

# Welcome to Worship!



Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 18, 2026 ~ 9:45 a.m.

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## THE SERVICE

**BOLD** *lettering indicates a spoken response*

*\* Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Announcements

## GATHERING

*\* Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: God of love and forgiveness,

**C: We confess to you and to one another that we fall far short of your expectations. We have not responded well to your gracious act of dying on the cross for our forgiveness. We have neglected you, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are a sinful people. Please free us from the guilt and power of our sinfulness. Please help us see more clearly your love for us, and respond appropriately. Amen**

P: Purely by God's grace, through Jesus on the cross, all your sins are forgiven. Now may you be strengthened daily to believe in Jesus and to live the joy and freedom his forgiveness brings.

**C: Amen**



\* Greeting

P: The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

\* Opening Song – He has made me glad

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\* Prayer of the Day

P: Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

# WORD OF GOD

## Scripture Reading

***Without God, where would you be now?  
Without God, where would you be now?  
Without God.***

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

*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.*

A: The First Lesson is from the 49<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

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."

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*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.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

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.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Without God, where would you be now?  
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Without God.*

\* Gospel – John 1:29-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

[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.**

Sermon

*Pastor David Holtz*



\* Song – Come and see

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**\* Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.*

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## \* Sharing of God's Peace

*We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Offering

*Contemporary Worship Team*

\* Offertory - Create in me a clean heart

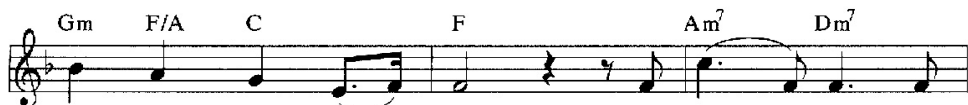
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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve



you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that



I might be re - newed. So fill me and



heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -



ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

\* Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful God,

**C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

\* Communion Prayer

P: Responding to the command of our Lord and desiring the life-giving presence of Christ, we come to the table.

**C: The love of God is a gift and we do not deserve this gift.**

P: Responding to the command of our Lord and desiring the life-giving presence of Christ, we share the body and blood.

**C: We come with our wounds and faults, ready and willing to be refreshed with the true presence of Christ among us.**

\* Words of Institution

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

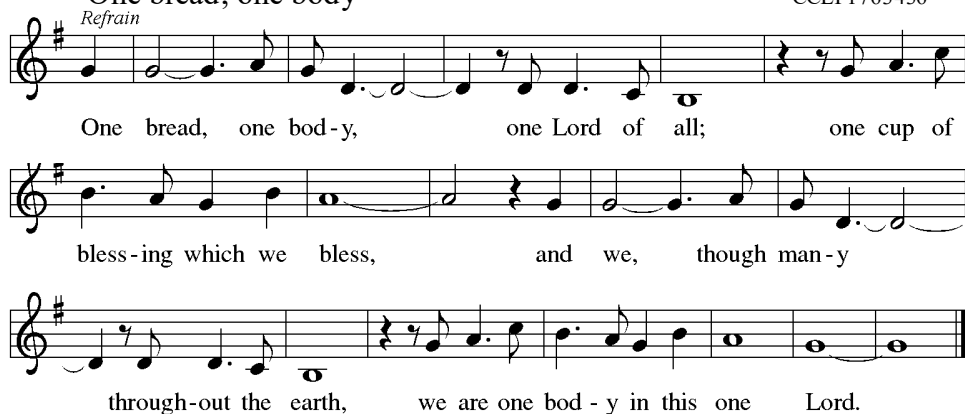
\* The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

\* One bread, one body

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*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Communion (*Please be seated*)

*For those at home or communing at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

*If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

## MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

Here is bread

## Come to the table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## \* Post Communion Blessing

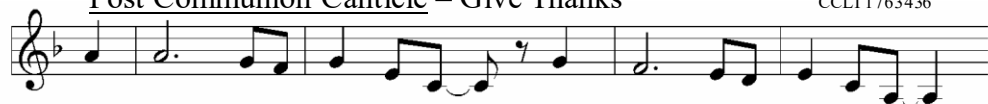
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**



\* Post Communion Canticle – Give Thanks

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Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

\* Prayer

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

\* Blessing

P: In Jesus our Savior, God is with us. Almighty God, Father, Son +and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

\* Closing Song – Go, My Children, with My Blessing CCLI 1763436



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

\* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be light for the world.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\* Postlude

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Please join us for fellowship and refreshments  
 in the fellowship hall following worship.

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**+ Calendar for this Week +**

**Mon-Jan 19:** 9:00-Quilters

**5:30-Council Meeting**

**Tue-Jan 20:** 2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal 6:30

**Wed-Jan 21:** 6:30-Financial Peace class

**Thurs-Jan 22:** 6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

7:00-Bible Study

**Fri-Jan 23 - Sun-Jan 25:** Youth at Youthquake Weekend in Pittsburgh

**Worship Attendance January 11: 8:30-44; 9:45-67; 11:00-25**

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

**Worship Team-Thank you for serving today**

**Ushers: Michelle & Drew London**

**Lector: Tracy Gibson**

**Communion Assistants: Tracy Gibson, Nikki Dombroski**

**Altar Guild: Cindy Chelednik**

**+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +**

**Sunday School** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders is **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is "Noah's Ark."

**2025 Year End Statements** are available in the narthex. Please pick up yours today. Thank you!

**Budget and Summary for 2026** are located on the table in the narthex.

**Congregational Meeting NEXT Sunday January 25, 2026** after the 8:30 and 9:45 worship services.

**Call Committee.** . . We are forming a call committee, which is comprised of members of Christ Lutheran who meet to help in the selection of a new pastor. If you are interested in serving on the call committee, please contact Debbie Brubaker, council president, for more information.

**Chatter** . . . the next Chatter will be a combined January/February issue which will be mailed at the end of January. Thank you for your understanding.

**The February Worship Assistant List** is available in the narthex.

**Volleyball News** . . . Games will be played on Saturday nights; watch your email for details.

**January Food Pantry Items:** CANNED CHICKEN and/or CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP.

**Mission of the Month for January & February:** On Sunday February 8, our youth will collect donations in soup pots at our church doors for the Souper Bowl of Caring. All of the money collected here will benefit the DuBois Area Food Pantry. If you would like make a financial gift to the Souper Bowl of Caring, please use the pew envelopes, and write "Souper Bowl" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

**2026 Altar Flowers:** Sign-up for **2026 altar flowers** in the book in the narthex. The cost is \$30.

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*The flowers in the chancel vases are presented to the Glory  
of the Lord and in loving memory of Carl Chittester  
by Andy & Keri Keller.*

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