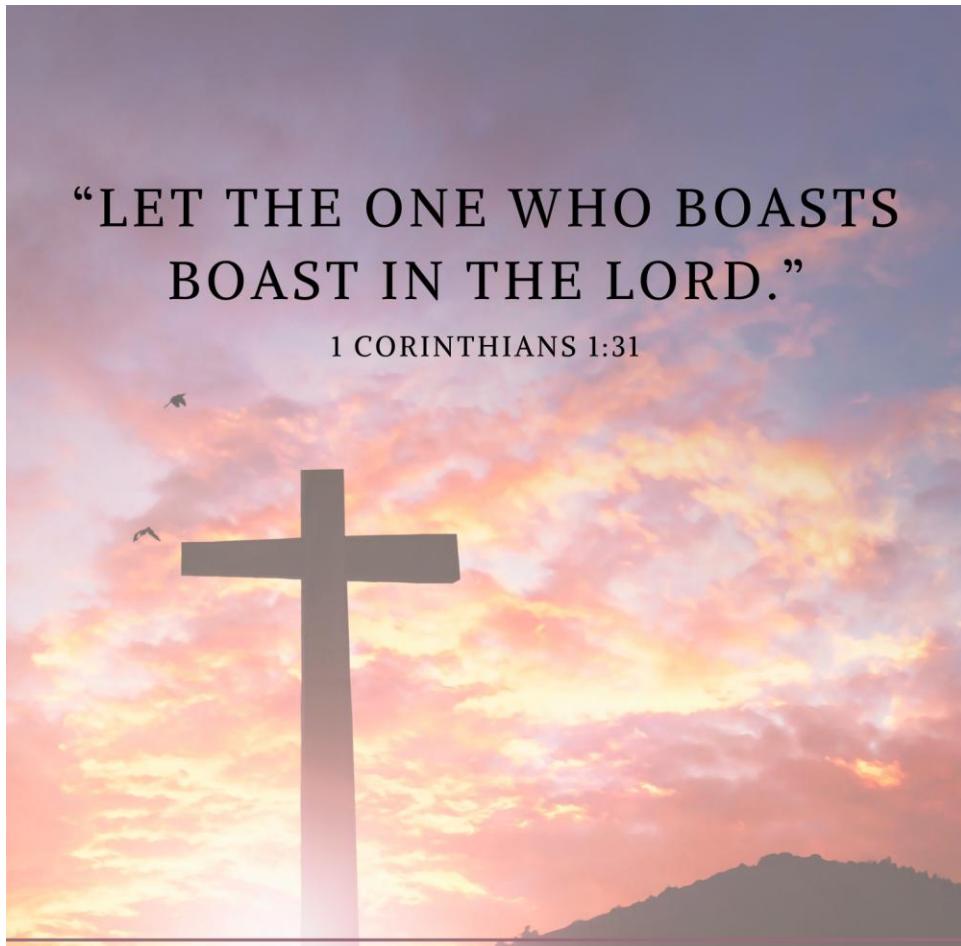


FIRST LUTHERAN
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**“LET THE ONE WHO BOASTS
BOAST IN THE LORD.”**

1 CORINTHIANS 1:31



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Welcome



Worship Series: Identity Revealed

February 1, 2026

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” It is the season when you see Jesus begin his public ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. During Epiphany, you will come to understand that when the true identity of Jesus is revealed, you realize your own true identity as well.

Today's Focus: Jesus Calls You Blessed

You may not feel blessed when you are hungry or insulted or mourning the death of a loved one. You may not be in the mood to boast when you feel foolish, weak, or lowly. But knowing your difficulties, Jesus still chose you to be his own. He gives you many gifts, and he calls you blessed.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor Derek Bartelt

Organist: Ben Warmuth | **Elder:**

Altar Guild: Gail Michnay | **Projectionist:** Margie Smith

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Morning Prayer (alternate) from Christian Worship

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Opening Hymn

619 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly

Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the
 earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 of him who does such won-drous things! All that has

an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py

he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with

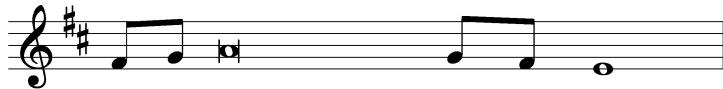
all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
 in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -
 help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and
 an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Sentences



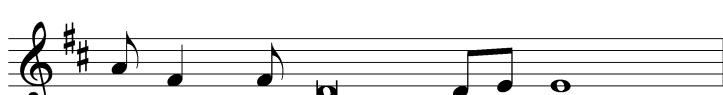
O Lord, open my lips.



