinity's address is: 130 S. Walnut St., Wernersville.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help at Opportunity House's "Souper Bowl" on Monday, February 2. This is one of their main fundraisers each year. If interested, or if you have questions or would like more information, contact Dan Buckley at dtbuck14@gmail.com or 610-207-7747.

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Ron & Tammy Foreman, greeters ♦ Youth Ushers

C. Louise Fair, lector ♦ Tim McGuirk, assisting minister

Eve Kimball, Linda Lord, Oliver Lord, Tracy Ravert, communion assistants

Karl Allmendinger, Thomas Gentry, audio/visual

Ryan & Caitlyn Mullins, nursery ♦ Susan Mehos, altar captain ♦ Matt Lepera, sexton

Atonement Choir

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Lamb of God
Your Only Son



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God,
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
rod and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

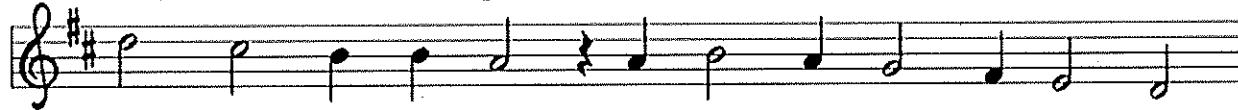
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O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright—

stanzas 1, 4, 5



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,
 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
 all with mu - sic crowned, our yoic - es gai - ly blend - ing!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here
 For Christ goes with us all the way --- to - day, to - mor - row,



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -
 Ev - 'ry day! His love is ne - ver end - ing! Sing out!



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life
 Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion! Tell



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!
 the sto - ry! Praise to Christ, who reigns in glo - ry!