

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion toward all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Margaret Pommen funeral service will be held on **Saturday, January 24th at 11 am at the church**

AGM – Sunday, February 22nd at 12:00 pm

INTRODUCTION

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. Today we hear Jesus' invitation to the disciples as an invitation to us and to all, "Come and see."

Let us take a moment to prepare our hearts and minds.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩] one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
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 new things God now declares:
God forgives our sin in [☩] Jesus' name.
God's mercy makes us new.
May the Spirit give us strength to live for others,
and bless us with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

"KYRIE" ELW Setting 8 – v 1-3

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-’ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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.

GATHERING SONG "Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him" (binder) – v 1 & 2

1. Je - sus calls us here to meet him as through
2. Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of

word and song and prayer, we shar - af - firm of God's
life and Lord of all, er of our

prom - ised pres - ence where Christ's peo - ple live and
flesh and frail - ness, sav - ing all who fail or

care. Praise the God who keeps each prom - ise,
fall. Tell his ho - ly, hu - man sto - ry;

praise the Son who calls us friends, praise the Spir - it
tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that

who, a - mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.
Christ in glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST 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.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

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:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

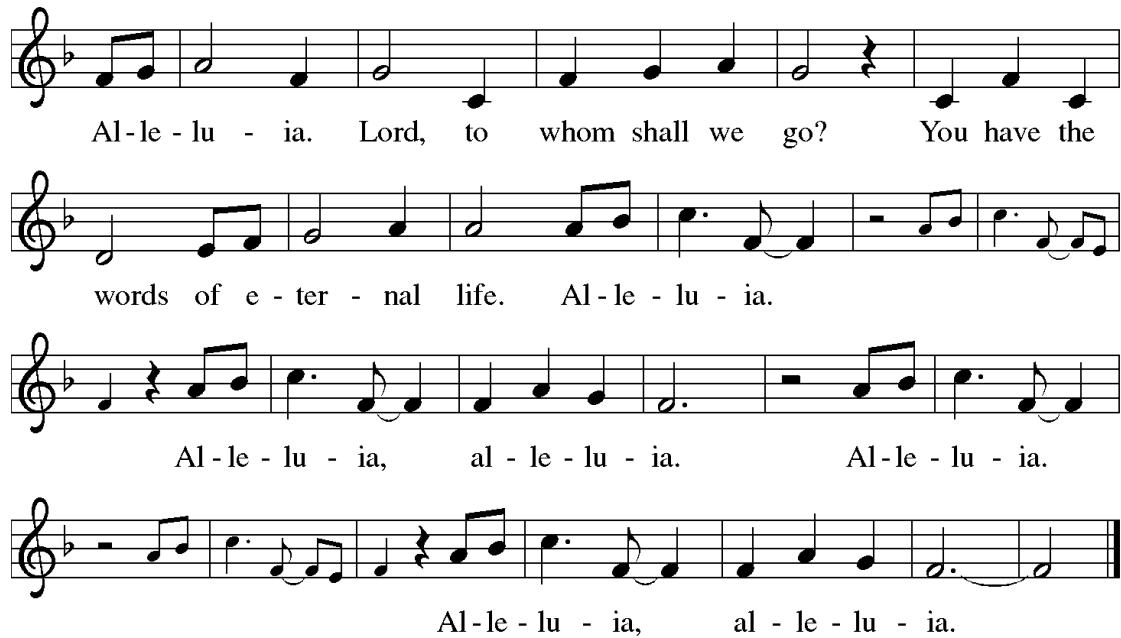
For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" (ELW Setting 8)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gospel and sermon for today have been prepared and shared by retired Rev. Steve Johnston of the Eastern Synod who currently serves as a Spiritual Director.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 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.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come with Me into the Journey" (tune is ELW 254) – piano only

1. Come with me in - to the jour - ney;
 2. Come and serve the poor and hun - gry.
 3. Come, stand by as friends for - sake me;

come and see where I a - bide.
 Come and hear our neigh - bors' cries.
 come, where I am laid in earth.

Come, for I am there a - mong you;
 Come and stand with me for jus - tice.
 Come, but do not fear the shad - ows;

come, my arms are o - pen wide.
 Come and see, the dead will rise.
 come, for I will bring new birth.

Come and feel the wind that's blow - ing.
 Come and help me turn the ta - bles.
 Come, the prom - ised day is dawn - ing.

Come and taste the bread and wine.
 Come, speak truth to all we meet.
 Come and see, and come and dare:

Come and go where Word meets ac - tion;
 Come, the feast of life is read - y;
 dare to trust that I am lead - ing;

come and live this Way of mine.
 come, and I will wash your feet.
 dare to trust that I am there.

APOSTLES' CREED

We confess our faith in the words of 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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways and responding to devastating floods. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Jesus, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. We pray especially for Alice, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Karen, Janet C, Victor and Judy, Janet D, Dave, Tiffany, Lori, Corrie, Alice, Patrick, Joel and Ellen, Linda H, Murray, Shirley, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim N., Donna, Helga, Margaret and Clayton, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Ray, Alan T and those we name silently now . . . *[silence]*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are glorified in the servants you have called. Guide the nominating committee and all whom you call to serve on church council. Bless those who look after our property, and hold in your care this week Marlin & Sue Howg, Myrna Husdal, and Pastor Joel, Vanessa and Hans. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You comfort those who are grieving. Be with Ian, Karen, Abbey and Ben Stewardson as they mourn the passing of Ian's dad. In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

United in Christ, we pray together . . .

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 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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and **☩** give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "Arise, Your Light has Come" ELW 314



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.

SENDING

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God. We will!

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