

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Sandi Watts, organ

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song – “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

(piano)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love, As we sing holy, holy, holy. *Repeat*

Coda: As we sing holy, holy, holy.

We sing holy, holy, holy.

We sing holy, holy, holy.

I want to see You. *Repeat coda*

I want to see You.

**Greeting*

P: 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.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: Loving God, you cleansed the temple, not to destroy, but to point to you as our true connection to God. Cleanse our hearts this day from all that leads us away from you, and point us to the abundant life we have in you.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

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

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

- 1 **Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**
- 2 **The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

WORD

Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Reader: Barb Davenport

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* John 2:13-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

²³Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

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

Song – “Oh, Worship the King” ELW 842, vv. 3, 4, 5

(organ)

- 3 **Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

- 4 **Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

5 O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

Sermon: “Signs, Signs, Everywhere are Signs”

Song of the Day – “We All Are One in Mission” ELW 576

(organ)

- 1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

**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.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

“In the Bleak Midwinter,” arr. Getty
Sung by Kelly Hartz and Terri Kimler

**Offertory*

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” ELW 686, vv. 1-2 (organ)

- 1 **We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**
- 2 **May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord 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, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Lord's Prayer*

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.

Communion Songs

“All My Days”

(piano)

1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

3 I long to be where the praise is never ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of ‘worthy’ will honor the Lamb! *Refrain*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ELW 634 (organ)

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
- 2 O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
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- 4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: 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.
C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Mighty to Save”* *(piano)*

**Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior. The Hope of nations.**

Refrain: Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.

*Forever, Author of Salvation. He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.*

**So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in. Now I surrender. *Refrain twice***

**Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing ... for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing ... for the glory of the risen King.
*Refrain twice***

**Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing ... for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing ... for the glory of the risen King.**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song Credits

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, January 18, 9:30am: Worship
11:00am: Discussion Group

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, January 21, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Wednesday, January 28, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2-7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

During January, Faith's Little Flock will explore stories from the season of Epiphany, when we hear how Jesus is revealed to the world. Through storytelling, simple conversations, music, and hands-on activities, our children will learn that Jesus invites us to come and see, cares deeply about people, calls us to honor God, and loves us beyond measure. As we follow these gospel stories together, children will be reminded that they are welcome in God's family and that God's love shines in both joyful moments and quiet questions. We are always grateful for our wonderful adult and "big kid" helpers. If you feel called to help with Faith's Little Flock, please reach out to Melissa Street, Liddy Stark, or Pam Devlin. Blessings, *Melissa*

Contribution Envelopes for 2026 are available in the gathering area. If you don't see a box with your name on it, please talk to Kris Roth, Barb Davenport, or Pam Devlin.

Annual Reports

packets for 2025 are available in the gathering area by the coffee sales. Please take 1 per household, and bring it back with you to the Annual Meeting on January 25.

Financial Statements

for 2025 are available in the office.

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library** (this new group will take the place of the Discipleship Group). We will gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We'll be utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area. People should read assigned daily readings from The Bible Recap so that we can discuss what we read.

Music is a Great Way to Connect!

We are always looking for people to sing or play special music for a prelude or a stewardship offering. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts. jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

Post-Service Discussions after Worship

Grab some refreshments and join us in the Justice Room to further encounter the readings – and the sermon. *Naomi Hahn*

Bible Boot Camp and Faith Inkubators

Pastor Adam is only available to lead gatherings on January 18 and February 15. If others would like to help provide more, please contact Pam Devlin, Carol Freesen, or Celeste Hill on our Discipleship Core Team. Our typical schedule is for Bible Boot Camp from 4:30-5:30, a meal from 5:30-6:00, and Confirmation from 6:00-7:30.

Extra Winter Cheer

Everyone is invited for Extra Winter Cheer on Sunday, February 1, from 11:00am–1:00pm in the Great Room. We'll have pizza to eat, cookie decorating, a hot cocoa bar, and a special Valentine's service project. Stay after either service and beat the winter blues with some fellowship and fun!

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$9.00** regular & decaf, **\$3.00** tea). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “coffee” designated in the memo area.

Pillars Giving Tree

The Giving Tree in the gathering area is adorned with ornaments, each representing a child and their needs. Choose an ornament, make your donation payable to HUGS, and place it in the offering box. Your generosity will bring joy and hope to these precious children, reminding them that they are loved and valued. For questions or more details, please contact Melissa Street, Kevin Krohe, or Patty Nelson. Thank you for being a blessing this holiday season!

Prayer and Meditation

Prayer and meditation are ways that we invite God into our lives and into those for whom we pray. The health challenges facing Marilyn Dichsen have focused our congregation's attention on the importance of prayers for healing cancer in a gifted young woman. Marilyn's challenges have also brought to our attention all who are struggling with physical and mental health issues. Faith members are encouraged to pray for all who are in need wherever you might find yourself. The church sanctuary is open during regular church office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-1:00) for members to stop by and spend quiet time praying for Marilyn, her family, and all those who are in need of prayer. A prayer book is available at the back of the sanctuary by the tech station, along with the names of those who have been included in worship prayers and our prayer chain. Please sign your name and record your prayers or words of encouragement, if you so desire.

Conference of Churches Collecting Dry Goods for Area Food Bank

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is encouraging its member churches to collect grain-based dry goods for their ‘Gratitude of Grains’ event to support the local food bank. Needed items include: dry pasta, breakfast cereals, macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, and snack crackers. ‘Gratitude of Grains’ is an initiative to assist food banks this winter. **Member churches of the Conference can collect thru February 22, 2026.** Please put your donations in the Blue Box in the Mission & Ministry Center (coat closet). Together, we can help make a difference this winter! For more information, contact Conference of Churches Representative Pat Pennell at (217) 370-9879, or Pat Glyshaw at (217) 243-8093.