



**Learning ~ Living ~ Loving**  
*the way of Jesus Christ*

January 18, 2026/ 8:30 & 11 am  
Second Sunday after Epiphany

*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

## **GATHERING**

### **Bells**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Welcome to worship at Trinity! As we prepare our hearts, please take a moment to silence your electronic devices. Portions for the assembly are in **bold**. \*Stand as you are able.

**Prelude**    "How brightly shines the Morning Star"”   Otto Olsson (1879-1964)   Guest Organist  
                  "Arise, shine, for your light has come"   Orthodox chant

#### **Refrain (sung by all)**

Arise, shine, for your light has come  
and the glory of the Lord  
Has dawned upon you.

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P:    In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C:    **Amen.**

P:    God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C:    **Amen.**

P:    Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the <sup>†</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

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### Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C **And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

AM: Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7**

TBD (8:30) / Ed Ek (11)

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

<sup>1</sup> 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."

<sup>7</sup> 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.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 40: 1-11**

(prayed responsively at 8:30)  
(sung with choir at 11)

*At 11, the choir will sing the antiphon and then all repeat. The Choir will sing the verses, and the antiphon is sung by all at the “R.”*



**My food is to do the will of my Fa - ther.**

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently up- I on the LORD,  
who stooped to me and I heard my cry.  
<sup>2</sup> The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the I miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my I footing sure.  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise I to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust I in the LORD.  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust I in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who I follow lies. R



**My food is to do the will of my Fa - ther.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- I pared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I I can count.  
<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do I not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have I not required. R



**My food is to do the will of my Fa - ther.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is writ- I ten of me:  
<sup>8</sup> **I love to do your will, I O my God;**  
**your law is I deep within me.'**"  
<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the I great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O I LORD, you know.  
<sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your**  
**faithfulness and I your deliverance;**  
**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the I great assembly.**  
<sup>11</sup> You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- I sion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually I keep me safe. **R**



**My food is to do the will of my Fa - ther.**

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

TBD (8:30) / Ed Ek (11)

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> 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:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John  
 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: John 1:29-42**

Pastor Larry Kemp

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> 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.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When 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?” <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
 C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.  
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp-tion see.  
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

AM: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

C: **We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**

**and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

#### **\*Prayers of the People of God**

*Each petition concludes with:*

AM: Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

*After the final petition, the prayers conclude with:*

AM: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.  
**C: Amen**

#### **\*The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always:  
**C: And also with you.**

*(As God has brought us peace through Jesus Christ, we now turn to one another and share the same gift of peace, saying to one another: "**Peace be with you.**")*

## We Give Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory Anthem** “O Lord, eternal Light of God”

*Traditional Carol  
harm. Jeffrey Rickard*

\*The Offertory

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### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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### \*Offering Prayer

AM: God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## MEAL

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

#### **\*Dialogue**

ELW p. 152

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **\*The Proper Preface**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

ELW p. 153

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

## Thanksgiving at the Table (from *All Creation Sings*)

ELW p. 145

P: Blessed are you, O God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
You rescued your covenant people,  
led them on all their journeys,  
and taught them by the prophets.  
You so loved the world  
that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit  
in this meal, and make us one  
in this community of faith  
and with your people  
throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High,  
now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

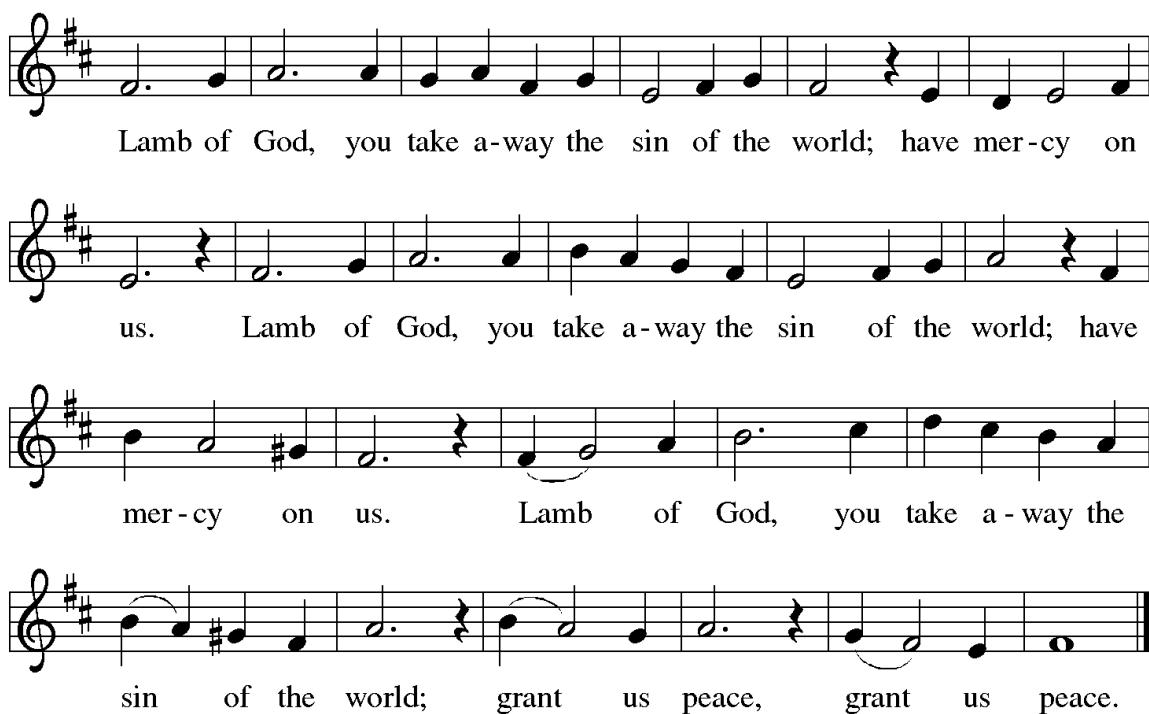
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 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

### **\*Invitation to Communion**

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

### **\*Lamb of God (Unison)**

ELW p. 154



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, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## The Holy Supper

### **The Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Please come forward when invited by the Pastor. Empty cups (for wine) will be in the trays located by the front pew. The Communion Assistant will fill your cup with wine. Gluten-free wafers and cups filled with juice are in the center of the tray. The Pastor will offer the bread. Children who haven't received their first Communion, may come forward with hands folded to receive a blessing by the Pastor. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Place your empty cups in the container at the end of the front pew.*

### **Communion**

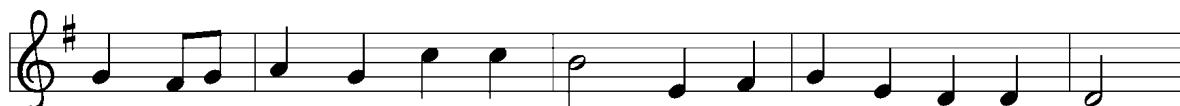
"Come to the table" Nystrom

(sung by choir at 11)

### **Communion Hymn:**

ELW 302

### As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

### **\*The Post Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
C: Amen.

### **\*Prayer After Communion**

AM: Let us pray. Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

### **SENDING**

### **\*Blessing**

P: May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **\*Hymn**

#310

### **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702

### \*Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

“Goodness is Stronger Than Evil” *John Bell*  
“Fugue in G minor” *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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