

**February 1, 2026 + Fourth 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 us in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives our sin in ✠ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give us strength to live for others, and bless us with the gift of peace. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** "How Good, Lord, To be Here!"

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night; your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.

2. How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.

3. Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be, we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.

4. Before we taste of death, we may not remain; but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

**Greeting**

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

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, **you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading – Michah 6:1-8**

*The offering of justice, kindness, humility*

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

**Psalms 15** *LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill?*

**LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?**

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; **they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.**

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

**They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**

**Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12**

*The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes*

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

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

**Children's Message**

**Message**

Pastor Liz Rossing

**Hymn of the Day** "For the Troubles & the Sufferings"

For the troubles and the sufferings of the world, God we call upon your mercy: the whole creation's laboring in pain! Lend an ear to the rising cry for help from oppressed and hopeless people: Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love! We pray for peace, the blessed peace that comes from making justice, to cover and embrace us.

Have mercy, Lord! We pray for pow'r,  
the pow'r that will sustain your people's witness:  
until your kingdom comes. *Kyrie Eleison!*

### **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**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **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 "Lamb of God"**

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

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

### **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 "O Lord, No Let your Servant"**

1. O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:  
a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,  
the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.
2. Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light, till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight; till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore, where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

