

January 18, 2026 + Second Sunday After Epiphany

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⁺ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ⁺ Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Hymn "Arise, Your Light has Come"

1. Arise your light has come! The Spirit's call obey; Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.
2. Arise your light has come! Fling wide the prison door; Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise your light has come! All you in sorrow born; Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise your light has come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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

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. Amen.**

First Reading – Isaiah 49:1-7

The servant brings light to the nations

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

Psalm 40:1-11 I love to do your will, O my God.

I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

"I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me."

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Gospel – John 1:29-42

Revelation of Christ as the Lamb of God

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day “God, We Gather as Your People”

1. God, we gather as your people to raise our song above, and we dare to claim the promise of your love. Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.

Refrain

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all
belong. May that welcome be our song.**

2. Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free; and we sing for generations yet to be, that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.

Refrain

3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame, so afraid of who they are and whom they love. May the message now be banished that your love is for the few; may their faith in you renew.

Refrain

4. God, we're working for the future when children far and wide can....live their lives with dignity and pride. As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand.

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 to

the dead. 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 of the People

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Offering & Giving 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.

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosana in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the highest. Hosana in the highest

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

Announcements

Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in our mouths and tuned our hearts for praise  bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

*In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

3. I’m looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

Dismissal

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