



A COMMUNITY REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE WITH A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR EVERYONE

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Epiphany, January 18, 2026

Pr. Ben Colahan, presiding

PRELUDE

Crusaders Hymn/St. Elizabeth | A. D. Miller

WELCOME

Pr. Ben Colahan

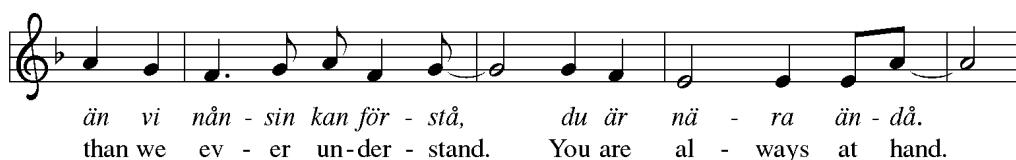
GATHERING HYMN

ELW 525 | You Are Holy



1st

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un-der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless-ed are you com-ing near. Bless - ed are you com-ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



2nd

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är nä - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na

ho - si - an - na
in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na!

ho - si - an - na
Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Text: Per Ida Engström, 1925
Music: African American spiritual, c. 1872-1925, stanzas 1-3
Arranged by: John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925, stanza 4
The original text was written in Norwegian, but the lyrics have been adapted for use in the United States and around the world, including the Caribbean.

GREETING

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CONFSSION & FORGIVENESS

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CALL) Mighty God, lover of justice,

RESP) 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pr. Ben Colahan

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Josh Edwards

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

ELW 290 | Go, Tell It on the Mountain | v. 1

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,

Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain: John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas 1-3
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Dave Rush

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.

CALL) Word of God, word of life.

RESP) Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW s. 6, p. 171a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

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CALL) The holy gospel according to John.

RESP) Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ 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.’” ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” ³⁵ The next day John again was

standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ 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?”³⁹ 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.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² 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).

CALL) The gospel of the Lord.

RESP) Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

We don’t know what we’re looking for, so Jesus shows us

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HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 976 | Come and See

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the bassoon. The lyrics are as follows:

What are you looking for? Come,
see, come and see. What are you
look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beth Bradley

Sung Response) O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The peace of Christ be with you all.

RESP) And also with you.

WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Pr. Ben Colahan

OFFERING

I Love to Tell then Story | Words by Catherine Hanley & Music
by William G. Fischer | Christine Buckstead, flute

If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

CALL) The Lord be with you.

RESP) And also with you.

CALL) Lift up your hearts.

RESP) We lift them to the Lord.

CALL) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

RESP) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE 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.**

AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting 10, p. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 341 | Now Behold the Lamb

Every Table Is an Altar | Ben Smith & Jason Upton



If you would like one-on-one, personal prayer at this time, we invite you to pray with today's Healing Minister on the north side of the room/wall facing East 1st Ave.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Beth Bradley

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Pr. Ben Colahan

SENDING SONG

ELW 866 | *We are Marching in the Light of God*



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, *si - ya - ham - ba*) *oo*
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) *oo*

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march-ing in the light of God.

 Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
 We are praying ...
 We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr: Freedom Is Coming, 1984
 Music: SHABABA, South African traditional
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BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

Beth Bradley

CALL) Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

RESP) Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Shine, Jesus, shine | David Blackwell

Giving at Faith Lutheran



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MINISTERS: THE PEOPLE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Presiding Minister: Pr. Ben Colahan

Assisting Minister: Beth Bradley

On-Site Council Member: Elise Gladu

On-Site Equipping Minister: Judy Struck

Communion: Molly Barnum (shepherd), Vickie James, Tod Kimmelshue, Caryl Quiñones, and Lynette Stensrud

Communion Clean-up: Julio Quiñones

Ushers: Dave Barnum and Carol Grandy

Lector: Dave Rush

Welcome Table: Margaret McMillan and Mary Schweder

Coffee Hour: Craig Fellner and Diane Fellner

A/V Desk: Marquez Edwards, Greg Massa, and Kaylen Wilson

Healing Minister: Gen Brink-Capriola

Offering Counters: Vickie James and Diane Knight

Parking Lot: Molly Barnum, Devlin Gillespie, Mike Kruschke, and Jon Stafford

Musicians: FLC Contemporary Team and Christine Buckstead, flute

Cantor: Luke Nicolay



Introducing Webster Moore, our new Band Leader for Sundays @ 5

We are pleased to welcome Webster Moore as the new Band Leader for Sundays @5pm! Webster is a pianist/organist/singer/songwriter who grew up right here in Chico and attended Inspire School of Arts & Sciences, which he credits for sparking his passion for music. Webster is part of the band, *Lo & Behold*, as well as being the musical director for Bethel AME Church on Sunday mornings. His first official Sunday as Band Leader at Faith's evening service will be TONIGHT! Come join us in welcoming him!

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

- Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons (5e) on 2nd Sundays of Month, 5:00 p.m. Room 6 (Kate Ory, Malinda Ard)
- Sundays @ 5 Service in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m.

