

# Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”  
*Second Sunday After Epiphany – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.*  
**January 18, 2026**

## Introduction

*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.*

## Prelude

“Morning Song” (by Ashford)

Gene Fougner, organ solo

## GATHERING

### Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made:

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. *Silence for Reflection*

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

“Arise, Your Light Has Come” (all verses)

**ELW 314**

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

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.**

## God Spottings

### Canticle of Praise

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P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we  
worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: 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.

### Children's Message

### WORD

#### Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

*I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)*

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the Lord,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise <sup>1</sup> to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust <sup>1</sup> in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.' "

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

## Second Reading:

*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 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> 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:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The holy gospel according to ....

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

## Gospel:

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

## John 1:29-42

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Message

**Pastor Tricia Lowe**

## Hymn of the Day

*"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"* (vs. 1 – 4)

**ELW 696**

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

As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

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 please, "Christian, love me more than these."

## Apostles' Creed

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

L: 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.*

L: 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,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: 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 and dangerous weather. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: 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 and bring peace in our time. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

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

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: 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,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: 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. 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace (*Remember to ask for consent*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **Offering/Offertory**

*“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring” (verse 1 & 2)*

**ELW 691**

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.  
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.

The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.  
What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.

## **Offering Prayer**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **MEAL**

**The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)**

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also, with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Preface**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy “sing”**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end...Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined together by the Spirit we share the words that Jesus taught us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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:**

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

## Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn

*“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” (all verses)*

**ELW 312**

Jesus, come! for we invite you, guest and master,  
friend and Lord; now, as once at Cana's wedding,  
speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
doubting, hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into  
paths unknown; bring your gifts, command your servants,  
let us trust in you alone; though your hand may work in  
secret, all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come! in new creation, heaven brought near in  
power divine; give your unexpected glory,  
changing water into wine; rouse the faith of your  
disciples come, our first and greatest Sign!

Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing  
to receive more than we can yet imagine,  
all the best you have to give: let us find your hidden  
riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

## Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### Announcements

### Blessing

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  $\pm$  bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Sending

*“We Are Marching in the Light of God” (vs. 1)*

**ELW 866**

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God,  
we are singing in the light of God.  
We are singing in the light of God,  
we are singing in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are singing, we are singing in the light of God.

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

# ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 25.

## One worship time at 10:00 with meeting following.



As a Congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community, and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

### Members

*Carole Rebholz  
Cheryl & Kevin Miller  
Colleen Bradley  
Deborah Delmastro  
Doris & Roger MacGregor  
Hill Barrington*

*Inge Scholl  
Irene Clute  
Jackie Poling  
Julie Doering  
Mary Watts  
Nancy Renner*

*Ramona Walker  
Ron Eide  
Ryan Intlekofer  
Sue Smith*

### Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

*Anne Northrup*

### Family Members and Friends

*Barbara Freeland – friend of Ellen Rosfeld & Emmanuel  
Bob Renner – husband of Nancy Renner  
Bonnie – friend of Violet Lowe  
Brett Adams – grandson of Isabel Benell  
Carmen Escareno – daughter-in-law of Clara Farmer  
Carol Wade – former member of Emmanuel  
Cassie Goats – sister-in-law of Kimberly Goats  
Curt Harris – friend of Kimberly Goats  
Dan & Carol Cwach – friends of Emmanuel  
Dan Busboom – brother of Roger Busboom  
Douglas – son of Inge Scholl  
Dot Camero – cousin of Wendy Woolley  
Easton, friend of Georgianna Farness  
Ellie – granddaughter of Mary Wakimoto  
Hazel Maldonado – friend of Rosemary Hellene  
Heather White – daughter of Michael & Karen Johnson*

*Jerry Oium – friend of Jackie Poling  
Jim – friend of Ellen Rosfeld  
Juanita Howard – friend of Cheryl Leigh  
Katy Rost – cousin of Kimberly Goats  
Kristin Moraga – daughter of Marcy Pfitzer  
Lori St Louis – daughter of Jackie Poling  
Michael Green – son-in-law of Mary Jensen  
Miranda Rebholz – granddaughter of Jim & Carole Rebholz  
Molly Aulman – friend of Woolley's & Northrup's  
Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn  
Sally Kozuch – sister of Ellen Rosfeld  
Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler  
Shirley Bowman – wife of Wayne Stithem  
Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel  
Wilma – friend of Anita Wagner  
William Bayle – brother-in-law of Phyllis Pohlman*

**CHURCH OFFICE IS STAFFED** Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please call 928-772-4135 about room use availability.

**MISSION OUTREACH** for the month of January **is AZ Children's Association (Child Haven)**. Child Haven is a crisis nursery program that provides services to families with young children. The mission of Child Haven is to empower families to affect change and find solutions to critical issues by providing a unique and vital service, focused on the concept of families helping families.

**NEXT INTERFAITH MEAL** is January 23. If you would like to help, please give the church office a call. Food costs are continuing to go up, if you have a Thrivent Action Card you would like to donate, it would be very much appreciated. Each member is allocated two \$250.00 cards per year. We are now looking for cards for the rest of the 2026 year.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets each Tuesday at 10:00 am on zoom or in person.

**WEDNESDAY 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY** - This study meets in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Larry Gordon and retired Pastor Hal Vogelaar.

**THURSDAY 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY** meets at Rebholz's. Come at 6:30 for dessert.

**GRIEF GROUP** meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. Next meeting is January 22.

**Offering Envelopes** - For years, we routinely ordered Offering Booklets for each member and distributed them towards the end of the year. Quite a few folks give online (Vanco) or through their bank or investment accounts. These are often set up on a monthly recurring basis and reach the church via US Mail or are simply dropped off at the church office.

For 2026, we have not ordered booklets. For a few, who give weekly, a booklet will be handed personally to you. For others, you may use older envelopes you may have. Just ignore the dates. Your offering number will likely have changed, but not to worry, counters will adjust so that you will receive appropriate credit. Periodic reports for your review will be issued as well. Additional envelopes are available, in packs of 10; find them, bundled in red or green yarn on the Narthex table. Envelopes are also in the Sunday Morning Friendship Binder at the end of the pew chairs.

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