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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer on entering church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace Caprice

Paul Fejko

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Hymnal p. 606

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

CONGREGATION GREETINGS

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross (†) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P: In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

CONFESSIO^N¹

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: **who made Heaven and Earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

Hymnal p. 186

P: Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A: (sung) **Lord, have mercy upon us;**
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P: Glory be to God on high,

C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

 We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
 we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
 we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1–7

L: The first reading for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany is from chapter forty-nine of Isaiah.

God's Servant will be a light for the nations.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 40

L: He put a new song in My mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

C: **He put a new song in My mouth, a song of praise to our God.**
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

L: I waited patiently for the Lord;
He inclined to Me and heard My cry.
He drew Me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set My feet upon a rock, making My steps secure.
He put a new song in My mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

**L: He put a new song in My mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

L: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.
Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but You have given Me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

**C: He put a new song in My mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

L: Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of Me:
I desire to do Your will, O my God;
Your law is within My heart."
I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained My lips, as You know, O Lord.
I have not hidden Your deliverance within My heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;
I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation.

**C: He put a new song in My mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

L: As for You, O Lord, You will not restrain Your mercy from Me:
Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve Me!

C: He put a new song in My mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

L: The second reading is from chapter one of 1 Corinthians.

God is faithful; He called you into the fellowship of His Son.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please rise)

Hymnal p. 190

P: Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

cf John 10.27

C: (sung) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29–42a

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. John, chapter one.

C: (sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus invites two disciples to stay with Him.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED²

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the

Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is the World's Redeemer

Hymnal p. 539

Christ is the world's Redeemer, the lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom, our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers, the Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living, our life when we shall die.

Christ has our host surrounded with clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph and fire us for the fight.
Then Christ the cross ascended to save a world undone
And, suff'ring for the sinful, our full redemption won.

Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.

Glory to God the Father, the unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit the perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Lamb of God, Most Holy

Larry Harris

VERSE

Hymnal p. 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is being celebrated in today's service. In preparation for that, please be reminded that the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are not merely representations or symbols of Jesus' body and blood but Jesus' body and blood sacrificed on the cross are present in, with, and under the bread and wine (The Real Presence). How is this possible? This is beyond human understanding, but we remember that with God all things are possible. This truth is a divine mystery instituted by Jesus, taught by his Apostles, fervently held by the Christian church, and one in which we participate through faith. To be properly prepared to receive this sacrament, you must

- 1) Recognize that you have indeed sinned against God and other people and are accountable to God for those sins;
- 2) Be sorry (repentant) for those sins;
- 3) Believe that in this sacrament Jesus bestows forgiveness, life, and salvation; and
- 4) Sincerely desire to live a godly life from this point forward.

If you are not a member of Christ Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor before receiving communion here for the first time. If you choose to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the Lord's Supper, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

PREFACE

Hymnal p. 194

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung)And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung)We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: (sung)It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you in all ways.

C: (sung)Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Prayer before communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Form a line at the communion rail starting at the left side. When the line is half full, begin filling it in from the right side. When invited, approach the rail and kneel/stand. If you want to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, let the worship assistant know as he comes by with the wafers. After communion, exit through the right doorway, place individual communion cups in the tray, and proceed down the stairs back to your seat.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Come, Join in Cana's Feast Hymnal p. 408

**Come, join in Cana's feast Where Christ is honored guest,
He welcomes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.**

The old wine is gone From jars that stand apart.

No longer can it satisfy The yearning, thirsting heart.

But Christ, the word made flesh, Bids water turn to wine.

He fills our empty cups again With grace and truth divine.

**Come, Friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine supplied
By Him who is both guest and host; For us, the crucified.**

**For now He lives and reigns Through all eternity
With Father, Spirit, three in one, The glorious Trinity.**

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The lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*
 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
 So still, His will On our behalf the law to fill. *Refrain*
 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
 He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*
 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
 His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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VOLUNTARY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Dale Wood

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
 according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast prepared
 before the face of all people,
 a light to lighten the Gentiles
 and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
 Amen.

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 C: (sung)and His mercy endureth forever.

COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sung)* **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *(sung)* **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

Hymnal p. 688

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
“All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.”

“I am the light, I light the way
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.

I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.

My heart abounds in lowness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.

My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.

"I teach you how to shun and flee
From sin and its temptation.

What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,

I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His word,
In suffring be undaunted.

For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Prayer after worship: Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccantina on a Gaelic Melody

Martin Ellis

¹The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

³Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: “Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God’s commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word.” (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it! Luke 11:28*

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