



# Trinity Lutheran Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Lord

January 18, 2026



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:**

"In Christ Alone"

**Apostle's Creed**

**Children's Story**

Children will go down to Sunday School

**God's Word: Isaiah 49:1-7**

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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>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— <sup>6</sup>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."

7Thus 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.

### **God's Word: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2To 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: 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hymn:**

"Listen! You Nations"

**Canticle 14**

### **Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42a**

The next day he 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.' 31I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32And 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.' 34And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." 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.

### **Message**

**Offertory:**

Offering will be received at this time

**Prayers of the People:**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion Hymns:**

"God's Own Child I Gladly Say it"  
"Lamb of God"

## Post Communion Prayer

### Benediction:

**Sending Hymn:** "Let All Things Now Living"

### Dismissal

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

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

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