

Sunday Worship Service – January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany
With One Voice – Holy Communion – *Light of Christ*, Setting 4 (p.12-27)
The hymns are from WOV & ELWB

Words of Welcome by Pastor

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Statement

Thanksgiving for the Waters of Baptism¹

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water – the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for our water stories – a flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy, a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus –baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for this font, for you breathe into this water to wash away our sin and birth us each day into your peace and joy.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth. O God, you are the River, saving us from death. O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being. We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, forever. **Amen, and amen.**

ELWB #627 Gathering Hymn “*O Day Full of Grace*” (verses 1-3)

1. **O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
your name on our hearts emblazon.**
2. **O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;**

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then came to the world that light sublime,
 great joy for us all retrieving;
 for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.

3. For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
 when he on the cross was hanging;
 and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging,
 might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.

p.12 **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.**

p.12 **Kyrie**

In peace, 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, 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 holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

Prayer of the Day²

Steadfast God, **you have enriched and enlightened us by the revelation of your eternal Christ. Comfort us in our mortality and strengthen us to walk the path of your desire, so that by word and deed we may manifest the gracious news of your faithfulness and love. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

In the reading from the prophet Isaiah, the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honoured mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

² <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/DayTexts>

Listen to me, coastlands; pay attention, peoples far away. God called me before my birth, called my name when I was in my mother's womb. God made my mouth like a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of God's own hand. God made me a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in God's quiver, saying to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I show my glory." But I said, "I have wearied myself in vain. I have used up my strength for nothing." Nevertheless, God will grant me justice; my reward is with my God. And now God has decided— he one who formed me from the womb as God's servant—to restore Jacob to God, so that Israel might return to God. Moreover, I'm honored in God's eyes; my God has become my strength. God said: It is not enough, since you are my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the survivors of Israel. Hence, I will also appoint you as light to the nations so that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. God, redeemer of Israel and its holy one, says to one despised, rejected by nations, to the slave of rulers: Kings will see and stand up; commanders will bow down on account of God, who is faithful, the holy one of Israel, who has chosen you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second 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 Jesus Christ.

From Paul, called by God's will to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, and from Sosthenes our brother. To God's church that is in Corinth: To those who have been made holy to God in Christ Jesus, who are called to be God's people. Together with all those who call upon the name of Jesus Christ in every place – he's their Lord and ours!

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

I thank my God always for you, because of God's grace that was given to you in Christ Jesus. That is, you were made rich through God in everything: in all your communication and every kind of knowledge, in the same way that the testimony about Christ was confirmed with you. The result is that you aren't missing any spiritual gift while you wait for Jesus Christ to be revealed.

God will also confirm your testimony about Christ until the end so that you will be blameless on the day of Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and you were called by God to partnership with Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

p.17 **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

The holy gospel according to John, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one about whom I said, ‘The one who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.’ Even I didn’t recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel.” John testified, “I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. Even I didn’t recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and testified that this one is God’s Son.”

The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When John saw Jesus walking along he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, “What are you looking for?”

They said, “Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?” Jesus replied, “Come and see.” So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Andrew first found his own brother

Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Christ). Andrew led Simon to Jesus.

Jesus looked at Simon and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated *Peter*).

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

ELWB #696 Hymn of the Day “Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult” (v.1,4-5)

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, “Christian, follow me”
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”
5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

p.19 **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 and 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.

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.

Prayer petitions will end with “Merciful God” and the congregation is invited to respond with “receive our prayer.”

A brief silence.

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace.

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. 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. 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, especially our ministry with Indigenous Christian Fellowship and the Trinity Food Pantry. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. 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. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of God be with you always! **And also with you!**

p.21 Offertory

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;

unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence,

and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

p.21 Offering Prayer

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.

p.22 Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Christ our Lord.

Sharing our life, Jesus lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to Jesus' own brilliant light.

And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**p.22 Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer³

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the light and life of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus your light,

shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup,
Gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

³ *With One Voice: Leaders Edition*, Eucharistic Prayer C – The Season of Epiphany, p.67 (adapted for inclusive language). © 1995 Augsburg Fortress Minneapolis.

This cup is the covenant in my blood,
 Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering Christ's life and ministry,
 his preaching and healing, his dying and rising,
 and his promise to come again, we await that day
 when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that,
 refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world,
 revealing the brilliance of Jesus Christ.
 This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

p.25 **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.
 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.**

Communion Distribution

p.25 ***Lamb of God***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us,
 have mercy on us, have mercy.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us,
 have mercy on us, have mercy.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

WOV #710 Communion Hymn “One Bread, One Body”

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,
 and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

1. **Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.**

Refrain

2. **Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.**

Refrain

3. **Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.**

Refrain

Communion Blessing

Prayer after communion⁴

O Lord, you look upon us in love and refresh our souls through the gifts of bread and wine. Send us out, reflecting the light of your grace and mercy and fill you with joy and peace. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing⁵

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

WOV #651 Sending Hymn “*Shine, Jesus, Shine*”

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

1. **Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Refrain

2. **As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,**

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⁵ <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/DayTexts-01/18/2026>

mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Sending

Go in peace, to love and serve God through word and deed.

Thanks be to God!

Sources:

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