

Welcome to **CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Born of Water & Spirit

Sunday, January 25, 2026
9:30AM

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

We welcome all people to grow in faith
and serve in Jesus' name.



ELCA



PASTOR WELCOME!



Welcome to worship today, we are so blessed to have you with us at Christ the Servant. All are welcome and we want to ensure a safe, sacred, and comfortable experience for everyone who worship with us. Please feel free to touch base with me after worship so we can get to know each other a little better.

Peace - *Pastor Karen Pahl*

Worship Information:

Offering: The offering will take place up front during the communion process. Members will be encouraged to bring their offering up to the plate when coming up to take communion.

We Care Books: Members and visitors are asked to sign the We Care books and pass them along to their neighbors. Feel free to make introductions during the process.

Sharing the Peace: People are encouraged to share and receive the peace in any manner they feel comfortable.

Communion: Communion is offered to all regardless of age or faith tradition and is offered at the rail, you may choose to kneel or stand. The pastor and worship assistant will hand out a communion wafer, which is gluten free, and the communion assistants will hold a tray of communion cups (red liquid is wine and the white liquid is grape juice), so each participant can take the cup of their choice. The pastor, worship assistant, and communion assistants will share the words of promise with anyone who comes forward. If anyone would prefer a blessing, their arms should be crossed in front of their chest. After participating in Communion please discard the empty cup in the basket, located at each side aisle, as you return to your seat.

Children's Activity Bags: if your little ones are looking for something to keep their minds and hands busy during worship there are crayons, coloring books, & notepads in the cloth bags hanging on the small coat rack just outside the Sanctuary doors. Help yourself - you can return the bags following worship.

Nursery: We love to have children with us in worship and their sounds and voices are to be celebrated. We also realize that sometimes the freedom to play is needed and we have a nursery for just those times. Our nursery is unstaffed, but parents may access it any time, while supervising their child/children. The nursery is located down the hallway to the left of the coat closet, the 3rd door on the left, or ask one of our ushers to direct you.

*Congregation reads C: **bolded text.***

▲ = The congregation is invited to stand as able. ▼ = The congregation is invited to sit.

GATHERING

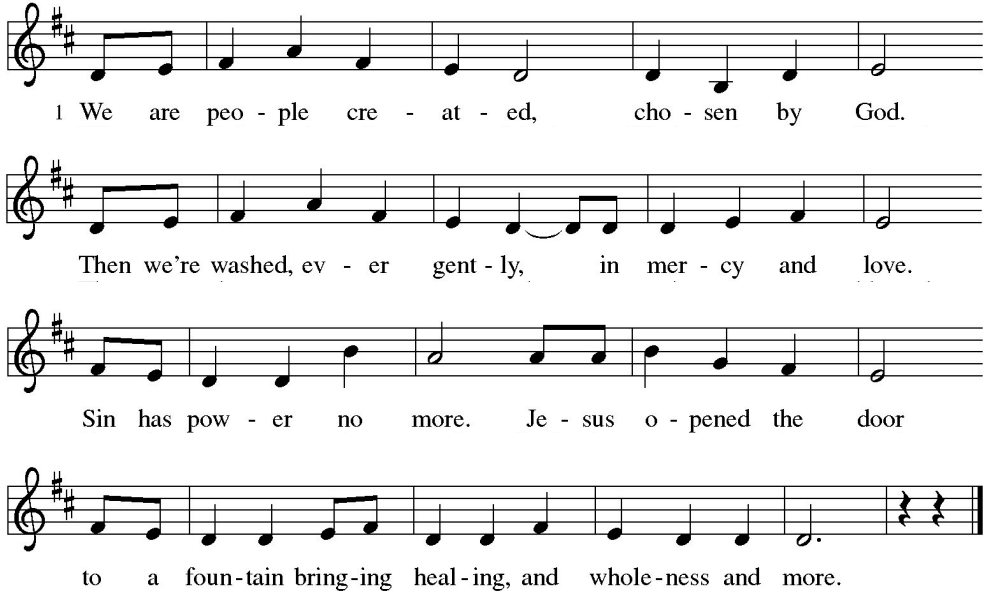
The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Prelude

Welcome

▲ **Hymn**

Baptized and Set Free - ELW 453 vs 1



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.

▲ **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

▲ Thanksgiving for Baptism - Continued

Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with
your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Almighty God,

**who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all
our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy
Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

▲ Hymn

Baptized and Set Free - ELW 453 vs 4

4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.

All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.

Not en-slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

WORD

God speaks in scripture and proclamation

▲ Prayer of the Day

Holy God,

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and make us new creations each day, born again out of your eternal love for us.

Invite us deeper into the mystery of your world-transforming presence, that we might follow you more closely. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

▼ Reading

Psalm 139:13-18

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

▼ Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon



▲ Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace - ELW 779 vs 1, 2, & 4



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

▲ The Creed

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.

