



St. Mary's Lutheran Church ~ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Saturday, January 17 ~ 4:00pm & Sunday, January 18, 2026 ~ 9:00am
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



*Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.
Turn off phones or silence them.*

Also know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Please stand in body or spirit.

GATHERING SONG *Hymn #314 "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"*

CONFESSION AND 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.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see yellow insert)

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD (see yellow insert)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Personnel Committee

PSALM 40:1-11 (read responsively)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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KIDS CONNECTION

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymn #308 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" vs. 1, 2, 3

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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

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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Adult Choir

"In the Bleak Midwinter" - HOLST ARR. PETER DENNEE

*In the bleak midwinter frosty winds made moan, earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone: snow had fallen, snow on snow.*

*In the bleak midwinter, long ago. Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain,
heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.*

*In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.
What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part; yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.*

Please stand in body or spirit

OFFERING Hymn #793 "Be Thou My Vision", vs. 1, 3

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

PREFACE It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

