

Global Mission Sunday / Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Feb 1, 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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Tuesday, February 17th at 5 pm

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 18th at 2 pm

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

INTRODUCTION

On this ELCIC Global Mission Sunday, we are invited to consider: who are the blessed ones of God? We have been recalling throughout Epiphany that it is those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

Let us take a moment to center our hearts and minds as we enter this time of worship.

CONFESSiON 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 1-2

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

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that

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

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 "Worship the Lord" (binder/Songs for a Gospel People 116)) – v 1, 2, 5

Wor-ship the Lord, *wor-ship the Lord,* wor-ship the Fa-ther, the

Spir-it, the Son, rais-ing our hands, *rais-ing our hands* In de-

vo-tion to God who is one!

1. Rais-ing our hands as a sign of
2. Pray-ing and train-ing that we be

re-joic-ing, and with our lips our to- geth-er- ness voic- ing,
a bless-ing, and by our hand-i-work dai- ly con- fess- ing

giv- ing our- selves to a life of cre- a- tive -ness,
we are com- mit- ted to serv- ing hu- man- i- ty,

wor- ship and work must be one!

5. Now in response to life you are giving,
help us, O Father, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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 Global Mission Sunday have been prepared and shared by National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "When the Poor Ones" ELW 725 – piano, bass, guitar, cajon

1 *Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y_aún re - par - te,*
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;
 2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
 3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
 4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;

cuau - do al - guien pa - sa sed y_a - gua nos da,
 when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
 when ex - pect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;

cuau - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
 when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
 when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
 when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo

Va Dios mis - mo_en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;

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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

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, as we affirm and accept your many blessings to us—in our homes, our families, and our church—help us to hold in our hearts and in our prayers those particular places for which we seek the abundance of your blessing—on the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land; the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay, and the Lutheran Church of Peru. May your ever-present love pour down on these churches. May the blessing which they are to us, and which we are to them strengthen the reign of your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation and protect educators, journalists, artists, clergy and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort those who grieve or suffer in any way, especially 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.**

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, and teachers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Guide the nominating committee and all whom you call to serve on church council. Bless those prepare coffee fellowship, and hold in your care this week Murray and Marilyn Jacobson, Torben Johansen, and Pastor Joel, Vanessa and Hans. May our actions and our words be guided by your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. 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.**

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 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW 538

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
 The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
 to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
 The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
 to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
 that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
 Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

SENDING

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God. We will!

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