

JANUARY 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

SPECIAL MUSIC *Hallelujah Chorus* Ray Smith and Chris Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG We Are Marching in the Light vv 1,3 ELW 866

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo, si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
We are praying ...
We are singing ...

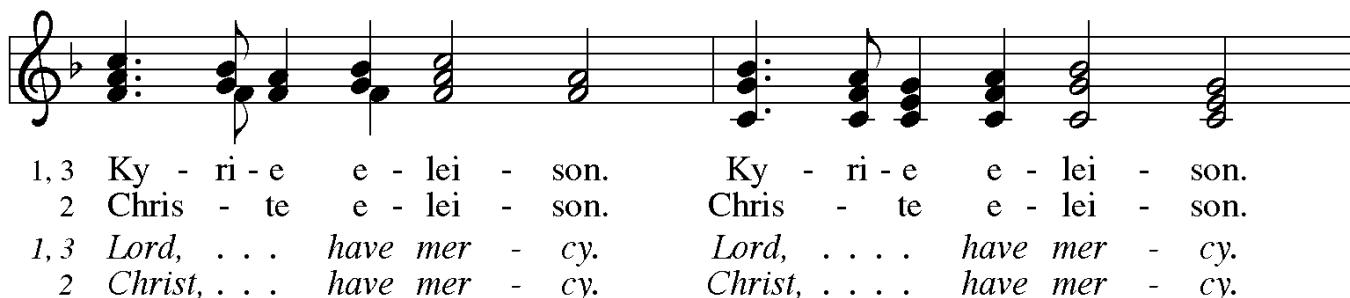
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Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional
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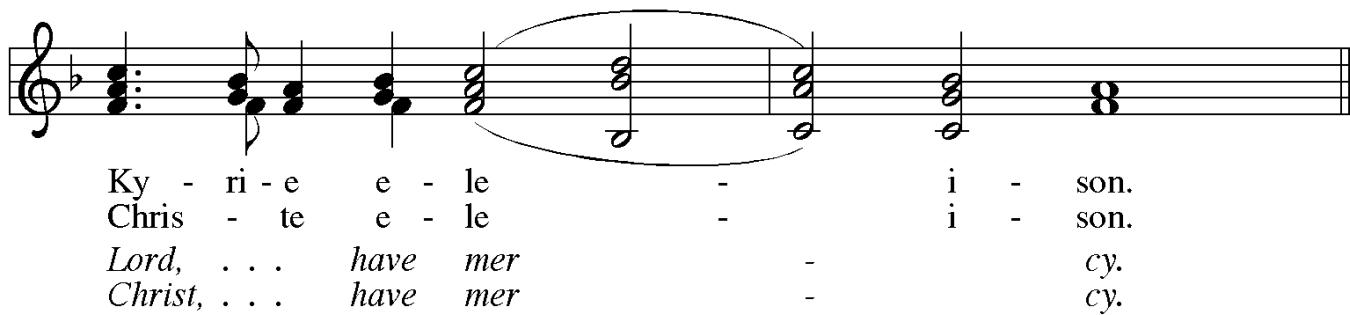
GREETING

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.

Lord, Have Mercy



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
1, 3 *Lord, . . . have mer - cy.* *Lord, . . . have mer - cy.*
2 *Christ, . . . have mer - cy.* *Christ, . . . have mer - cy.*



Ky - ri - e e - le - - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - - i - son.
Lord, . . . have mer - - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

KYRIE

For jealousies that divide families and nations,
and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

SONG OF PRAISE

Let Us Enter In



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
Death is de -feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Patient God, Your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children's Handbells

FIRST READING Psalm 127:1-2

¹ Unless the Lord builds the house,
 those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
 the guard keeps watch in vain.
² **It is in vain that you rise up early
 and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil,
 for he gives sleep to his beloved.**

Acclamation

The assembly stands.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

Sheet music for the first line of the hymn. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are: *Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -

Sheet music for the second line of the hymn. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are: scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'

Sheet music for the third line of the hymn. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are: name. (hm) The notes are connected by a single horizontal line, and the bass staff has three small decorative symbols: a smiley face, a circle with a dot, and a smiley face.

Gospel: John 2: 13-25

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³ When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters ELW 445

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.

2 We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed.

3 Oh, how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.
Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.
To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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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

After each petition the congregation responds: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Repeat *To You All Hearts Are Open*

To You All Hearts Are Open

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *Thanks Be to Thee* Ray Smith & Chris Smith

Offertory Song

As a Mother Comforts Her Child



As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.



As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.



As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.



The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

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.

