

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

10am worship

Facebook live

# Welcome

Welcome to worship at

**tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

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Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS**

### **GATHERING SONG “Forever Reign”**

#### *Verse 1*

You are good You are good  
When there's nothing good in me  
You are love You are love  
On display for all to see  
You are light You are light  
When the darkness closes in  
You are hope You are hope  
You have covered all my sin

#### *Verse 2*

You are peace You are peace  
When my fear is crippling  
You are true You are true  
Even in my wandering  
You are joy You are joy  
You're the reason that I sing  
You are life You are life  
In You death has lost its sting

#### *Chorus*

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms  
I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love will always be enough

Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the world forever reign

*Verse 3*

You are more You are more  
Than my words will ever say  
You are Lord You are Lord  
All creation will proclaim  
You are here You are here  
In Your presence I'm made whole  
You are God You are God  
Of all else I'm letting go

*Bridge (4x)*

My heart will sing no other Name  
Jesus Jesus

*Chorus (2x)*

## GATHERING PRAYER

### **SONG “Let My Words Be Few”**

*Verse 1*

You are God in heaven  
And here am I on earth  
So I'll let my words be few  
Jesus I am so in love with You

*Chorus*

And I'll stand in awe of You  
Yes I'll stand in awe of You  
And I'll let my words be few  
Jesus I am so in love with You

*Verse 2*

The simplest of all love songs  
I want to bring to You  
So I'll let my words be few  
Jesus I am so in love with You

*Chorus*

## **SONG “Shepherd of My Soul”**

### *Chorus*

Shepherd of my soul  
I give You full control  
Wherever You may lead  
I will follow  
I have made the choice  
To listen to Your voice  
Wherever You may lead I will go

### *Verse*

Be it in quiet pasture  
Or by a gentle stream  
The Shepherd of my soul is by my side  
Should I face a mighty mountain  
Or a valley dark and deep  
The Shepherd of my soul  
Will be my guide

### *Chorus*

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

## **THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. *Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.*

## **SONG “Broken Vessels” (Amazing Grace)**

### *Verse 1*

All these pieces  
Broken and scattered  
In mercy gathered

Mended and whole  
Empty handed  
But not forsaken  
I've been set free  
I've been set free

*Pre-Chorus*

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
Oh I once was lost  
But now I am found  
Was blind but now I see

*Chorus*

Oh I can see You now  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down  
Raising up the broken to life

*Verse 2*

You take our failure  
You take our weakness  
You set Your treasure  
In jars of clay  
So take this heart Lord  
I'll be Your vessel  
The world to see Your life in me

*Pre-Chorus*

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
Oh I once was lost  
But now I am found  
Was blind but now I see

*Chorus*

Oh I can see You now  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down

## **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.**

## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

**"If I Were A Butterfly"**  
**"Do Lord, Oh Do Lord!"**

**CHILDREN'S OFFERING - God's Global Barnyard** *We can donate money through the ELCA to purchase farm animals and related resources (like tools, seeds, training) to help hungry families globally achieve long-term food security and self-sufficiency, turning gifts into food, income, and fertilizer.*

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY**

**FIRST READING** *With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.*

## **Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my

transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**SECOND READING** *According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

### **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**GOSPEL** *Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for

righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

## MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

### SONG “Grace Upon Grace”

What reason do I have to wake up  
With the rising sun  
And not be held down by the weight  
Of all the things I've done  
What reason do I have to feel  
This hope instead of hurt  
How can it be I don't receive  
The judgement I deserve

#### *Chorus*

Wave upon wave of grace upon grace  
Endlessly washing my sins away  
I know the only reason I can stand here  
Free of all my shame  
Is wave upon wave of grace upon grace (upon grace)

#### *Verse 2*

How can you see me at my worst  
And still say I am loved  
What promise can I stand on  
When I don't feel good enough  
When the enemy's reminding me  
Of all that I've done wrong  
What freedom do I have to sing  
This new creation song

#### *Bridge*

What can wash away my sin  
And make me new again

Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Tag*

Wave upon wave of grace upon grace upon grace

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Diane Raines, Barbara Vann, Anastasia Balmaceda, Christine Durnell, and Ray Gerdinger*. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life.

## COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

### SONG “Give Thanks”

*Chorus*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

*Verse*

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us

*Chorus*

*Verse*

*Ending (3X)*  
*Give thanks*

## 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.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

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.**

## **SONG “All My Hope”**

### *Verse 1*

I've been held by the Savior  
I've felt fire from above  
I've been down to the river  
I ain't the same a prodigal returned

### *Chorus*

All my hope is in Jesus  
Thank God that yesterday's gone  
(Yes) All my sins are forgiven  
(Oh I've) I've been washed by the blood  
(Come on and sing)

### *Verse 2*

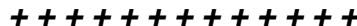
I'm no stranger to prison  
I've worn shackles and chains  
But I've been freed and forgiven  
And I'm not going back I'll never be the same  
That's why I sing

### *Chorus*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God.



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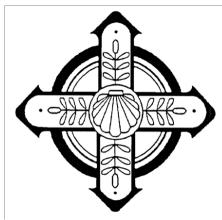
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