

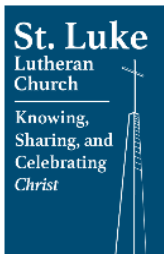
2nd Sunday After Epiphany

January 18, 2026

Welcome to 9:30 am Worship



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.



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Gathering Hymn

ELW – 314 Arise, Your Light has Come!

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Hymn of the Day

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Sending Hymn

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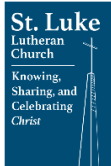
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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Please rise in body or spirit

Confession and forgiveness

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.

Amen.

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

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.



Mighty God, lover of 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 † Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

Arise, Your Light has Come!

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The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

- ¹ 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.
- ² 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.
- ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- ⁴ 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."
- ⁵ 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—
- ⁶ 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."
- ⁷ 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.”
Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks Be to God



Psalm 40:1-11

**1 I waited patiently up on the Lord,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.**

²The 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.

**³The 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.**

⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

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

**⁵Great 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.**

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you
have I not required.

⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

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

⁸'I love to do your will, I O my God;
your law is I deep within me.'

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

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of
your faithfulness and I your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the I great
assembly.

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

Please rise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John 1:29-42

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When 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?” ³⁹He 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. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He 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).

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Message

Pastor Kim Truebenbach

Please rise in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God is Here

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CREED

Together, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

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,
receive our prayer.

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.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness (*especially*). Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community (*local ministries may be named*). Kindle in us a desire to help one another.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please rise in body or spirit.

OFFERING SONG

We present our offering to God during worship as sign of our gratitude for His goodness, mercy & generosity.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Please rise in body or spirit

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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.



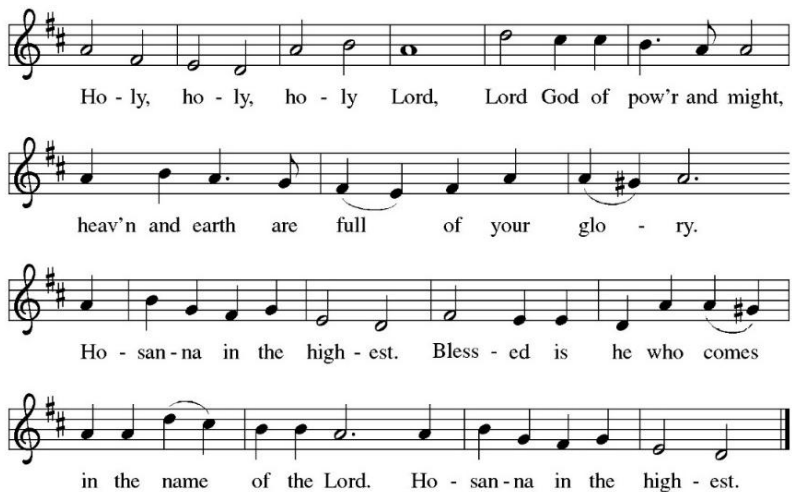
PREFACE

It is 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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
With the church on earth and hosts of heaven,
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

All are welcome to the table. If you will be coming to the altar for communion, please follow the ushers' instructions. Those who are choosing to stay in the pew, using the prefilled cups, and those who need to have the pastor bring the elements to them should wait for instructions from the pastor. Children are most welcome to accompany their parents to the altar for a blessing.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

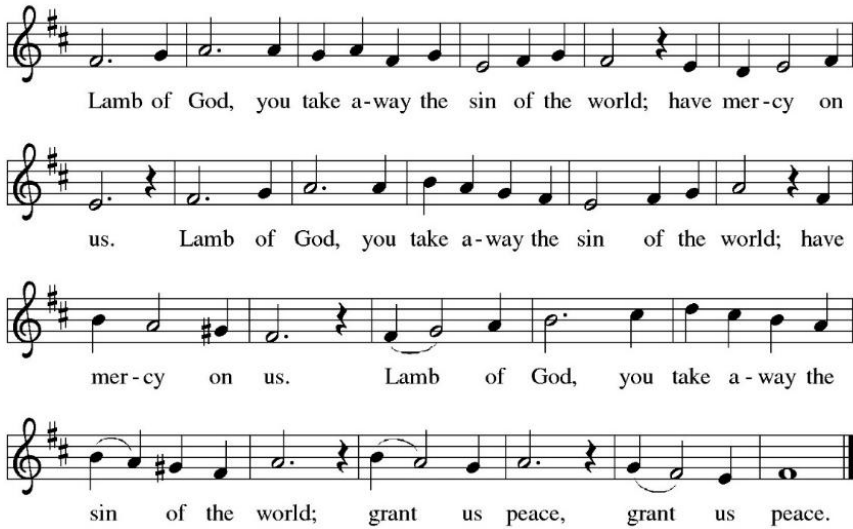
Give us today our daily bread.

**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.**

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

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

Please rise in body and spirit.