And my mouth shall declare your praise.



Hasten to save me, O God.



O Lord, come quickly to help me.



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Come, O come, let us worship.

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Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Pastor will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrains.

Refrain

Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout with joy to our saving Rock;
come, enter in with our songs of praise,
come, enter in with thanks-giv-ing.

1 You are a great and a won-drous God,
2 Come, let us wor-ship and, bow-ing low,
cup-ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be-fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun-tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep-herd.

Refrain

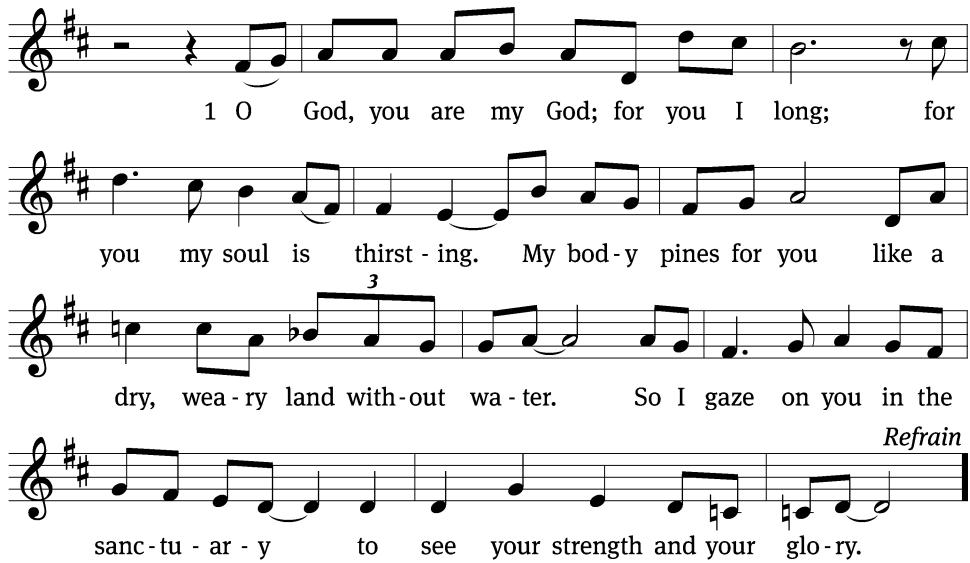
Psalm 63

Refrain



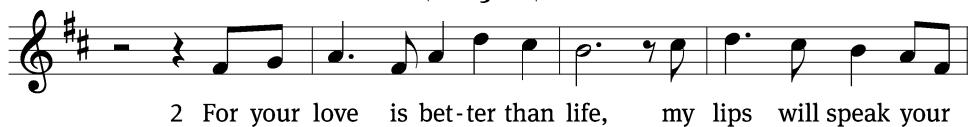
In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

Verse



1 O God, you are my God; for you I long; for
you my soul is thirst - ing. My bod - y pines for you like a
dry, wea - ry land with-out wa - ter. So I gaze on you in the
sanc - tu - ar - y to see your strength and your glo - ry.

Verse



2 For your love is bet - ter than life, my lips will speak your

praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

Refrain

Verse

3 On my bed I re-mem-ber you. On you I muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the shad - ow of your wings I re - joice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Refrain

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First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13

The Lord promises that those who trust him will not be put to shame.

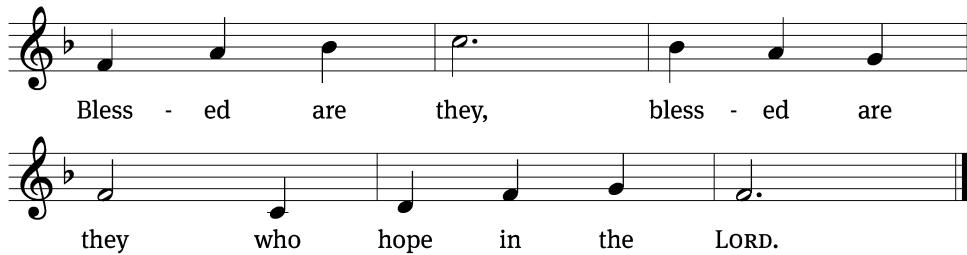
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 1

Refrain



Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are they
they who hope in the LORD.

