

Welcome to Worship for
Second Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, January 18, 2026

*All Saints Lutheran
Church*

722 Rockbridge Road | Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. Ashton Roberts, Pastor
John Womack, Director of Music



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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

John Womack

WELCOME

Rev. Ashton Roberts

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 308

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilant!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.

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KYRIE AND GLORIA

Rev. Ashton Roberts

Holy God, + Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,
have mercy on us.

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have mercy on us.

Holy God, + Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,
have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father, + and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever and unto the ages of ages.
Amen.

GREETING

Rev. Ashton Roberts

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Ashton Roberts

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 assembly is seated.

Word

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Mary Kay Kates

- 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."

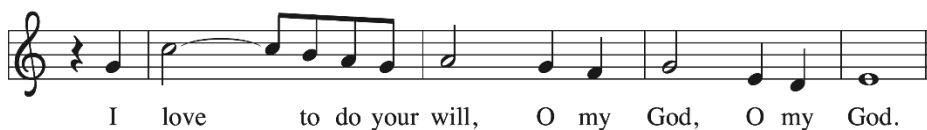
⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-11

John Womack



Psalm 40:8

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- ¹ I waited patiently up- I on the LORD,
who stooped to me and I heard my cry.
- ² **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the I miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my I footing sure.**
- ³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise I to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust I in the LORD.
- ⁴ **Happy are they who trust I in the LORD!**
They do not turn to enemies or to those who I follow lies. R
- 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. R**

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. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Mary Kay Kates

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 READING: John 1:29-42

Rev. Ashton Roberts

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

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The assembly stands.



Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Ashton Roberts

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Mary Kay Kates

The assembly is seated or kneels for prayer.

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.

We offer to you now the concerns of our hearts, either silently or aloud.

Additional Intercessions

Rev. Ashton Roberts

A brief silence

- *We pray for the family and friends of Marilyn and Josh on Josh's passing.*
- *We pray for Sharon; Pinky; Gerry; Keren and family.*
- *We pray for Roger and the Boyer family.*
- *We pray for Kathryn; Todd; Alex; John.*

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

- *We pray for all people of the world impacted by ongoing war, conflict, and uncertainty, especially those caught between Ukraine and Russia; between Israel and Hamas; in South Sudan; in Iran; in Venezuela.*
- *We pray for victims of violence. Help us overcome the darkness that overcomes us.*
- *We pray for schools everywhere, that all students and those who care for them may feel safe and free from fear.*
- *We pray for the newly baptized, for families of all shapes and sizes, and for care and safety for all children and young people.*
- *We pray for justice around the world and here at home, that God may delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.*

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.

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.

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

PEACE

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

I invite you to share a sign of peace with one another.

If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media this week to share the Peace of Christ.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Rev. Ashton Roberts

We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Mary Kay Kates

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.



DIALOGUE

Rev. Ashton Roberts

G C D D/C Bmin Emin C Amin F

The Lord be with you! And al-so with you! Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord!

Bb/D Bb F/A Gmin C7sus4 C

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God! It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Cmin Eb Fsus4 Fmin Db Cmin Ab

On the night He was be-trayed, He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

Eb Ab Cmin Bbsus4 Bb Eb Ab

"Take and eat. This is my bo-dy, gi-ven for you. Take and eat. This is my body,

Cmin Ab Eb Fsus4 Fmin C

gi-ven for you. Do this for the re-mem - brance of me."

Cmin Eb Fsus4 Fmin Db Cmin Ab

On the night He was be-trayed He took the cup gave thanks, and raised it up:

Eb Ab Cmin Bbsus4 Bb Eb Ab

"Take and drink. This is my blood, poured out for you. Take and drink. This is my blood,

Cmin Ab Eb Fsus4 Fmin F

poured out for you. Do this for the re-mem - brance of me."



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name. Thy
king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this
day our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we for-give our debt-ors; and
lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil; for
Thine is the king-dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin
of the world. Have mer - cy on us.
Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Tune: John Tirro

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

The assembly is seated.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mary Kay Kates

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

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

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 ☩ give you peace.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

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 and guide.
you, who are our death and life.

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