

January 18, 2026
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*Our Mission: Created, saved and strengthened through God's grace,
we give, share, love and care for all people.*



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please stand as able

Confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

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.**

Prayer of the Day*Response: Amen.***Word***Please be seated***First Reading****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. 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. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 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." 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— 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." 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.**

Second Reading**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

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

called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if able at the introduction

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I 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.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" He 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. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah". He 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.**

Please be seated through the Offering
Homily

Response to the Word

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

ELW 696

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.

Prayers of Intercession

As God's beloved children united in Christ...Merciful God, Receive our prayer.

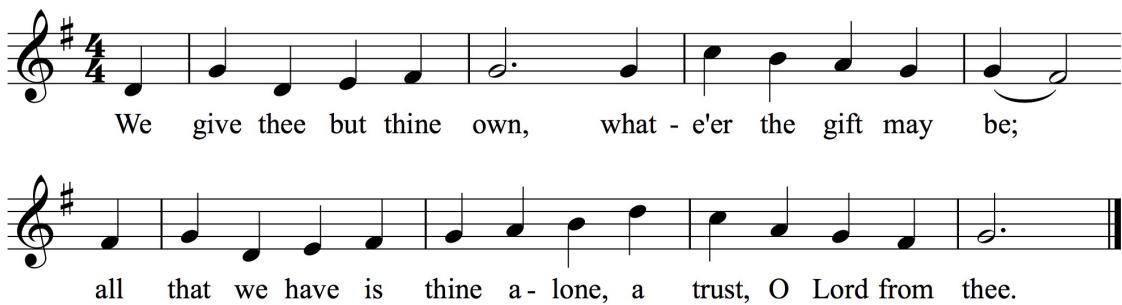
Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers...Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Greet those near you.

Offering

Please stand as able through the Holy, Holy
Offering Response



We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

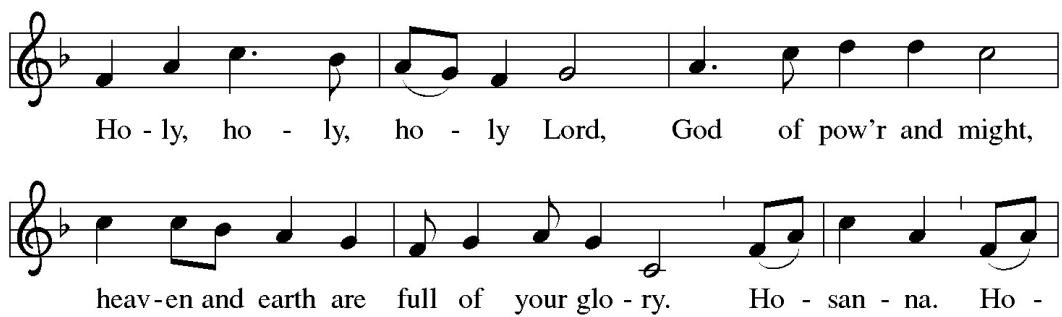
Offering Prayer

Aleal

Great Thanksgiving

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 *join their unending hymn... (4 measure in*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

Please be seated

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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

Lamb of God

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.

Communion

Communion is being served at the altar rail.

Ushers will direct you to come forward after the Lamb of God to receive communion at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand to receive. When receiving the host, place hands on top of each other, palms up, and Pastor will place a host in your open palm. If you are gluten intolerant, please let Pastor know; we have gluten free host. After you have received the host, the communion assistant will offer you the cup (wine or white grape juice). We practice open communion, therefore anyone who is baptized and believes in Jesus as Savior is welcome to communion.

Prayer after Communion

Response: Amen

Sending

Blessing

Response: Amen.

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Sunday School Starts February 1st!!

The History of the Bible and
History in the Bible

Join us as we study the history of the Bible (who organized the books and decided which ones should be included) and the historical events that are referenced in the Bible. We will also study how many of the prophets predictions came true! Join us on February 1st for some interesting history!

Worship Assistants

Celebrant

Rev. Eli Klingensmith

Lector

Gale Nagel

Greeter

Linda Miller

Ushers

Judy Flading/Rod Swartz

Main Camera/Production

Carl & Anne Fahrner

Piano

Maira Liliestedt



*Today's altar flowers are given
by Gay Rankin*



Thank You!

There will be no Concern of the Month for January. Thank you for your incredible generosity. Please see the bulletin board in the Gathering Space for what we were able to accomplish in 2025!!! Wow!!



Altar Flowers

The 2026 Altar Flower Sign Up Sheet is in the Gathering Space

The sign up sheet is now available for 2026 altar flowers. The cost is still \$50 for two vases. Members and non members are welcome to sign up! Please fill out a blue dedication sheet when you sign up and put it in the offering plate or in the church office.



Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting January 25th After Service

This is our annual budget meeting. The annual reports have been emailed and there are hard copies in the Gathering Space if you prefer. Please plan to attend as we need 30 to make a quorum.

Help Support Our Organization!



Keep saving your Acme receipts and help Good Shepherd raise 5% from Acme's Community Cash Back. Receipts can be turned into Pat Hoffman or the container in the Gathering Space. The program ends February 15th, 2026.

Please turn mobile phones off or put them in the vibrate mode.

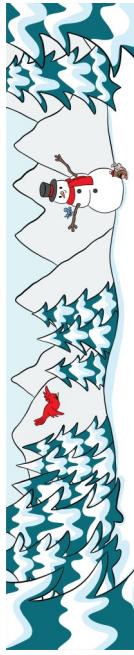
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Worship Assistants



Date	Usher	Lector	Greeter	Flower Wrapper	Pew Racks	Opening
1/18	Judy Flading/Rod Swartz	Gale Nagel	Linda Miller	Gay Rankin	Pat Long	Robinson
1/25	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	Judy Flading	Gloria Kohl	Karen Pressler	Pat Long	Davenport
2/1	Jan & Neil Carlson	Gary Miller	Chuck Pressler	Karen Pressler	Linda Burgess	Miller
2/8	Judy & Wil Baum	Rod Swartz	Pat Long	Judy Flading	Linda Burgess	Burgess
2/15	Pat Hoffman/Pat Long	Judy Flading	Howard Leasure	Judy Flading	Linda Burgess	Robinson
2/18 AW	Annick Schrader/Linda Burgess	Gale Nagel	Donna Jakmides	None	Linda Burgess	Hoffman
2/22	Cindy & Howard Leasure	Pat Hoffman	Judy Baum	Jill & Bill Toy	Linda Burgess	Davenport
3/1	Jill & Bill Toy	Neil Carlson	Annick Schrader	Jill & Bill Toy	Gloria Kohl	Miller
3/8	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	Cindy Leasure	Linda Lautenschlager	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Burgess
3/15	Linda & Gary Miller	Pat Long	Diane Deem	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Robinson
3/22	Pat Hoffman & Rod Swartz	Jen Lowry	Gay Rankin	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Davenport
3/29	Karen & Chuck Pressler	Anne Fahrner	Jill Toy	Gay Rankin	Gloria Kohl	Hoffman

January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Lei Worship 9:15a	5	6	7	8 AA 7p	9 Yoga 10a Crafts & Conversation 10a	10
11 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a Program & Lunch	12	13	14 AA 7p Council 7p	15 Yoga 10a	16 Quilting 10a	17
18 Pastor Eli Worship 9:15a	19	20	21 AA 7p	22 Yoga 10a	23 Crafts & Conversation 10a	24
25 Lei Worship 9:15a Cong. Mtg 10:30	26	27	28 AA 7p	29 Yoga 10a	30	31