



**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
Holy Communion
February 1, 2026: 9:30 a.m.**

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“We believe God is calling us to invite people into a deeper relationship with Christ, that they may discover true peace and be prepared to follow Him in compassionate service”

GATHERING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: "Abide With Me" Matt Maher

The congregation may stand.

GATHERING TIME: "I See the Lord" Matt Maher

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

SCRIPTURE: Micah 6:1-8

L: A reading from Micah:

Hear what the LORD says:

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

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.

"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

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.

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."

"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?

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?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,

and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Shared Ministry

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02-01-26

02-08-26

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| Acolyte | Joshua Flaten | Andrew Kappmeyer |
| Assisting Minister | Dave Burbank | Nola Smith |
| Communion Assist | Angie Erickson | Dave Morgan |
| Communion Assist | Cheryl Burbank | Amy Klimek |
| Greeters | Judy Radjenovich | Corey Drewes |
| Greeters | Connie Facciotto | Tammy Drewes |
| Lector | John Smith | Ellen Kappmeyer |
| Musicians | SOS Band | |
| Proclaim/FB Live | CJ/Kim/Julie | CJ/Kim/Julie |
| Ushers | Craig Neubarth | Renae Hills |
| Ushers | Lona Neubarth | Rachel Buse |
| Counters | Renae Hills | Cheryl Burbank |
| Counters | Dave Burbank | Dave Harris |

THIS WEEK AT SHALOM

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| Sunday | 02-01 | 9:30 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm | Worship in-person or online Hospitality GWOH Malvin Christmas Bible Ladies |
| Tuesday | 02-03 | 7:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm | Men's Bible Study at Common Ground Dartball Gospel of Uke Runestone Choir |
| Wednesday | 02-04 | 5:00 pm 5:30 am 6:30 pm | Meal Confirmation/Faith time Shalom Ringers |
| Thursday | 02-05 | 8:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm | Quilting Bible Study Tech Shalom Singers |
| Sunday | 02-08 | 9:30 am 10:30 am | Worship in-person or online Hospitality Radio Ministry |

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*John & Carrie Carlberg, *Bob Hildebrandt, *Dave & Mary Owen, *Gerry Kingsburg, Bill Malvin (Dave Malvin's Father), *Delores Martin, *Evie Raguse, *Charles & Jeanne Tanksley, Teri Market, *Jeanette Priebe, *Bonnie Anderson, *Dave Burbank, Joan Searles (Pastor David's aunt), *Skeeter Kingsburg, Ben DeLong (brother of Chrissy Oachs) Rod Miller (Geri's Brother) Family of Rol Halvorson, Family of Steven Dordan, Family of *Joyce Thompson. *Shalom member

Jan/25—Dec/25 Activity

| <u>Revenues</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Surpl/ (Deficit)</u> | |
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| \$ 62,215 | \$ 79,051 | \$ (16,836) | Building Fund |
| \$ 253,647 | \$ 268,471 | \$ (14,824) | General Fund |
| The annual General/Bldg Funds budget was approved showing offerings equal to congregation approved expenses. Current General/Bldg fund cash balance is \$107,728. | | | |

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL WELCOME: "African Alleluia" John Ylvisaker

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 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 the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON "The Hidden Power of Mercy" Pastor David Fleener

The congregation may stand.

SONG OF THE DAY: "Blessed Be Your Name" Matt Redman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT & OFFERING

Offering baskets will be passed. If you prefer to give digitally, you can scan the QR code to give. White cards to place in the plate are available in the guest pad for those who give digitally.



MUSICAL OFFERING:

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" Pat Barrett

The congregation may stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: 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

THE 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

COMMUNION: Lutherans believe that Christ's true body and blood is present in Holy Communion, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians who trust these words of promise are welcome to receive communion today. Children under the guidance of their parents or caregivers may also receive. Those who do not receive may come forward with arms crossed over their chest for a blessing. To receive communion, come forward to receive the bread from the pastor. Gluten-free bread is also available in small containers by the individual communion cups. You may take a cup from the tray by the pastor, then move to either the wine or grape juice chalice. The wine chalice is first, the grape juice chalice is second. Wine or grape juice will be poured into your cup. There will be a basket for used cups. Those who cannot come forward for communion are asked to inform the ushers so that communion may be brought to them.

HOSPITALITY servers for Feb 8, Kim & Brian Casavan, Corey and Tammy Drewes, Joann Garland.

COUNCIL PACKETS We have a copy of the latest church council meeting packet available in the church office. It includes the previous month reports and the agenda. Anyone may read the minutes, but we ask that they not be removed from the office. Also if preferred, they can be emailed to you by request. Council meets the third Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. The meeting is open if anyone wanted to attend.

PASTOR DAVID will be out of the office February 3-16. If you need pastoral assistance, please contact the church office at (320) 762-8641 or Pr. Kathryn Rothman at (320) 760-6439.

NEWS FROM THE RADIO MINISTRY COMMITTEE. Radio That Connects, KONX, Shalom Lutheran Church's proposed community radio ministry, has news to share in the February Weekly Updates! The Radio Ministry Committee is now seeking program ideas, volunteers, and financial support from the congregation and community to bring this project to fruition in 2026. Take a look at this month's weekly updates for more information on how you can help. If you know others in our community who also might be interested, share the news! And remember, the Radio Ministry Committee continues to meet on the second Sunday of each month after Worship, and everyone interested is welcome to attend those meetings. Questions? Contact Kersten Kappmeyer or Pastor Kathryn Rothman for more information.

BENEDICTION:

P: Beloved in the Lord,
 God has shown you what is good.
 What does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice,
 and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?
 Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
 forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: "All the People Said Amen" Matt Maher

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Week of Feb 1, 2026

Church Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Welcome to our Shalom gathering! All God's children are welcome here, especially our guests, whoever you are or wherever you come from. We invite you to sign the guest pad in your row and hope you'll join us for refreshments after worship in the Community Room. If you have any questions about Shalom or how we worship, please ask our greeters and ushers (wearing name tags). You may also contact Pastor David. If you can't catch him after worship, you may call the office at (320) 762-8461 or email him at pastor@shalomlutheran.org.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION INVITATION

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
 Come to the table; taste and see.

The congregation may be seated

LAMB OF GOD: "Lamb of God" McKinney

COMMUNION SONG: "Lord I Need You" Christy Nockels

COMMUNION SONG: "Come As You Are" David Crowder

The congregation may stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.