THE 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.**

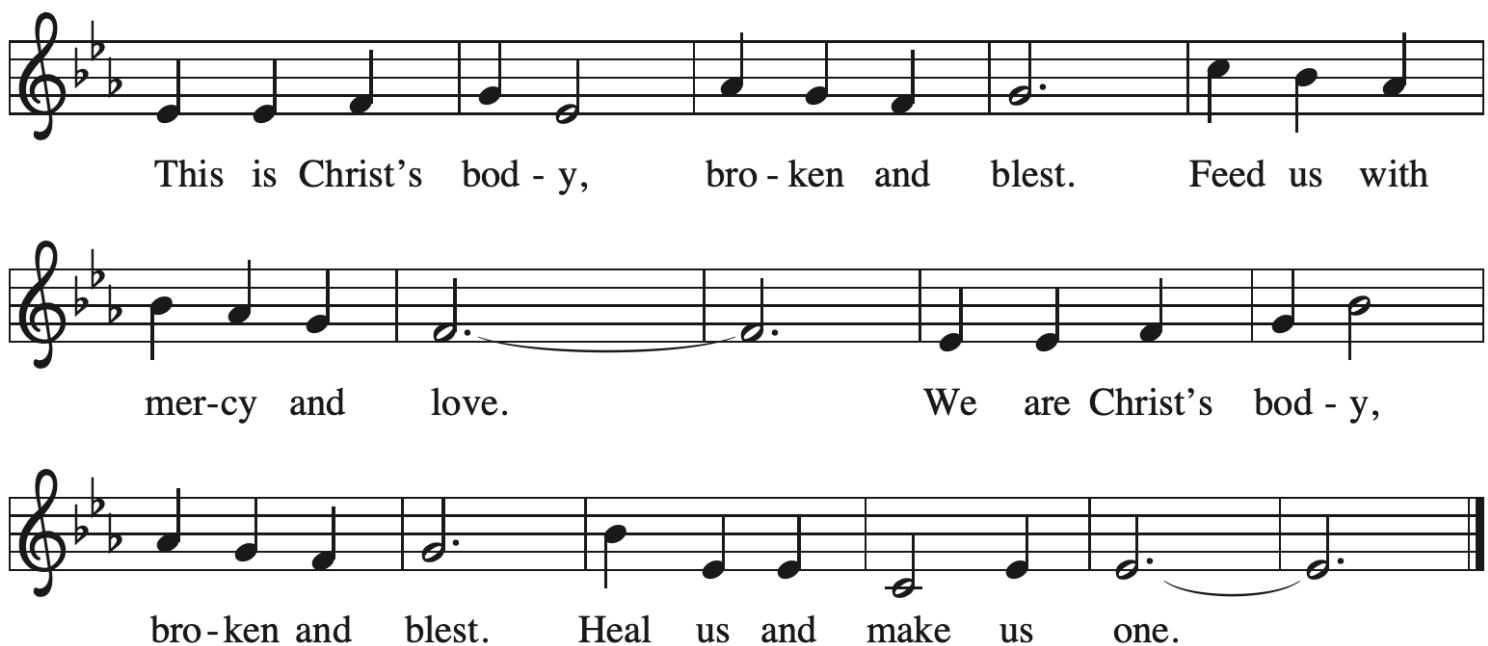
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Invite those communing at home

This is Christ's table and Christ welcomes each and every single one of you.

Communion Hymn

This Is Christ's Body



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who desire the Lord's Supper are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's invitation, come forward along the side aisle and remain standing as you gather around the altar railing. When everyone has gathered at the railing, you may kneel or remain standing. Receive the wafer of bread in your hands. You may also request a gluten-free wafer. Then take a small cup from the tray: white grape juice is in the center and red wine is around the edge. Deposit your cup in the basket when you are finished and return to your seat down the center aisle. We invite children and those not receiving the bread and wine to come forward to receive a blessing at the altar railing.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thank You for Giving to the Lord

Marthalee Benedict-Hall

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Sing verse 1 and 4

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in Je - sus' name
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the bur - dened free;
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter joy like seed
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel to pro - claim.



to bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
and, all our days, to cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
God's Spir - it has em - pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Leader
C G C F C

God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
G C C F G C

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Congregation
C F C G

Till we meet, _____ till we meet, _____ till we meet at Je - sus' _____ feet;
C F C G C

Till we meet, _____ till we meet, _____ God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation is
next Sunday, January 25
immediately after church

If you aren't attending church that day, please be in the Community Center by 10 AM

Bring a dish to pass for the potluck brunch!

Please bring your packet of reports with you.

Activities will be available for younger kids with help from our catechism and High School youth

The **altar flowers** this morning are in **loving memory of Trudy Hill** from Stan & Denise Drott and Jim & Cindy DuRocher.

