



CHRIST

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Divine Service

The Second Sunday after Christmas

✠ January 4, 2026 ✠

“I must be in
My Father’s house”

“The beginning of the Lord’s disputation is taken from His twelfth year. This number of the evangelists was intended for the preaching of the faith. Nor is it idly that, forgetful of His parents according to the flesh, He who according to the flesh assuredly was filled with the wisdom and grace of God is found after three days in the temple. It is a sign that He who was believed dead for our faith would rise again after three days from His triumphal passion and appear on His heavenly throne with divine honor.”

—St. Ambrose of Milan,
Exposition of the Gospel of Luke

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith⁴, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,
and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew. Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

We are so glad to have you worshiping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE I

Preservice Music

The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

Opening Hymn

Not All the Blood of Beasts

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit: Laudate Dominum

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; Ant. John 1:14



The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,*
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.
Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.
Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!*

Praise your God, O | Zion!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,*
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

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Gradual	<i>Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 98:1a</i>



To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.

**And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, | Mighty God,*
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**

**Sing to the Lord a | new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things!**

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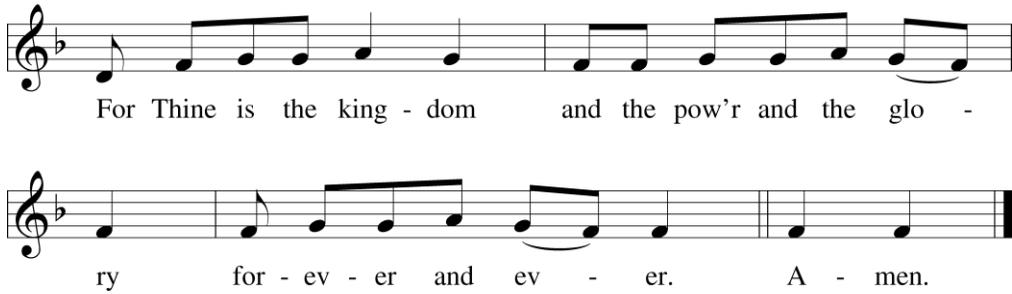
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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For comfort, health, and recovery:

Jessica Barber, Debbie Caraway, Christy Chapman, Francis Dillon, Jana Entrekin, John Garner, Jennifer Haggard, Angelia Hall, Merina Hansen, Jim Hansford, Joseph Holleman, Sharon Holleman, Elaine Johnson, Linda Lau, Richard Mullis, Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum, Dean Walker

For those who are ill or distressed:

Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, George Fields, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Pippin Family, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Eloise Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Dana Taquino, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Cynthia Widlitze, Barbara Zeigler

For college and graduate students:

Sara Fields, James Hansford

For military servants and their families:

Glen Hansford, James Hansford, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum

This week's prayer family:

The Fields Family and their loved ones

Serving Today:

Pastor: Rev. George Fields
Acolyte: William Held
Interpreter: Charlie Warren
Altar Guild: Mary Atchley

Elder: Keith Martin
Organist: Sr. Sara Fields
Cantors: Keith Martin, Jenny Merry

Confirmation of Nathan Brownstein: “We rejoice with thankful hearts,” as the rite says, that Nathan has been confirmed in the baptismal faith! We pray that God would continue His good work in Nathan until the day of its completion in the life of the world to come.

Epiphany Divine Service: Did you know... the 12 Days of Christmas span the gap from December 25th until January 6th? That is unimportant trivia—until you realize that January 6th is *Epiphany*: Gentile Christmas! This is day on which Christ was revealed to the nations, represented in the Gentile magi. We shall celebrate this second Christmas with **Divine Service at 6:00 p.m. this Tuesday, January 6th.**

Installation of Rev. Christopher Clark: Rev. Clark has accepted the call to serve as associate pastor at our daughter congregation, Good Shepherd Lutheran in Brandon! Good Shepherd has invited us to his installation **this Saturday, January 10th, at 11:00 a.m.,** along with a potluck to follow. Let us join them in celebrating the arrival of this shepherd, and let us pray the Lord’s blessings upon him as he tends this flock.

Altar Flower Sign-Up: Sign up for the new year! Flowers have a long history of adorning the Lord’s altar, and you can help to continue this beautiful tradition. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Readings for next Sunday, January 11th, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord: Introit Ps. 2:7-12; Psalm 29; Isaiah 42:1-9; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17.

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This week at Christ Lutheran Church: January 5 – January 11

Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Divine Service – The Feast of the Epiphany
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Installation of Rev. Christopher Clark @ GSL
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service – The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord