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## Second Sunday after Epiphany

Christ Lutheran 9:00 a.m. + Moxham Lutheran 10:30 a.m.  
January 18, 2026

Jesus' baptism, his first adult act as recorded in Matthew's gospel, gives us a clear indication of how Jesus will act for his entire life. The Son of God will come down with us, on our level, humbly identifying with our lives and needs. His baptism, then, foreshadows how his life will be lived and how it will end on the cross. But, because Jesus is united with us in baptism, we are united with him in both his death and resurrection.

On this Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend, it would be good to recall King's sermon "The Drum Major Instinct", in which King commands to his listeners the life of service modeled by Jesus: "Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he stands as the most influential figure that ever-entered human history. All of the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary one." With such lives dedicated to justice in truth and commitment to others, he argues, "we can make of this old world a new world."

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit, who gives us our marching orders to "make of this old world a new world.

### Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### Prelude

#### Welcome

#### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**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 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:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in  $\dagger$  Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.  
Amen.

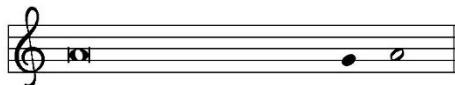
**Gathering Song: "Rise, Shine, You People!"**

**No. 665**

**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.**

**Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



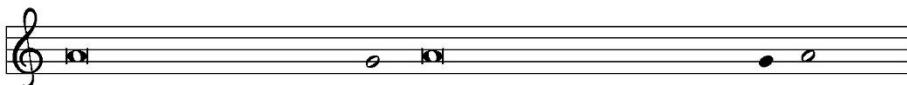
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



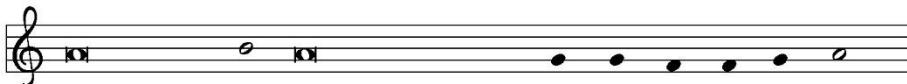
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.                    Lord                    have                    mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.    A - men.

## Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



All                    Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Prayer for the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

*Here, the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored 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.*

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born;

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<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 cause is with the Lord

and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says,

who formed me in 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 sight 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 restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to 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 nations, the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up;

princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the Lord, who is faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the Lord,  
    who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
    and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
    many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust in the Lord!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God!

In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

    Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

    But they are more than I can count.

<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
    you have opened my ears:  
    burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, ‘Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> **‘I love to do your will, O my God;  
    your law is deep within me.’”**

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
    I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

<sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;  
    I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
    I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup> You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
    may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

## 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 our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

<sup>2</sup> 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:

<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 has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia.      Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life.      Al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel: 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.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is 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 ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> 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.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> 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?”<sup>39</sup> 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.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> 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:** “You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd”

**ACS No. 954**

*The back page of this bulletin has the Hymn of the Day*

## **Apostles’ Creed**

Together with the whole church,  
we confess the faith into which we were baptized.

**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**

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.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. 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 (*especially those we name in our hearts*). Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have the abundant life Jesus promised. 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. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. 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 our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We share a sign of Christ's peace with others.*

## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Presentation of Gifts** “Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”

**No. 357**



Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,



Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:



Musical notation for the third line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.



Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.

## Offering Prayer

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.

Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## The 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.

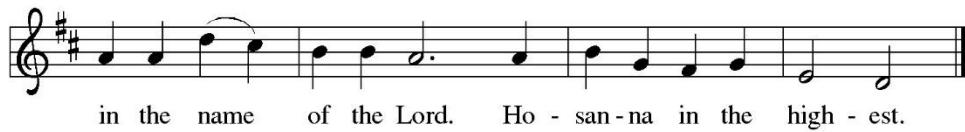
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



## Thanksgiving at the Table

You, O God, are the great redeemer of your people.  
From the womb of chaos, you pulled out a newborn earth.  
Even before they were born, you called your people by name  
to be a light to the nations,  
surrounding them with your maternal love  
and hiding them from danger.

### *Words of Institution*

You have revealed to us your chosen servant  
— the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world —  
he is your Son and our Lord, Jesus the Messiah.  
When he was crucified, you raised him to new life,  
and through him, you have taken away the sin of the world.  
By your grace, all who call on his name  
are baptized with your Holy Spirit  
and enriched with every spiritual gift  
as we await the day when his glory  
will be revealed as the light of salvation to all nations.  
**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

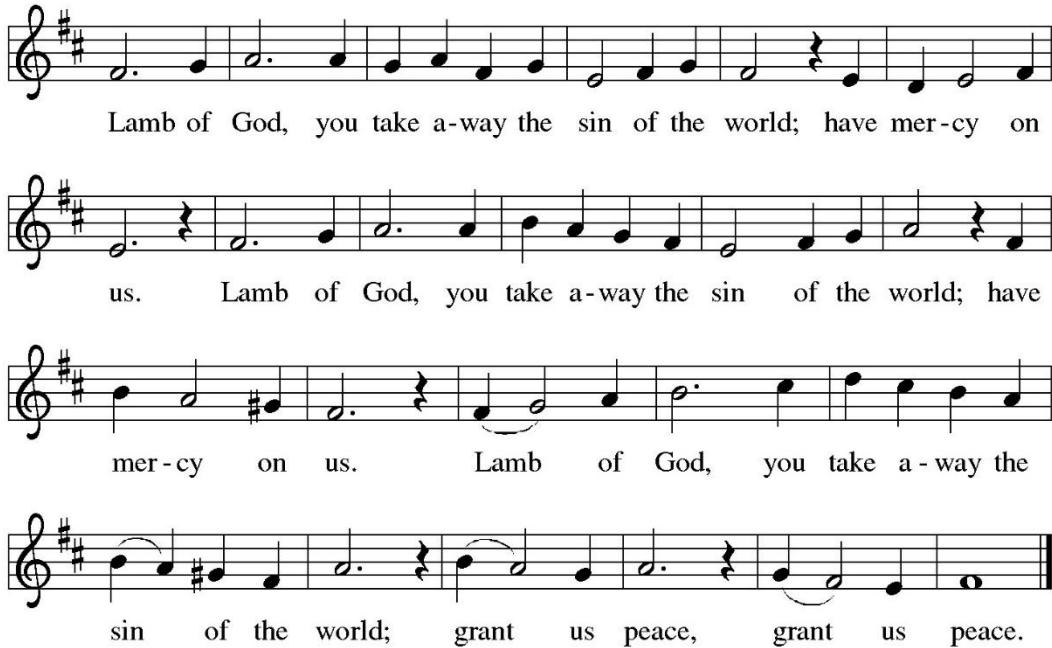
## Invitation to Communion

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Prayer after Communion

Radiant God,

we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood

you have drawn us to your heart.

Send us from this table with delight,

that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,

and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### Blessing

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.**

**Sending Song:** “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

**No. 539**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Living Waters Lutheran Parish Serving in Worship Today

The Rev. James N. West, Interim Pastor  
Cindy Doherty, Assisting Minister

### At Christ, Westmont

**Director of Music and Live Streaming:** Mike Thomas

**Communion Assistants:** Linda Dobson and Judy Heinze

**Lector:** Lisa Dallape Matson

### At Moxham, Johnstown

**Organist:** Dan Gresh

**Lector:** Kim Williams

**Council Rep:** Rick Kirk

**Communion Assistants:** Susan Bullock and Kathie McCreary

**Greeter:** Mark Koch

## You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
stripped of might up - on the cross,  
sit in pow - er at God's side.  
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!

You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
Wor - thy your de -feat and vic - t'ry;

of the way you took and gave.  
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
have a love that reach - es wide.  
wor - thy still your peace and strife.

You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;

you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
you, who are both gift and cost.  
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.  
you, who are our death and life.

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Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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