

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 am and Livestream



**FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY**  
**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Rev. Drew McCaffery, Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history. Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.



# ✦ GATHERING ✦

## Prelude

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

**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 is kept for reflection.*

**P** *Mighty God, lover of justice,*

**C** **you call us to live 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.**

**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.**



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to  
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,  
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and  
light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are  
go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from  
cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.  
pre - cious in your sight.  
hill to val - ley flow.  
king - dom with - out end.

**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.**

*Please join in singing the refrain, to the tune of O Come all Ye Faithful  
The choir will sing the verses and then, you are invited to sing the final refrain.*

***Refrain: Glory to God, glory in the highest,  
peace to God's people upon the earth.***

***Final refrain: Glory to God, glory in the highest,  
peace to God's people upon the earth.***

***Glory to God, all glory in the highest.***

***O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him.***

***O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** *Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer,*

**C** **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.**

*Please be seated.*

✦ **THE WORD** ✦

**First Reading**

Isaiah 49:1-7

**A** *A reading from Isaiah. <sup>1</sup> 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.*

<sup>2</sup> *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.*

<sup>3</sup> *And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”*

<sup>4</sup> *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.”*

<sup>5</sup> *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—*

<sup>6</sup> *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.”*

<sup>7</sup> *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.”*

**A** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 40:1-11

**A** *<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.*

**C** **<sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

**A** *<sup>3</sup> 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** **<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false  
gods.**

**A** *<sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and  
your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be  
counted.*

**C** **<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me  
an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

**A** *<sup>7</sup> Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.*

**C** **<sup>8</sup> I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.”**

**A** *<sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.*

**C** **<sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your saving help 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.**

**A** *<sup>11</sup> Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.*

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**A** *A reading from first Corinthians. <sup>1</sup> 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.*

**A** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Gospel

John 1:29-42

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter.*

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”<sup>33</sup> 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.’<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this,

*and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> 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?” <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> 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).*

**P** *The Gospel of the Lord.*  
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Drew McCaffery

*Please stand as you are able.*



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

- A** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.*  
**C** **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.**

**A** *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.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A** *Merciful God,*  
**C** **receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** *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.**

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C** **And also with you.**

*After sharing the peace, please be seated.*

**Offering & Anthem**

*Behold the Lamb*

Martin Willet

As the gifts are presented, please stand as you are able.

*Refrain/Estrillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry



*Refrain/Estrillo*  
pul - so de tu a - mor.  
beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.

**A** *Let us pray. God of majesty,*  
**C** **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.**

## ✦ THE EUCHARIST ✦

**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.**

**P** *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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:*



**P** *Almighty Lord we praise your shining light, your glowing grace. From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever. Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might. Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy. We praise your Son, our Morning Star. Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear. He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love. He keeps us yours and fails us never— today, tomorrow, and every day.*

*On the night before his betrayal, he 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.*

*We call for your Spirit on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree, and enlighten us with your undying flame. We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit. Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning, our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love. In your name we pray.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:*

**C** **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.**

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table! Whether you are a member of this church or a visitor, the Communion celebrated here is "open" to all who trust that our Lord Jesus Christ—his true Body and his true Blood—is present for All of God's People.*

*(Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice.)*

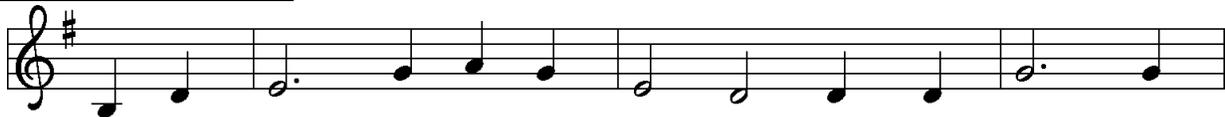
*During the distribution, the following is sung:*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
 2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
 3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

*After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.*

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

**A** *Let us pray. Radiant God,*

**C** **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 ✦

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

**C** **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

No. 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

**A** *Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Pray for Those That Need God's Healing**

*Gail, Phyllis, Paul, Kathy, Donna, Andrea, Al,  
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**SERVING TODAY**

**8:30 a.m.**

**11:00 a.m.**

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