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January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany



Introduction to the day

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

Food pantry need: cereal and soup
Attendance for January 11.2026 - 24

PRELUDE

please stand if you are able.

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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,
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 SONG

(ELW 314)

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: William H. Walter, 1825–1893

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

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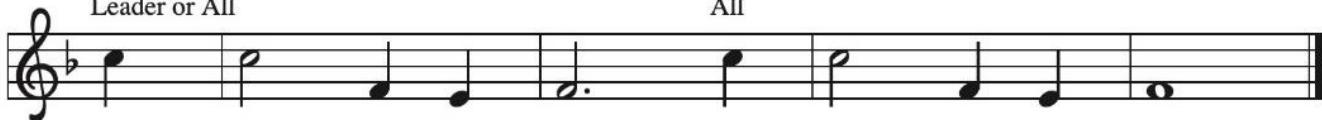


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CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre!
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
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2 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!

2 ¡Gloria a Dios,
gloria a Dios,
gloria a Jesucristo!

3 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!

3 ¡Gloria a Dios,
gloria a Dios,
gloria al Espíritu!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

Word God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

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.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

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 compared 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 compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually ¹ keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

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.

please stand if you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.



Gospel: John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to 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 Peter).

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

please stand if you are able.

Hymn of the Day *Making Their Way* (ACS 979)

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.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclank*, 1626

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PRAIERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. 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 presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then the assembly is seated.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *Come and See* (ACS 976)

Come and See

What are you looking for? Come,
see, come and see. What are you
looking for? Come and see. Come and see.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39

Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Santo, santo, santo, Dio de glo-ria y po-der, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow-er and might,



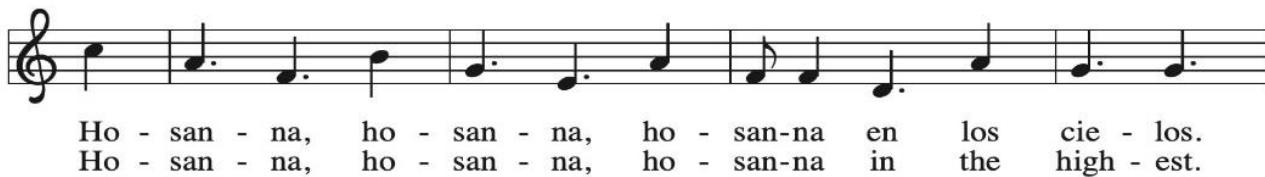
cie-los y tie-rra pro-cla-man tu glo-ria. heav-en and earth . . . are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na en los cie-los.
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.



Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na en los cie-los.
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Ben-di-to a-quel que vie-ne en el nom-bre de Dios.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na en los cie-los.
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. *and each person may respond* Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb .. of God, you .. take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; ... have .. mer - cy up - on us.

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; ... have .. mer - cy up - on us.

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; ... have .. mer - cy up - on us.

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have .. mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - men.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

(ELW 312)

• *Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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 God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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 Song

(ELW 866)

• *We Are Marching in the Light*

Text: South African traditional; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984

Music: South African traditional; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENT

BREAD LOAF OFFERING - JANUARY- Energy Assistance

- Our annual congregational meeting will be held on January 25th right after church service. The church will be providing Fried Chicken and drinks. We will be passing around a sign up sheet for sides and desserts as we get closer to the date. Please put this on your calendar. Thank You
- Food Pantry needs, with the colder weather the need for Soup increases. While we still need Cereal and Peanut Butter, we could also use Soup as well.
- This month's Bread Loaf offering will go to the Whitley County Ministerial Association for energy assistance. This program has been in place for years and has helped many residents in our community that are struggling with energy bills. With the colder temperatures that we had earlier in November and December, their funds are running low. If you have any questions please reach out to Pastor Matt or Joe Freiburger

Weekly Agenda at Grace Lutheran Church

Monday January 19, 2025

Helping hands 12:30 pm
Scouting America Troop 84 6:30 pm
AA 7:30 pm

Tuesday January 20, 2025

T.O.P.S 9:30 am
Care Team 10:30 am
Adelphi group 11:30 am
Staff Meeting 3:40 pm
Cubscouts Pack 3082 Crossover 6:30 pm

Wednesday January 21, 2025

Men's Breakfast 8 am
Pre-k chapel 10:20 am
Pre-k chapel 11 am
Food Pantry 12 pm
Pre-k chapel 12:40 pm
Voucher 4 pm

Thursday January 22, 2026

AA 7:30 pm
Al-non 7:30 pm

Friday January 23, 2026

Pastor's Day Off
Food Pantry 12 pm

Saturday January 24, 2026

Sunday January 25, 2026

Worship @ Hope 8:15 am
Worship @ Grace 10:00 am
Congregational meeting 11:15 am
Fellowship 11:15 am
Girl Scouts 2pm

We have new sign-up sheets in the parish hall, for coffee hour. Coffee hour will be after church service, for anyone that would like to stay.