Mondays

- Inviting Silence at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel (*part of office wing*) (Bill Kees)
- Time Out for Art in Room 6 from 1-4:00 p.m. (Caryl Quinones, Sherrill Heinz)
- Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting in Room 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Quilters in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM to about 3:00 p.m. (Char Miller)
- Centering Prayer on Zoom from 4-5 p.m. (Bill Kees)
- Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom from 5-6 p.m. (Pr. Ben)

Wednesdays

- Spanish Conversation Group on Zoom at 9am (Clark Colahan)
- Inviting Silence at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel (*part of office wing*) (Bill Kees)
- Handbell Practice in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)

Thursdays

- Spiritual Seekers Bible Study on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room (Mary Schweder)
- Afternoon Games at 1200 Park Ave. Clubhouse from 12 to 3:00 p.m. (Elise Gladu)
- Choir Practice in the Sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)
- Gambler's Anonymous at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Contemporary Music Practice in the Sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)
- Troop 12 in Room 7 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Chris Brown)

Fridays

- Men's Breakfast at Farmer's Skillet on Rio Lindo at 8:00 a.m. (Howie Stensrud)
- Bulletin Folders in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. (Laurae Dunn)
- Food Bank, 1st & 3rd Fridays in the Parking Lot from 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Lisa Roehling)

The Greatest Gift Project for January: Safe Space



Safe Space provides emergency overnight shelter rotating through churches during the coldest months of the winter. They are a first-come, first-serve shelter but prioritize those with extreme vulnerability, putting them at too great a risk to sleep outside. The shelter is currently operational and is scheduled to run through March 1, with our church hosting from January 18-February 1. From now until January 31, we are collecting the following supplies which you can put in the manger at the altar at church on Sunday, or you can drop items off at the office:

UPDATED LIST!!!

Heart Socks Heart Women's Underwear Heart Baby Wipes
Heart Paper Towels Heart Hand Warmers Heart Coffee
Heart Non-perishable, individually wrapped snacks

The Safe Space Winter Shelter starts today. The Safe Space crew will be setting up the fellowship hall after service today. Help is loved. You can sign up to serve meals, help with laundry, assist with intake, and other tasks by going to SafeSpaceChico.org or calling (530) 399-3187.

GOD SIGHTINGS

You will find stars and hearts in the card holders on the seats in front of you. Take time to share some God moments and your thankfulness on these. You can place them in the offering plate, put them up on the wall, or just leave them on your seat after worship and we will put them up on the wall for you.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Exciting news! The capital campaign has exceeded \$500,000 in pledges over the next three years. We are SO thankful for everyone's support, and just in time! We have recently witnessed the roof leaking in the administrative building, sanctuary & kitchen. Now that there is a break in the rain, phase two of the roofing project is set to begin. This wouldn't be possible without your support. Below are the updated numbers from the Capital Campaign through January 4th:

22 Donors w/o pledge: \$14,172.00

91 Total Pledges*: \$504,282.00 *Including donors w/o pledge

2025-26 \$215,654.00

2026-27 \$136,814.00

2027-28 \$151,813.00

Funds Rec'd to date: \$145,845.00

MEAL TRAIN FOR SKY SAMPLE

Sky is having major surgery Monday, January 19. The Sample family would greatly appreciate their congregation supporting them with meals during Sky's recovery.

They are asking for a meal every other day for 2 weeks. They have no food preferences, dietary restrictions, or allergies. Oscar is available to answer questions and help with directions. Thank you for your love, support, meals, and prayers!

NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING, ONLINE, TUESDAY, JAN 20 FROM 4-6 P.M. PST.

Join us online or in-person at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Naperville, Ill. on Jan. 20, 2026 from 4-6 p.m. Pacific Standard time for a night of centering multiracial voices from across the ELCA as we observe the 2026 National Day of Racial Healing (NDORH). Presented by the ELCA in partnership with Augsburg Fortress, this free program will feature intentional storytelling through words and music and provide opportunities for deep listening, reflection and drawing closer together as fellow children of God.

(Please call the church office and we'll send you a registration link.)

We don't know what we're looking for, so Jesus shows us

Eureka is a Greek word meaning, “I have found it.”

Though “lamb of God” is not a phrase found in the Old Testament, it likely refers to the Passover lamb, whose blood spares those it covers from death. Jesus is the lamb whose blood covers the whole world and spares all from eternal death.

The term “evangelism,” properly means “to be messengers of good news” and comes from the Greek words *eu* meaning “good” and *aggelos* meaning “messenger.”

The first disciples follow a pattern of evangelism of:

- 1) See: they see what God is doing right in front of them in Jesus.
- 2) Celebrate: they share with others their own excitement about what they saw God do in Jesus.
- 3) Accompany: they never send anyone to seek Jesus by themselves; instead they go together, imitating Jesus’ invitation to “come and see.”

What have you recently encouraged someone to check out?

What are you looking for in life?

What have you found in Jesus?