There's still time to **volunteer** to **serve** on our **Church** Council. If interested contact Tim Smith, Barb DeLand, Lynne Zabawa, Dave Lorenzo, Deena Salenbien, John Gerweck or Andy McCain.

Weekly Adult Bible Study continues on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM. Pastor Aaron leads the study of the next Sunday's reading. Bring a friend.

Your **2025 Financial statements** are located on the table near the high school room, near the new offering envelopes.

The 2026 offering envelopes are available for pick up. Please, look at them and make sure that the number on the label matches the number on the envelopes in the box *and* that your name is correct. If you notice any problems or cannot find your envelopes contact the church office.

You may also direct deposit or scan to donate an offering:



Serving our congregation this morning:

Acolytes – Hope Arnold and Shane Clark

Altar Guild – Mindy Stadler, Kim Zietlow, Kim Cramer

Fellowship Hour – Denise Drott, Cindy DuRocher, Sherry Kuhn, Diane Kamprath, Jane Root and Marty Kamprath

Liturgical Minister – Kim Zietlow

Media – Brian DeLand

Organist – Ray Smith

Special Music – Ray Smith and Chris Smith will play *Hallelujah Chorus* by Handel during the prelude; and *Thanks Be to Thee* by Handel during the offering. Our Children's Handbells will play *Silent Night* after the Children's Bible Story; and Marthalee Benedict-Hall will sing *Thank You for Giving to the Lord* by Ray Boltz during Holy Communion.

Ushers – Ron Zabawa, Head Usher; Lynne Zabawa, Dave Fritz and Jean Lloyd

All special music today is dedicated To the Glory of God!!
Without whom none of this would be possible.

Schedule:

Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
Fellowship Hour – 10:00 AM
Sunday School & Milestone Class – 10:15 AM
Youth Pizza & Outing
Monday: Dartball – Immanuel E Ida @ PoP – 7:30 PM
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday: Bible Study – 9:30 AM
Alcohol Anonymous - 7:00 PM
Wednesday: Mid-Week Worship Service – 7:00 PM
Thursday: Pickleball – 6:00 PM

Coming Soon

Jan 25 – 3-5th Grade Milestone Celebration
Jan 25 – Annual Meeting
Feb 01 – WELCA Meeting
Feb 08 – 6-8 Grade Milestone Class

M I L E S T O N E S

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Faith + Family 



Parents, Grandparents, Godparents and
anyone wanting to cultivate faith come along
and attend with their young people.

Grades 6-8
10 Commandments Milestone
SUN FEB 8 @ 10:15AM

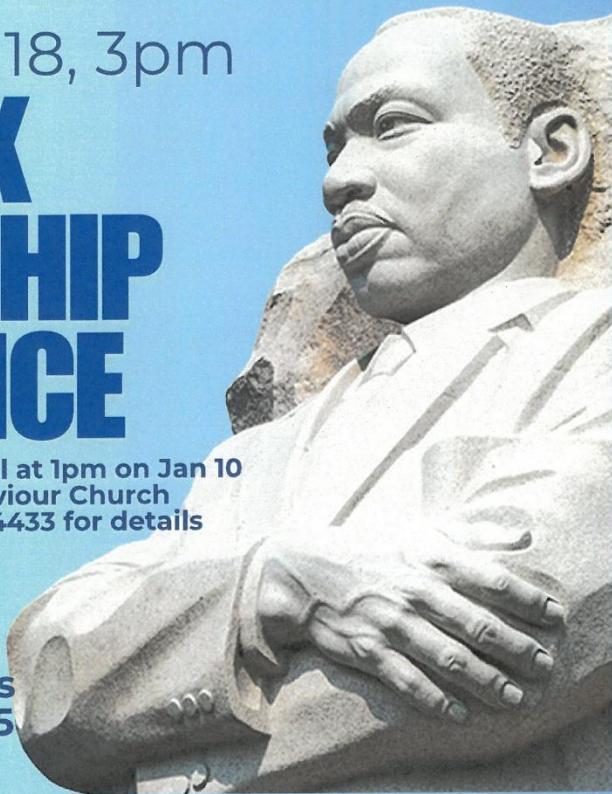
“FOR A TIME SUCH AS THIS ...”

Sunday, Jan 18, 3pm

MLK WORSHIP SERVICE

Synod-Wide Choir Rehearsal at 1pm on Jan 10
& Jan 17 at Gracious Saviour Church
contact Gayle at 313.923.4433 for details

**Gracious Saviour
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**Guest Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Kevin Dudley**
Instructor of Church and Society and
the Trinity Mission and Ministry Chair
Trinity Lutheran Seminary
at Capital University



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Join us for light refreshments at 2pm