We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which justice dwells.

—Belhar Confession, Article 3.1, © 1986, Uniting Reformed Church in South Africa, trans. Office of Theology and Worship, PCUSA, adapt.

▼ Prayers of the People

Trusting in the promise of Jesus' advent among us, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A Brief Silence.

God of revelation, nothing can be hidden from you. Shed light on all the corners of our lives, and make us honest to bring our whole selves to you. God of light,

Hear our prayer.

We are indeed fearfully and wonderfully made, along with your whole creation. Open our eyes to the wonders of this world, and humble us to be taught by all of nature, that we might learn respect and responsibility. God of light,

Hear our prayer.

Open the minds and hearts of all who lead to the differing ideas and needs of all people, that they would find creative solutions to difficult problems, for the benefit of all involved. God of light,

Hear our prayer.

Give us daily chances to be reborn in you. Bless our lives and our loved ones with your healing presence, We especially pray for those we mention out loud, in our hearts, and who are listed on our long-term prayer list.... (pause)...

God of light,

Hear our prayer.

We are by no means the first to question, to wonder, to misunderstand. Generations have done so before us, and have found their peace in you. Join us with all the saints of every age, in your eternal communion where light shines perpetually. God of light,

Hear our prayer.

Other petitions may be offered from prayer journal and others...

WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR: Bob, Channing, Jerri, Whitney, Dick, Shirley and Nestor. God of light,

Hear our prayer.

With confidence in your mercy, we lift these prayers and those of our hearts into your care, through Jesus Christ our light and our life. Amen.

Amen.

▲ **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

▼ **Announcements**

We Care Book *Please sign in the We Care book and pass it down the pew..*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

▲ **Great Thanksgiving**

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.

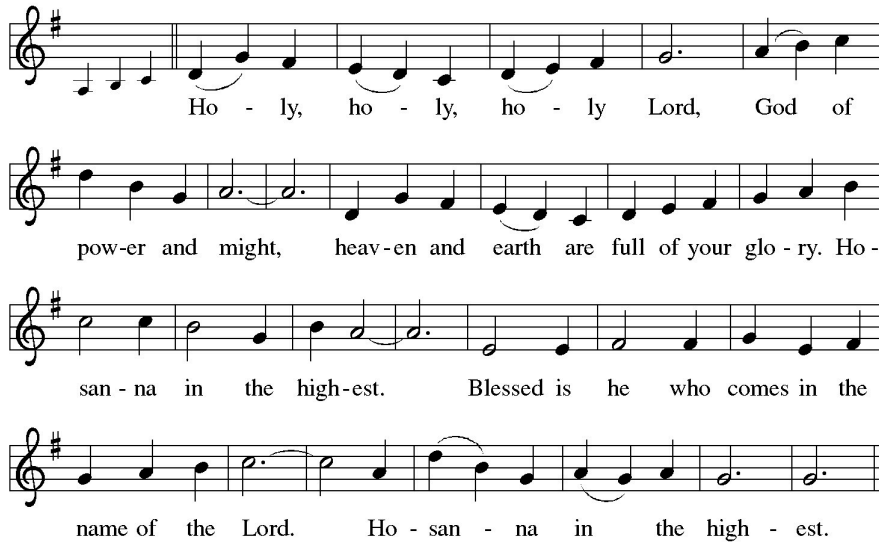
▲ **Preface**

It is our 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:

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▲ Preface - Continued



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

▲ Words of Institution

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.

▲ 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.

▲ Invitation to the Table

We do not need to sneak out to see Jesus in the dead of night. He stands on the mountaintop and proclaims for all to hear, “Come and be fed at this holy table!” Siblings in Christ, this invitation is for you, today and forever.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION: Communion is a gift of God for the people of God, no matter age, faith tradition or where you are on your journey. Ushers will guide each row to the altar, you may kneel or stand by the communion rail. Pastor will hand out the communion bread, which is gluten free, and the deacon will hold a tray of communion cups (red liquid is wine, white liquid is grape juice), each participant will take a cup. If anyone would prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest. Empty cup may be discarded in the basket provided as you return to your seats.

▼ Communion Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly - ELW 461



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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▼ Communion Hymn

Let us Break Bread Together - ELW 471



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



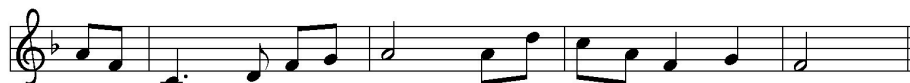
sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

▼ Communion Hymn

I Received the Living God - ELW 477



I re - ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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1 Je-sus said: I am the bread, knead-ed long to give you life;
 2 Je-sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
 3 Je-sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
 4 Je-sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par-take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

▼ Prayer after Communion

Holy God, continue to strengthen us in this week ahead with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ to share his light to all people.

