

January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Fugue in G Major" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE BRIDGE BUILDERS TASK FORCE Monte Shuck

OPENING SENTENCES

Sing to the Lord a new song; Ps. 96:1
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Look, here is the Lamb of God! John 1:36, 39

Jesus calls us: Come and see.

The Lord is about to do a new thing. 1 Sam. 3:10-11

Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN: GTG #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 Tim. 1:14-15

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Ps. 103:17

... I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

+ HYMN: GTG #688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Mary Garland Jackson

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Ps. 24:1

OFFERTORY "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" SALZBURG

+ RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Belhar Confession (South Africa, 1982)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7 O.T. page 517
The servant brings light to the nations

PSALM Psalm 40:1-11
Doing the will of God

I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
**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.**

The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and they shall trust the LORD.

Happy are they who put their trust in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!

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

O, that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;

**you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.**

And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

'I love to do your will, O my God;

your law is deep within me.'"

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

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.

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth

continually keep me safe.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 N.T. page 127
Paul's greeting to the church at Corinth

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:29-42 N.T. page 70
Christ revealed as the Lamb of God

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Light of the World!" Besig / Price

SERMON "The Lamb of God" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ HYMN: GTG #724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

+ CHARGE 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10;

Go out into the world in peace; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17

have courage; hold onto what is good;

return no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak, and help the suffering;

honor all people;

love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

+ BLESSING 2 Cor. 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Alleluia!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Christ, Now Go Before Us" arr. Hopson

POSTLUDE "Prelude in G Major" Bach

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.**

SERVING US TODAY

Guest Organist: Caitlyn Brown

Liturgist: Jane Hamelink

Greeters: Susan Chien and Sally Hughes

Next Week's Greeters: Kurt Immekus and Nancy Sue MacDonald

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Will Ozee and Mike Buchman

Today's flowers are given by Sue Riley

in memory of Donovan Riley

and by Bob Caltrider

in memory of JoAnn Caltrider

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#61: Ephesians

Paul may have written his letter to the Christians in Ephesus while under house arrest in Rome. It was probably his final letter to a whole congregation. (c. AD 61-66)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 93. What is the first commandment?

“You shall have no other gods before me” (Ex. 20:3; Deut. 5:7).

Question 94. What do you learn from this commandment?

No loyalty comes before my loyalty to God. I should worship and serve only God, expect all good from God alone, and love, fear and honor God with all my heart.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

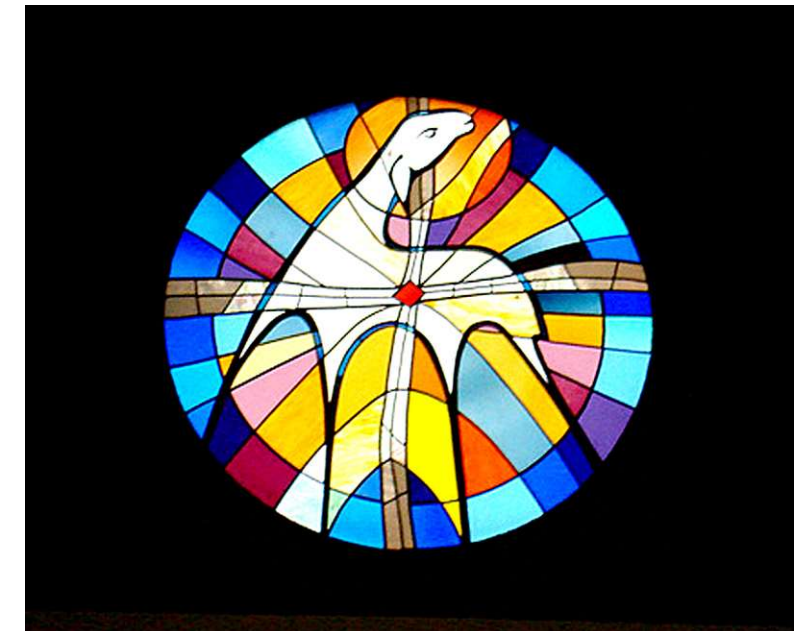
Today	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am
Monday	Church Office closed (Martin Luther King Day)	
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan. 24: Bill Leutscher

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Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

by Cláudio Pastro

Benedictine Monastery of Encontro (Parana, Brazil)

“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
(John 1:29)