

Celebration Lutheran Church

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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Worship: 10:00am January 18, 2026

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather to Encounter God With One Voice (Blue Book) Hymnal

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Brief silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: ... we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Arise, Your Light Has Come!

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1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A -rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

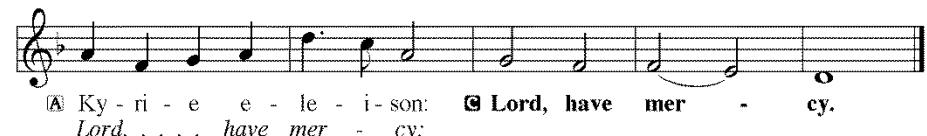
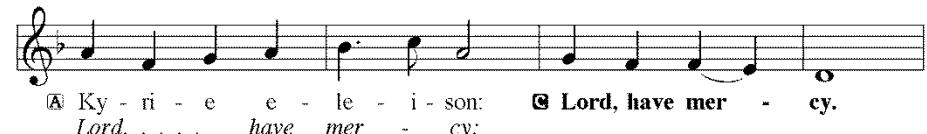
Greeting

L: 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.

We Pray through Song: Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise WOV pg 30

Glory to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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.

Glory to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Glory to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A-men.

Glory to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

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

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

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

Psalm 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently upon the LORD,
 who stooped to me and heard my cry.
² **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.**
³ 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.
⁴ **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**
 They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies. R
⁵ 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.
⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
 you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you
have not required.** R
⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
 In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
⁸ **'I love to do your will, O my God;
 your law is deep within me.'**
⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
 I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.
¹⁰ **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.**
¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
 may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe. R

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42

L: The holy gospel according to St. John in the 1st chapter.

C: **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).

L: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn of the Day:

Be Thou My Vision

WOV #776

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters (current situations may be named).

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness (especially). Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community (local ministries may be named). Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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.

Amen.

L: Merciful God,

C: ... **receive our prayer.**

Greeting of Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We Offer Our Gifts

Presentation Hymn: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful WOV pg 35

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Liberating God,
 C: ... you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

We Share Christ's Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.
 L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.
 L: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
 C: It is right to give our thanks and praise to the Lord!

Communion Prayers and the story of our Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
 C: 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 of Our Lord's Supper

Communion Hymns: Lamb of God WOV pg 39

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.

I am the Bread of Life

WOV #702

Leader or All

Refrain
All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

Post-Communion Prayer and Blessing

Sending Hymn:

We Are Marching

WOV #650

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

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

We Go to Love as Jesus Loves Us!