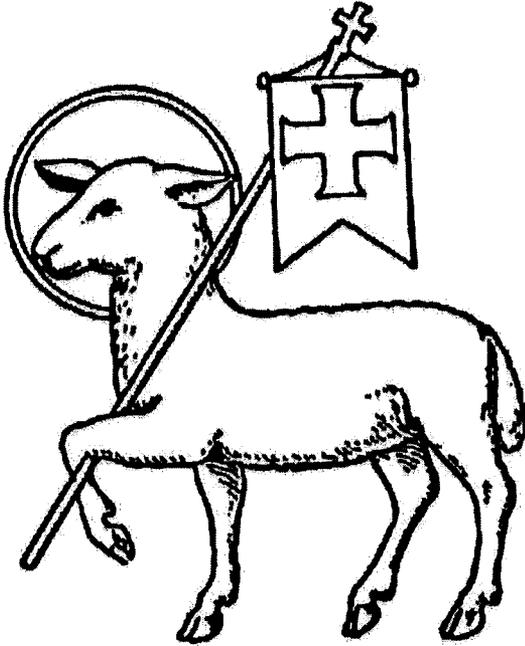


2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 18th, 2026 ~ 8:30am



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WELCOME

(Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Litany

P: Gracious God, You have enriched and enlightened us by the revelation of your eternal Christ.

C: Strengthen us to walk the path of your desire, so that by word and deed, we may manifest the gracious news of your faithfulness and love.

P: Christ who asked the disciples, “What are you looking for,” and offered the invitation to “Come and See,” open our hearts to what You reveal and give us the courage to follow.

C: By Your Spirit aid us in our journey, so that like John, our words and deeds may point to the Lamb of God.

P: For those who are suffering, let us point to Christ through comfort. For those who are hungry, let us point to Christ through bread. For those in the grip of despair, let us point to Christ through hope.

C: Almighty God, grant that your people, illumined by your Word, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known and worshipped to the ends of the earth. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #311

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: 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.**

P: Let us pray. ~ 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 First Reading ~ Isaiah 49: 1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

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.**

Psalm 40 (selective verses, read responsively)

¹ I waited patiently upon 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.

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! ,In your
plans for us, none can be compared 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.**

⁷ And so I said, “Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written 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 compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

The Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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*The Gospel Acclamation



*The Holy Gospel ~ John 1: 29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as His disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

The Holy Gospel according to the 1st chapter of St. John.

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 as Peter).

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

Sermon

*Hymn #696

"Jesus Call Us, O'er the Tumult"

*The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

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; 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.

*The Prayers of Intercession

After each prayer petition, please respond:

Merciful God ... **Receive our prayer.**

Anthem

"O, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



To be remembered in prayer ... Richard Eisenhart, Hope Geary, Emma LaFlamme, Jeanne Logan, Steve Schoepple, Barb Shaneberger, Tyler and Elizabeth, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Joe Ulmer, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones whom we name before God. †

The altar flowers have been sponsored by Alicia Baird
in loving memory of her grandfather,
Alvin Tuomela.



Mark your calendars now for the next “Souper” Bowl,
Basket Raffle, and Bake Sale!

**** Saturday, February 7th ****

9am-12 noon in the fellowship hall

Please look for a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are able to provide soup or baked goods. Thanks!

**Our annual Easter Candy Project will
begin at the end of this month.**



Please contact Nancy Filler at 610-282-1386 if you are interested in helping. Scheduled days may vary from week to week.



Blessing of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer



+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

This morning, the sacrament will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer into the chalice, hand it to the recipient so that they may place it in their own mouth.

Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: The God of all hope fill you with joy and peace, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #866 “We Are Marching in the Light ...”**

***The Dismissal**

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love.♥

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music

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