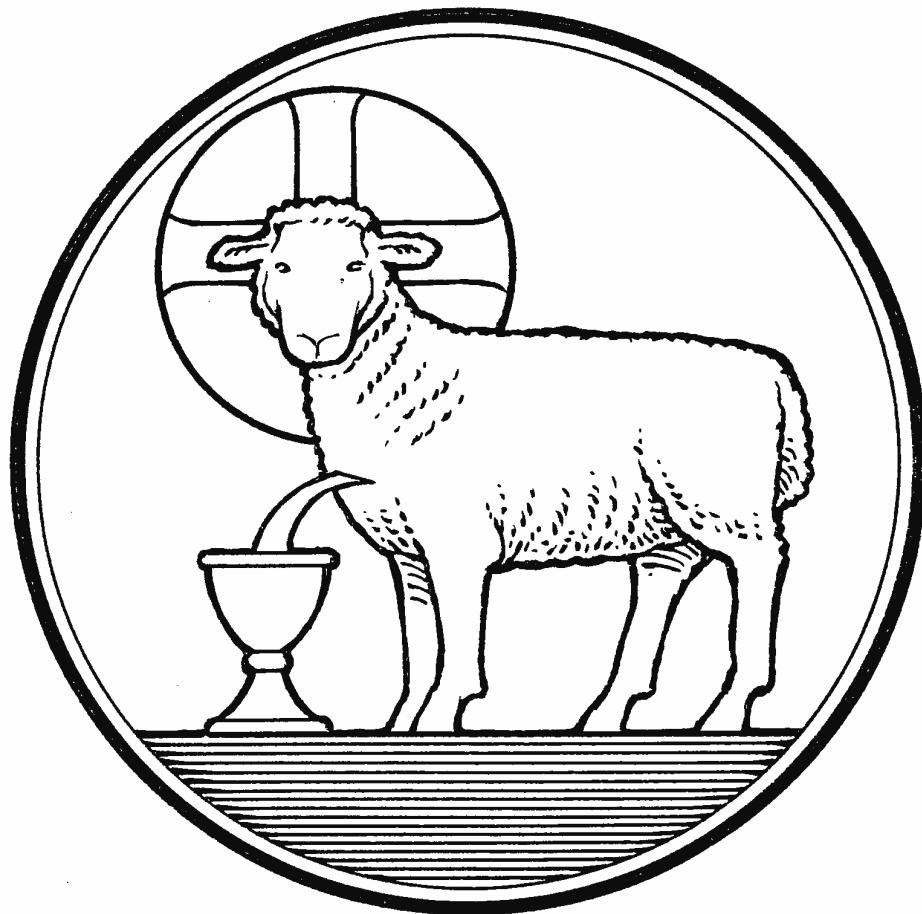


# Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18 and 19, 2026



Jesus Is the Lamb of God

## Welcome to Worship

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We are honored that you are with us. We pray that the Word of God you hear will strengthen your faith and increase your love for the Lord! Please fill out a “Welcome to Worship” card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in an offering plate, located near the sanctuary doors, as you leave worship. If you are a guest, know that we are thankful you have joined us and hope that you will join us again soon.

## Prepare for Worship

To prepare for worship, read through the service focus and the Scripture readings. Ponder the words of the Psalm of the Day. Spend time in prayer, using the prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal or on pages 255-258. For those intending to receive the Lord’s Supper, read through the “Christian Questions” on pages 295-296. Consider reading through portions of the Small Catechism on pages 286-293.

## Today's Focus for Worship – Jesus Is the Lamb of God

For centuries Israel offered sacrifices to God for sin. Over and over, a substitute shed its blood to earn forgiveness. Then Jesus appeared, the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world. He died as the substitute for sinful mankind. Connected to him by faith, you have a new perspective and new motivation for living a Christian life.

## Serving at Worship

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# The Service

## Setting Five



### Opening Hymn

Rise Up and Shine | 376  
*Please stand to sing the final stanza.*

### Invocation

*Matthew 18:20; 28:19-20*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

*1 John 1:8-9; 2:2; Matthew 28:19-20*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie**

*Matthew 15:22; 17:15; Mark 10:47*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For this ho - ly house and for all who of - fer here their  
 wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mer - cy.**  
 Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.  
**A - men.**

**Glory Be to God** *Gloria in Excelsis*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
 high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his  
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al -



mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his  
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, have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, and peace to his  
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.  
Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

<sup>9</sup> For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

1 John 2:2

*Refrain*

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

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

*Tone*

Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,  
and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Refrain*

## Gospel

John 1:29-41

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup> “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

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**Sermon**

John 1:29

Look—the Lamb of God!

1. A Substitute for Sinners
2. A Savior for Sinners

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed** *Credo*

Matthew 16:15; Luke 12:8; 2 Corinthians 4:13

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

Merciful God, gracious Father, you have given us your only Son to be our Savior and have displayed the glory of your love to us in him. Firmly plant us and build us up in him. Strengthen us in faith and move us to reflect your love with thanksgiving.

**Be pleased to save us, Lord. Come quickly, Lord, to help us.**

Keep our hearts from sin and shame. As you fill us with your Word, fill us also with the love and wisdom of Christ.

**Be pleased to save us, Lord. Come quickly, Lord, to help us.**

Call people out of the deceit and darkness of this world. Enlighten them also with the Word of Christ and bring them with us to all fullness in him.

**Be pleased to save us, Lord. Come quickly, Lord, to help us.**

You have made your only Son, Jesus Christ, head over every ruler and authority. Govern, guide and enlighten the leaders of our nation, the President of the United States, the governor of this state, federal, state and local leaders and authorities.

**Be pleased to save us, Lord. Come quickly, Lord, to help us.**

We rejoice in the many liberties and freedoms you have given us in our land. The greatest of these is our freedom to worship you in spirit and in truth. Preserve our freedom of religion so that your Word may be freely proclaimed for the building up and expansion of your church.

**Be pleased to save us, Lord. Come quickly, Lord, to help us.**

O God, be the strength of those who have no strength. Restore soundness and health to those who suffer. Bring healing, wholeness and strength as it fits your good purpose and plan. Give patience as your people wait for you.

**Be pleased to save us, Lord. Come quickly, Lord, to help us.**

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world. Look on us and have mercy on us. Keep us safe in him, our Reward and Redeemer; Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Offering**

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

*Offerings given in thanks to the Lord are brought to the Lord's altar. We ask all worshipers to fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors following the service.*

## **Hymn**

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*Stand*

## **Closing Collect**

Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, by your Word you have been revealed to us, your people. Enlighten us by your Spirit, enrich all our speaking and knowledge, and keep us strong to the end; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer Pater Noster**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **Blessing Aaronic Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Closing Hymn**

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