

# **Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

**February 1, 2026**



**10 a.m. Worship**  
**Augustana Lutheran Church**  
**Pastor *Amy Kelly***  
**Accompanist *Anne Hintz***

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*(\*stand if able)*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring over the waters.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty God,

**C: 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 in the words of the prophet Micah – we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *"Just As I Am, without One Plea"*

ELW #592



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

**\*GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# \*KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy.

A - men.

## "Now the Feast and Celebration"



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## **\*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.**

## **CHILDREN'S WORD**

**WORD**      *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Micah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

<sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the LORD  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

## **Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
  
<sup>2</sup> Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right  
and speak the truth from their heart;  
<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue  
and do no evil to their friends  
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;  
<sup>4</sup> in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Alleluia"*

*ELW - Setting 8*

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## **GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **MESSAGE**

*Pastor Amy Kelly*

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Strong and Kind”

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to  
 2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to  
 3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to

him. No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to him. him. For the  
 him. No one else can be my strength, I should come to him.  
 him. No one else can be my shield. I should come to

Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and night. We can al - ways run to Je - sus.

24 F Gsus C C/E F C Am G C D.S. al Coda  
 Je - sus, strong and kind.

### Verse 4

Jesus said if I am lost,  
 He will come to me.  
 And he showed me on the cross  
 He will come to me.

### Refrain

## **\*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 THE PEOPLE**

Each petition will end with the words, "Hear us O God"  
The congregation responds, **"Your mercy is great"**

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

## **OFFERING**

# **\*OFFERTORY** *"Give Thanks"*

W&P #41

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.  
 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.  
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And  
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should in all times and in all places...

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*All are welcome at Christ's table, you will be ushered forward.*

*Grape juice is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers, please request.*

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Taste and See"

ELW #493



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.  
3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
You'll want for noth-ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;  
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

*Refrain*



for God has been so good to me.  
from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
in God we need put all our trust.

Text: James B. Motfield, A. 1951, based on Ps. 34.  
Tune: "TASTE AND SEE," E. J. Hart, 1951.  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

## \*BLESSING

P: May the triune God, who is with you always and loves you through it all ✠ bless you now and forever.

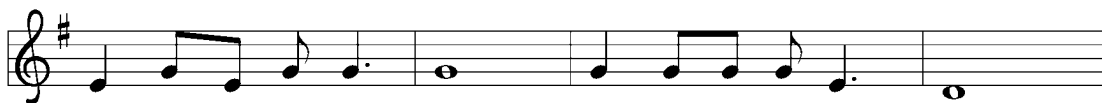
**C: Amen.**

## \*SENDING HYMN “This Little Light of Mine”

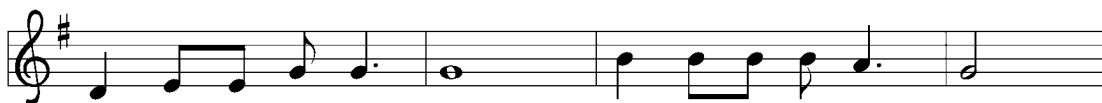
ELW #677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

## \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## AUGUSTANA'S CALENDAR

Sun	2/1	9:15 a.m.	Coffee fellowship
		10 a.m.	Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship
		11:15 a.m.	Stewardship Board
Wed	2/4	3:45 p.m.	Confirmation
Thu	2/5	9 a.m.	Piecemakers Quilting
		12 p.m.	Bible Study
Sun	2/8	9:15 a.m.	Coffee fellowship
		10 a.m.	Rejoice Worship; <b>*no meal following worship</b>

*Please see the Kiosk for details on other happenings this week.*

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