Tone



Blessed is the one who / does not walk
in step with the / wicked
or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law / day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season
and whose leaf does not / wither—
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*

Not so the / wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain*

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.** *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

God changes how we view ourselves by connecting us to Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

In the Beatitudes, our Savior turns the ideas of the world upside down.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

690 Blest Are They

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones,____ they shall in -
 3 Blest are they____ who show mer - cy, mer - cy
 4 Blest are they____ who seek peace,____ they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate____ all____ be -

king - dom of God. Blest____ are they,____
 her - it the earth. Blest____ are they who
 shall____ be theirs. Blest____ are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest____ are they who
 cause____ of me. Re - joice and be glad,____

full____ of sor - row, they____ shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst,____ they____ shall have their fill.
 pure____ of heart,____ they____ shall see God!
 suf - fer in faith,____ the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom;____ shine____ for all to see.

Refrain

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are

you, ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king-dom of God!

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Sermon

You Are God; We Praise You

Congregation will sing opening refrain, bolded words in each verse, and the refrain after each verse.

Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you. To

to Verses



you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Last time



praise, all cre - a-tion of-fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



1 With the an - gels in heav - en, **we praise you, we praise you!**

2 Cre - a - tor of all things, **we praise you, we praise you!**

3 O Christ, King of glo - ry, **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the cher-u - bim and ser-a-phim, **we praise you, we praise you!**

O Je-sus Christ, the Son of God, **we praise you, we praise you!**

You be-came a man to set us free; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With a - pos-tles and proph-ets, **we praise you, we praise you!**

O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **we praise you, we praise you!**

You have ris - en to free us; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the mar-tyrs and your ho-ly Church, **we sing in end-less praise!**
 To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, **we sing in end-less praise!**
 And with all your saints in glo - ry, **we sing in end-less praise!**

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Offering

WELS Connection

Lord, Have Mercy

In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be
 mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
 mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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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. Lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

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Blessing



The Lord bless and keep you.



A - men.



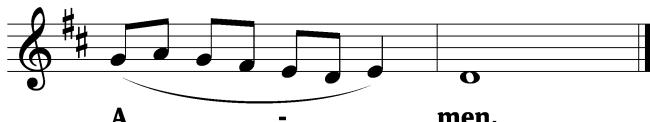
The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



A - men.



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



A - men.

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Closing Hymn

806 Your Days and Ways to God Surrender



1 Your days and ways to God sur - ren - der, and let his
2 Why do you wal - low in this wor - ry? Why tight - ly
3 Wait for his hand to write your sto - ry, his gra - cious
4 Then wake with joy and ex - pec - ta - tion, for God is



wis - dom be your light. He stands be - side you, strong but
clutch this pain and fear? Do you for - get that on this
will, your des - ti - ny. What looks like gloom he turns to
good and heav'n is sure. Sing, pray, and work in your vo -



ten - der, and guides your steps thro' storm and night. Up - on a
jour - ney you're not a - lone? Your God is near! The man - y
glo - ry; what's hid - den now he will re - veal. Who holds your
ca - tion, and sleep in peace, your heart se - cure. Sur - ren - der



rock you build your life when you re - ly on Je - sus Christ.
mid-night tears you spill just make the dark-ness dark - er still.
fu - ture and your past knows what you need be - fore you ask.
all to his good grace; he keeps you safe in his em-brace.



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Sundays
Worship | 9:00am
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Worship with Lord's Supper | 6:30pm

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Our Mission

As a family of believers, the mission of First Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by growing in the faith of our Savior Jesus Christ and by sharing the good news of His Word with others.

Our Invitation

It is a privilege for us to share with you the assurance Jesus offers about how imperfect people like us can enjoy a right relationship with our holy Creator.

Our church services are designed to be Christ-centered worship and include three main elements: God speaks to us in His Word, we respond with praises and prayers, and we encourage each other.

We are eager to have you learn more about the Triune God and about our church. If you are looking for a spiritual family in which you can be at home, please speak with our pastor.