

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 18, 2026**

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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**CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\dagger$  one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of peace and justice,  
**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.**

**Amen.**

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  $\dagger$  Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

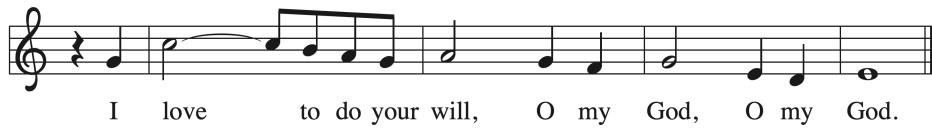
**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11



I love to do your will, O my God, O my God.

<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 to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust 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. R**

<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. R**

<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. R

## SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

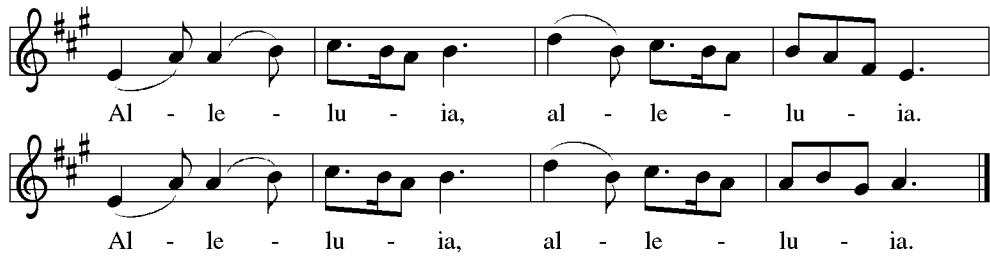
<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

<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).

## SERMON

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Suzanne Bowen

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERTORY

*By Your Hand, You Feed Your People*

vs. 2 and chorus

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## THE 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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### COMMUNION BLESSING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN                   *Come, Though Fount of Every Blessing*                    #807

### THE BLESSING

You have been called and claimed by God!

### SENDING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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*Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia*

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