

Chap^l *Wiser Lake*

January 25, 2026
Epiphanytide

Call to Worship — *Psalms* 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,

because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Hymn 541 — How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me

Hymn 667 — God Is My Strong Salvation

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Reading — *Isaiah* 35 (p. 707)



CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites
us to know &
worship Him

Confession of Sin — *(adapted from Psalm 51)*

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit,
O God of my salvation.
to follow you and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.**



**GOD DEALS
WITH OUR SIN**
God forgives us
& reminds us of His
love for us in Christ

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon — *Acts 2:36, 38-39*

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified...Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Hymn 455 — And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Prayer of Intercession

Offering — *2 Corinthians 9:6-9*

Beware, The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."



**GOD HEARS
OUR PRAYERS**
God listens to our
prayers & receives
our gifts

Sermon — *Acts 9:1–19* (p. 1090)



GOD SPEAKS TO US

God builds us
up & nourishes
us through His Word

* Something to discuss:

* Something to share:

Confession of Faith — *The Apostles' Creed* (p. 845)

The Lord's Supper

Hymn 460 — Amazing Grace!



GOD FEEDS US

God communes with
us & strengthens us
at the Lord's Table

Benediction — 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
Amen.

Doxology (words at Hymn 731)



GOD SENDS US OUT

God sends us out
into His world as
His ambassadors,
bearing His blessing

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord.

*Prayers adapted from
Timothy Keller*

Announcements and Duty List

Tonight, 5:00 pm — Join us for worship, prayer, studying 1 Samuel 8:10-22, and a pulled pork sandwich potluck.

Tuesday, 7:00 pm — Word & Worship Committee meeting.

| Duty | January 25 | February 1 | February 8 | February 15 | February 22 | March 1 |
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| Morning Pianist | Ruth D. | Ruth D. | Karen S. | Bethany H. | Ruth D. | Ruth D. |
| Greeter & Usher | Gibson, D | Hoelle Hans T. | Gibson, N | Iverson | Miedema | Johnson |
| Sound Crew | Blaise | Craig | Ethan | Mac | Blaise | Craig |
| Nursery | Leslie D. | Karen M. | Ruth S. | Danyale T. | Hosanna L. | Mili B. |
| Nursery Helper | Faye T. | Eva C. | Lucille M. | Abram M. | Faye T. | Eva C. |
| Snack-Time Hosts | Doesberg Finkleson | Lovegren, J. Perez | Dewaard Wonder | Lovegren, H. Laniga | Matheis, K Lovelady | Chambers Drury |
| Eve. Leader | Jesse T. | Nate G. | Austin M. | Chris L. | Dan G. | Chris L. |
| Eve. Pianist | Ruth D. | Emily G. | Ruth D. | Ruth D. | Emily G. | Ruth D. |
| Eve. Meal Host | Dan & Emily | Austin & Sara | Craig & Lulu | Dan & Emily | Nathan & Kelsey | Ben M. |

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