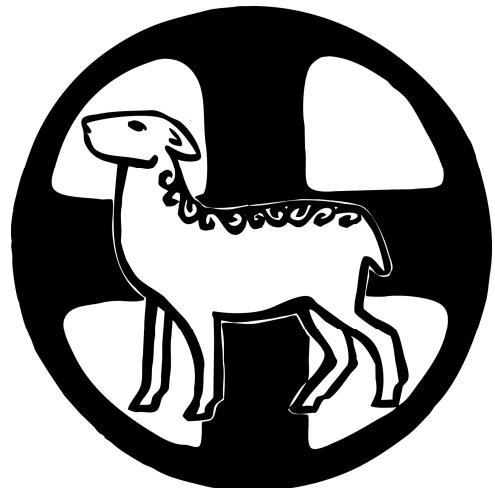


Sunday, January 18, 2026  
The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Trinity Lutheran Church  
10:30am: Meadowlawn  
1801 62 Avenue N



 **PRELUDE**

 **WELCOME**

 **CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\ddagger$  one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind that stirs the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in trust to the God who knows us completely.

*We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,**  
**but we serve our own interests**  
**at the expense of our neighbors.**  
**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 God now declares new things:  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in  $\ddagger$  Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**



## GATHERING HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me?* (v 1,2,4,5)

ELW 798

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**



## HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
 All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully know you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



## INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



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

*Here the servant of the Lord, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> 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—<sup>6</sup> 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." <sup>7</sup> 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."

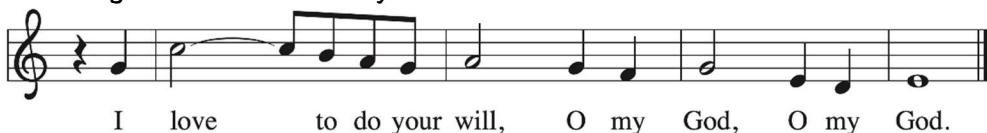
Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

*The choir will sing the refrain once as introduction and the congregation will repeat it, then all will sing it when indicated by "R"*



I love to do your will, O my God, O my God.

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord. R

<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God!

In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count. R

<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'" R

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

<sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

<sup>11</sup> You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe. R



## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> 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: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> 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

*Please stand and sing:*



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

*Choir: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. (John 1:4)*

*Congregation repeats "Alleluia"*

## GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

The good news of God's love according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> 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?" <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> 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).

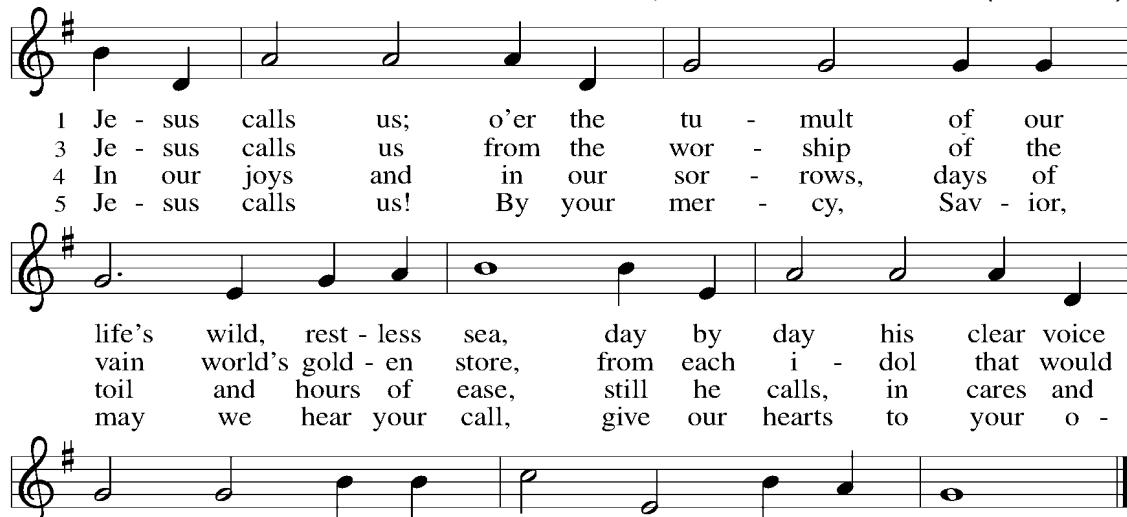
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult* (v 1,3,4,5) ELW 696



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851-1922



## 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

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.

After each petition:

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**



## THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the next hymn, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory,  
**no eye has seen 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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music as follows:

- Staff 1: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
- Staff 2: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
 heav-en 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.



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN *You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd*

ACS 954

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
stripped of might up - on the cross,  
sit in pow - er at the side.  
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!