Accept these financial gifts gathered in gratitude for all that you have given us. Bless what we offer here that it might be a blessing to this community and beyond. Amen.

SENDING

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

▲ Blessing

May God Bless you and keep you;
may God's face shine upon you with grace and mercy;
may God look upon you with favor, and ☩ give you peace.

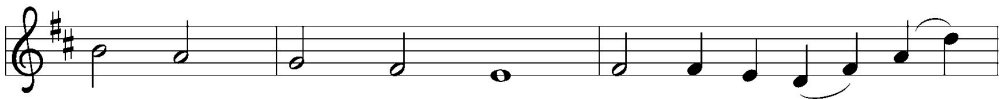
Amen

▲ Sending Song

I Know That My Redeemer Lives- ELW 619



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

▲ Dismissal

Go in peace as:

We welcome all people to grow in faith and serve in Jesus' name.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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THANK YOU TO TODAYS WORSHIP SERVERS

Presiding: Pastor Karen Pahl

Accompanist: Mary Johnson

Worship Assistant: Gracie Walker

Altar Guild: Lynda Schmidt

Usher Team: Jill and Scott Stamn, Kay Styza, Kerry, Ryan, and Hazel Bantz

Tech Team: John and Alec Dethloff, Dave Mulqueen

Plant Sponsorship: Kathy Boehmke - Memory of Cliff Stearns

Vocal Lead: Mike Dutelle

Acolyte: Maddy Mulqueen

Counters: Michele Monroe, Chris Tralongo

PRAYER REQUESTS

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado

If you would like to include someone, or yourself, on our prayer list, you may visit the website at: www.christtheservant.org to fill out a prayer request form.

Or you can send an email to CTSprayerchain@gmail.com.

Those currently on our long term prayer list:

Marilyn Schlei
Dan Williams
Jon Williams
Shirley Haugse

Arlene Stewart
Bob Swanson
Gordon Nowakowski
Chris Tralongo

Dawn Yellen
Jerri Simmert
Joe Frederick
Jim & Linda Saladin

Midge and Bob Bennett
Marty Monfre
Charlotte Winger
Lois and Paul Wegner

We pray for, and thank, all who are currently serving our country and for all veterans who have served.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVERS - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Presiding: Pastor Karen Pahl

Accompanist: Mary Johnson

Worship Assistant: Jo Pirlott

Altar Guild: Chris Tralongo

Usher Team: Linda Lind, Sarah Beck, Joyce Hinojosa, Bob and Marlys Swanson, Kim Dutelle

Tech Team: Jeff Pahl, Adam and AJ Johnson

Plant Sponsorship:

Vocal Lead: Abbi Monfre

Acolyte: Jack Nelson

Counters: Marty Grow, Larry Bornemeier

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See all details in Thursdays email blast - sign up at <http://www.christtheservant.org/stay-in-touchcontact-us>

- 1 CTS Care Group** - We are considering forming a care group to support our congregants who have lost loved ones in the past few years. We will meet around the fireplace following Worship on **February 1st** to determine future gatherings.
- 2 Bible Study - January 28th - The Chosen S5E1** 10:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Sign up to bring soup, etc. will be available at the 6:30 PM study.
- 3 Musical Opportunity** - CTS is looking for lead vocalists/group.
If this is something that interests you please connect with Mary Johnson.
- 4 Two-Part Annual Meeting - February 15th & March 15th** - after worship
Part 1- 2/15 - review reports, vote on new council leaders, approve 2026 budget
Part 2 - 3/15 - review and approve the 2025 financial reports
- 5 Volunteers Needed** - Hope Center's Meal Program - **February 13th**.
4-7 volunteers wanted to help serve and clean up from 5pm-7pm at the Hope Center.
Contact Barb Levenson for details - 262-951-6833.

CTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS - January/February

28 WED

Bible Study Starts - The Chosen S5E1

10:00 AM or 6:30 PM

30 FRI

Joyful Souls

6:30 PM

1 SUN

Worship - 9:30 AM

10:45 AM - Sunday School - 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Confirmation Class

4 WED

Bible Study - The Chosen S5E2

10:00 AM or 6:30 PM

6 FRI

Joyful Souls

6:30 PM

8 SUN

Worship - 9:30 AM

10:45 AM - Sunday School - Youth Group - Hand Chimes Practice

WHO ARE WE

At Christ the Servant we embrace people for who God created them to be, including those from all backgrounds, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, abilities, and economic status. We commit ourselves to advocating for social and environmental justice, racial equity and serving others. We will strive to create a space where everyone feels loved and invited to fully participate in our mission.

Connect with Us

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