



Trinity Lutheran Church

4th Sunday of Epiphany Lord

February 1, 2026



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Welcome

Invocation:

P: Let us worship together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

P: The reality of God with us, Jesus' presence in our world and in our lives, was not and is not always welcomed. We know that where light shines darkness is exposed. The Light of Christ exposes the darkness of sin and evil in our world.

C: **We acknowledge our sinful human nature and our foolishness and willfulness in so often choosing darkness through our thoughts, words and deeds.**

P: Our world is filled with the darkness of graceless religions and self-help guru's. Voices are loud and persistent to draw us away from the Voice of our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier whose Voice is heard in scripture alone.

(silence for self-examination)

P: Let us make our confession to the Lord,

C: **Most holy and loving Father, I confess that I often wrestle with the darkness of pride, of apathy, of self-righteousness and self-reliance. I am impatient with Your timing and want what I want when I want it, rather than patiently seeking Your will for my life. It is so easy to block out the needs of others, and to hoard the gracious gifts You have given me to use for Your kingdom. I am sorry Lord.**

P: Gracious Father, trusting in Your grace we pray that You would for Christ's sake,

C: **"Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Amen.**

P: Dear friends, Epiphany is good news! Jesus Christ is the Light to the nations long promised by God. His light comes not to sear and destroy us but to cleanse and save us. Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners, and it is my joy as a called and ordained servant in His holy Church to declare to you by Christ's authority that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: "Oh, How Good it is"

Apostle's Creed

Children's Story

Children will go down to Sunday School

God's Word: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, 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. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For 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. ⁵O 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."

⁶“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? ⁷Will 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?” ⁸He 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?

God's Word: 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. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where 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? ²¹For 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. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider 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. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Hymn:

“Speak O Lord”

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Message

Ivar Osness

Offertory:

Offering will be received at this time

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns: "Come to the Table" W&P 33
"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"
"Lamb of God"

Post Communion Prayer

Sending Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"

Dismissal

P: Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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