You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
Wor - thy your de -feat and vic - t'ry;

of the way you took and gave.  
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
have a love that reach - es wide.  
wor - thy still your peace and strife.

You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;

you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
you, who are both gift and cost.  
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.  
you, who are our death and life.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of light and truth,  
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,  
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. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

May almighty God, glorious Mystery,  
Word made flesh, abiding Comforter,  $\text{☩}$   
bless you with grace, peace, and joy  
today and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN *We are Marching in the Light*

ELW 866

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,  
we are march-ing in the light of God.

We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO  
we are march-ing in the light of God.

We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984  
Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice; love mercy.

**Thanks be to God. We will!**

## **POSTLUDE**

[Livestream ends]



**After the service, please stay for a time of refreshments and conversation**

**Thank you to those serving this month:** (ML) = Meadowlawn Campus (DT) = Downtown Campus

Service	Lectors	Communion Assistants	Altar Flower Sponsors
01/04 10:30 (DT)	Ruth Kinsey	Gary Bartelt, Violet Prepost	
01/11 10:30 (DT)	Lou Carter	Ruth Kinsey, Margarita Rodriguez	
01/18 10:30 (ML)	Gary Bartelt	Suzanne Bohning, Linda Gascon	
01/25 10:30 (ML)	Suzanne Bohning	Frances Guido, Aimée Fox	<i>For the glory of God</i>

### **Birthdays this week:**

01/20 - Nancy Pisecco  
01/20 - Paul Stavros  
01/23 - Chris Hanson

01/24 - Carla Pisecco  
01/24 - Lisa Valentine

### **Anniversaries this week:**

None

## **This Week's Calendar of Events:**

### **Today (01/18)**

12:15pm - ML Facility Tour  
12:45pm - Church Council Meeting (ML)  
1:30pm - Fleet Reserve Assoc Meeting (DT)

### **Monday (01/19)**

MLK Jr Day – Offices Closed

### **Tuesday (01/20)**

*Newsletter Deadline!*

### **Wednesday (01/21)**

9:00am - Quilting (CommUNITY Room)  
11:30am - Community Meal (DT 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
6:00pm - Bible Study (CommUNITY Room)

### **Thursday (01/22)**

6:00pm - Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Room)  
6:30pm - Choir Practice (ML Sanctuary)

### **Friday (01/23)**

9:30am - TLC Pantry (DT 1st Floor)  
9:30am - Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

### **Saturday (01/24)**

9:00am - Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

## **Further Info & Items of Interest:**

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** We continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

**The Quilting Group** is asking for donations of clean flat (not fitted) sheets--all sizes.

**Sunday Morning Education Hour:** Coming soon! Pastor Paul is looking forward to expanding our Sunday morning activities to include an "All-Ages Education Hour" after worship and fellowship. Stay tuned for more information!

**Grief Support Gatherings:** Another opportunity for sharing and supporting one another, we are planning a series of mid-week Grief Support Gatherings. Copies of a book called "ABCs of Healthy Grieving: A Companion for Everyday Coping" are available for purchase in the church office(s) for \$10. When we gather, we will talk about what we've read and how it impacted us.

**Small Groups:** Another way for us to get to know each other better! If you would like to be a small group host, let Pr. Paul know!

**The Women of Hope** are meeting on Wed Feb 11, 2026 @ 12 noon. The location is Cracker Barrel 2151 54th Avenue N. St Petersburg. We need to have a count of those that plan to attend by Sun Feb 8th. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at both campuses.

## Prayer List:

### For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson  
Deacon Lynne Tallon  
Music Director Ross Kimura  
Music Director Brenden Hall

### For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon  
Whitney & Greg Corrigan  
Rick Jackson  
Frank Durilla  
Rev. Ernest Knoche  
Ron Oughton  
Barbara

### For those homebound:

Lorna Holder  
Shirley Taylor  
Betty Aker  
Marion Cheslock  
Judy Milanese  
Petra Young

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

### For those needing strength or healing:

Joan Barnes	Cecil Miles
Bob Stross	Linda Miles
Frances Guido	Bill Quinn
Jill Boos Martin	Doug Pryor
Pr. Felice Johnson	Corinne, Bob, & Irma Kay
Sally Evans	Leonard
Mary Alice Boller	Robert & Brenda Meredith
Paula Smith	Brian Schutzbach
Vickie Clark	Shakira and family
Luke Mendenhall	Janet Crim
Guy Smith	Pr. Tom Snapp
Joyce Dare	Will Diefel

### For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

Family & Friends of Pollyann Knox  
Family & Friends of Terri Jones

Welcome, visitors! Please tell us something about yourself.

*Fill out the form below or scan the provided QR Code to contact us digitally.*



Today's Date:

01/18/26

Name and Address

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Home church, city, and state

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:

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