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

We are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders:

Presiding Leader: Pastor Kim Truebenbach

Guest Musician: Deacon Bruce W. Tonkin

Lector: Pat Hallman

Audio Video: Ron Ball

Ushers: Dave Girton, Pete Huber

Sacristan: Val Schlegel

PRAYERS FOR Health and Healing:

- Shirley Gable, patient at Reading Hospital, sister of Ruth Ann Shaner
- Gail Koch patient at a Rehabilitation center, Kathy Undercuffler's Mom
- Martin Billger, recovering at home
- Bonnie Moat, recovering from knee replacement surgery, friend of Tom Undercuffler's
- Bob Ballantyne in the Hospital

PRAYERS FOR those in grief:

- Family and friends of John Durante, father of Dave Durante
- Family and friends of Jackie Rohrbach, friend of Tom Undercuffler
- Family and friends of Esther Way, 100-year-old Aunt of Larry & Kathy Billger

PRAYERS FOR those Needing Continued Prayers:

Bob Ballantyne
Tom Bucks
Jalen Gray

Thelma Borchelt
Tara Gerber
Diane Kantner

Bonnie Ritter
Kristopher Yoder

PRAYERS FOR those at home:

Gloria Christman
Cookie Stasik

Bill Christy

Ruth Nice

Sponsors

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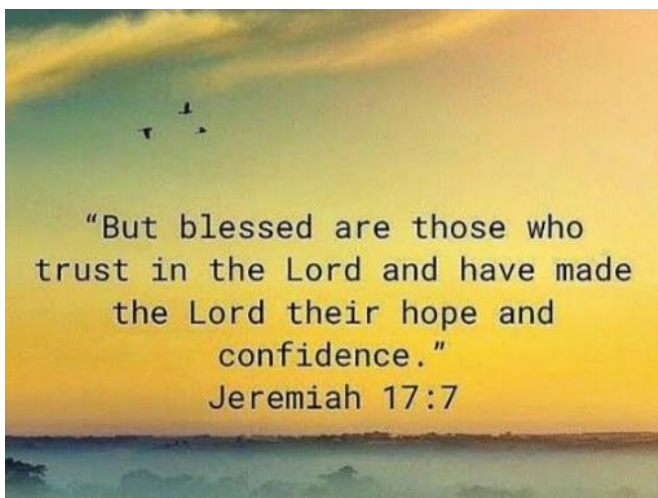
The Audio Video Team is looking for at least two additional people to help expand our Team. If you work a Cell Phone, you can do this. See Ron Ball or Ron Hukari on any Sunday if you are willing to give it a try. Training can be scheduled for 9:00 am before Church starts or shortly after the Service is over.

Welcome, Deacon Bruce W. Tonkin!

Deacon Bruce W. Tonkin has been an organist in local Lutheran churches for over 50 years - at Augustus in Trappe, Jerusalem in Schwenksville, New Hanover in Gilbertsville and St. James in Pottstown. After retiring from his last church music position, he has held several interim positions and continues substituting in many churches in the area. Bruce taught choral music in Norristown for over 30 years and holds Music Education Degrees in piano and organ. He lives in Gilbertsville with his wife Marcia.

Bulletin Board Update

Our Thanksgiving tree has lost its leaves, and the days have gotten shorter. The temperatures are dropping, and the white flakes are getting ready for the approaching new year. Soon our tree branches will be covered with snow. To celebrate the start of 2026, we will be **“PRAYING IN THE NEW YEAR”**! Share a personal prayer you have for the New Year on your very own snowflake! Remember, each one is different and special just like all of us! Place your prayer snowflake on one of the snowy branches of our tree during the coming weeks so we can all enjoy a White Christmas!



Ways to Give Monetary Donations to St. Luke Lutheran

You can donate to St. Luke by using several methods. Here are some suggestions to make your contribution easier to give.

- Church envelopes - If you don't currently have envelopes, please contact the church office and a box of envelopes will be provided.
- There are generic envelopes by the offering plate on the table in the lobby at the entrance to the sacristy.
- Mail your donations to St. Luke, PO Box 338, Gilbertsville, PA 19525
- Go to <https://stlukegilbertsville.org/generosity> and click on the "Generosity" page.
- From your smartphone, text 73256, in the message area key STLUKE
- Scan the QR and follow the prompts.



Date	January 18 - 25	Location
Sunday, January 18	Worship 9:30 am	Nave
Tuesday, January 20	Scouts 7:00 pm	Memorial Hall
Wednesday, January 21	CCR Donations 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	CCR
Thursday, January 22		
Friday, January 23	AA Meeting 8:30 pm	Classroom Downstairs
Worship Leaders	Sun., January 18	Sun., January 25
Presiding	Pastor Kim Truebenbach	Minister Bobbie Hoffmam
Lector	Pat Hallman	Emily Geiger
Ushers	Dave Girton Pete Huber	Larry Billger Terry Conrad
Audio Video	Ron Ball	Mike Ferraro
Office Volunteer	Donna Biehl (January 15)	Cindy Bealer (January 22)
Sacristan	Val Schlegel	Val Schlegel

Worship and Stewardship

Our December Commitment

Our Generosity

Overage/Shortfall

Budget	\$ 9,896	\$13,111	\$3215
Mission Support	\$ 528	\$294	-\$234