



**Sunday - January 18th, 2026**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**



*OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.*

*Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.*

*We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochoeny.*

**INTRODUCTION**

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**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.***

*Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.*

*We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.*

*Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.*

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN- ELW 309: The Only Son from Heaven**



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,  
4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost,



by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,  
and Je - sus, we a - dore you, O pride of an - gel - host:



No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly  
grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -  
that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en  
be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us and bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**KYRIE**

Kyrie Eleison **Kyrie Eleison**

Christe Eleison **Christe Eleison**

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## **GLORIA**

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You.**

**We give You thanks for Your great glory.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord.**

**You alone are most high, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7**

1 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.

2 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.

3 And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

4 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."

5 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—

6 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."

7 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."  
 Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 40**

1. I wait - ed for the Lord my God, And pa - tient - ly did bear;  
 2. He took me from a fear - ful pit, And from the mi - ry clay,  
 3. He put a new song in my mouth, Our God to mag - ni - fy:  
 4. O bless - ed is the man whose trust Up - on the Lord re - lies;

At length to me He did in - cline My voice and cry to hear.  
 And on a rock He set my feet, Es - tab - lish - ing my way.  
 Ma - ny shall see it, and shall fear, And on the Lord re - ly.  
 Re - spect - ing not the proud, nor such As turn a - side to lies.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

*1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,*

*2 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:*

*3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him,*

in speech and knowledge of every kind 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

All:



Cantor: Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

All:



## **GOSPEL: Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

*\*From the First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament*

The next day Gift of Goodwill (*John*) saw Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) walking toward him from a distance. “Behold!” he said to the ones gathered with him. “There is Creator’s Lamb, the one who carries away and heals the bad hearts and broken ways of the world!” The crowd of people looked to see the one Gift of Goodwill (*John*) was talking about.

“He is the one I said is greater than I, for he existed before I was born. The reason I perform the purification ceremony with water is to make him known to the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (*Israel*). With my own eyes I saw the Holy Spirit come down from above like a dove and rest on him. I now know he is the one, because the Father above who sent me said, ‘The man you see the Spirit come down and rest on will perform the purification ceremony with the Holy Spirit.’”

Gift of Goodwill (*John*) finished by saying, “With my own eyes I have seen the one who has been chosen by the Great Spirit.”

The next day, Gift of Goodwill (*John*) was standing with two of his followers. They saw Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) walking nearby.

He said to them, “Look! There is Creator’s Lamb!” So they took off after Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*).

When they caught up to him, he saw them and asked, "What are you looking for?" "Wisdomkeeper," they asked, "where are you staying?" "Come," he said, "and you will see."

So they went with him, saw where he was staying, and spent the rest of the day with him, for the day was almost over.

One of the two men, Stands with Courage (*Andrew*), went to find his brother, One Who Hears (Simon), also named Stands on the Rock (*Peter*). When he found him, he ran up to him and said, "My brother! We have found the Messiah" (which means "the Chosen One"). So he took his brother to meet Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*).

Creator Sets Free (*Jesus*) looked deep into his eyes and said, "You are One Who Hears (Simon), son of Gift of Kindness (*John*). I will give you the name Stands on the Rock (*Peter*)."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON-** Pr Dee

**HYMN OF THE DAY-Will You Come and See the Light from the Stable Door?**

Will you come and see the light from the stable door?  
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.  
It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are.  
Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you step into the light that can free the slave?  
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.  
By the pyramids of greed there's a longing to be freed.  
Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?  
though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.  
When the truth is cut and bruised, and the innocent abused,  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?  
Will you join the hope, alight in a young girl's eyes,  
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?  
When the lowest and the least are the foremost at the feast,  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?  
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,  
and the darkness all about is too dim to put it out:  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness especially for Karen, Julie, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Christina B., the family and friends of Jacque Emmert. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*What else do the people of God pray for?*

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

## OFFERTORY-ELW 735: *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

## OFFERING PRAYER

### 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.**

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; For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor.

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:

## SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy! **Holy, Holy, Holy!**

Lord God of Hosts, **Lord God of Hosts,**

Heaven and Earth, **Heaven and Earth,**

are full of your glory, **are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes **Blessed is he who comes**

in the name of the Lord **in the name of the Lord**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

On the night he was arrested, Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,

1, 2  
have mer - cy on us.

Final  
grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN- ELW 838: Beautiful Savior**

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

#### SENDING HYMN- ACS 1084: *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gather Bible Study- 2nd Sunday of the month. 11:30am

Jan 16th- Annual Reports Now Due

Jan 25th- Annual Meeting

### **Participating in Worship Today**

**Presiding/Preaching:** Pr. Dee

**Minister of Music:** Daniel Alley

**Guitarists:** George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

**Lector:** Kim M.

**Communion Set-up/Clean-up:**

**Worship Assistant:** Christine H.L.

**Flowers:**

**Coffee Hour:**

### **Happening This Week at CLC**

#### **Today**

9 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM CLC Worship

#### **Monday**

Senior Center Closed

7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts

#### **Tuesday**

7 PM Lady AA Meeting

#### **Thursday**

7 PM Handbell Rehearsal

#### **Saturday**

6 PM Millennium AA Meeting

#### **Next Sunday**

9 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM CLC Worship

11 AM Annual Meeting

### **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**

Julie D.  
Diane L.  
Lysle P.  
Mike & Liz S.  
The Vale Community  
Robin & Wendy  
George F.  
Carolina S.

Karen H.  
Laurie P.  
Fred W.  
Chad B.  
TJ B.  
Carla L.  
Girija and Mami

Vince  
Thelma & Mike G.  
Mark  
Chris  
Phil C.  
Family and friends of Jacque E.

### **DON'T FORGET YOUR OFFERING**

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