

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY + JANUARY 18, 2026

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

795 *VOICES RAISED TO YOU WE OFFER* sts. 1–2

1   Voices raised to You we offer;  
      Tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute  
      For Your gifts through all our days.  
      Alleluia! Alleluia!  
      Triune God, to You we sing!

2   All creation joins to praise You;  
      Earth and sky Your works display.  
Art and music, gifts You lend us,  
      We return to You today.  
      Alleluia! Alleluia!  
      God, Creator, source of life!

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***(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)***

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our

sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

795 *VOICES RAISED TO YOU WE OFFER*      sts. 3–5

3 Christ, the song of Love incarnate,  
Touching earth with heaven's grace,  
For Your living, suff'ring, dying,  
For Your rising, hear our praise!

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!

4 Spirit, flaming through creation,  
Kindle faith within each heart.  
Lift our voices high in chorus;  
Through our hands Your love impart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Spirit, Helper, breath of life!

5 How can any praise we offer  
Measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices—  
Gifts of love we can bestow.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Triune God, to You we sing!

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## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### *SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Isaiah 49:1–7

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 49.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my  
name.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

<sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God.”

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his  
servant,

to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup>he says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my  
servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the

earth.”

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,

the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and arise;

princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*EPISTLE*

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

**A** The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of  
Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those  
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together  
with all those who in every place call upon the name of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*SERMON*

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the spread of the Gospel, that the Lord who made Jesus a light to all nations would fill our hearts with joy and use our voices to spread His salvation to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For pastors, that the Lord who called Andrew and Peter to follow Him might continue to summon men into the holy ministry and strengthen them to faithfully make known His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the households of God's people, that the Lord who watched over the tribes of Jacob would provide both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure to His people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the nation and our president; for the governor of this state; for all judges and magistrates; and for those who serve us as firefighters, police, disaster workers and medical personnel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For healing and deliverance, that the Lamb of God who takes away our sins and infirmities would be merciful to those who are in need of His care, *[especially \_\_\_\_\_,]* granting them rescue and confidence in His grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faith as we approach the Lamb of God to eat His body and drink His blood in this Sacrament; for grace to keep in holy hearts what we receive upon our lips; and for the Spirit to keep us in this faith until Christ comes in His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For a steadfast heart in times of duress, strength amid temptation and the grace of humility, that we may not fall victim to pride and arrogance, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*PREFACE*

LSB 208

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**☐ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the  
glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to  
the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

**☐ Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all  
creation, for You have had mercy on us and given  
Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in  
Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your  
ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son,  
Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your  
glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper  
You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to  
eat His body and drink His blood so that we may  
one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has  
taught us:

### *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.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

*PAX DOMINI*

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

**C** Amen.

*AGNUS DEI*

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

**You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*702 MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE*

1 My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,

Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!

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## 809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail  
not;

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## Refrain

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## *NUNC DIMITTIS*

LSB 211

**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant**

**Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

## *POST-COMMUNION COLLECT*

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## *BENEDICTION*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### *921 ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN*

- 1     On what has now been sown  
        Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone  
        To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
  
- 2     To Thee our wants are known,  
        From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own  
        And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.
  
- 3     O grant that each of us,  
        Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus  
        When Thou and Thine appear

And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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