



CHRIST

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Divine Service
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
✠ February 1, 2026 ✠

“Ye My People”

“When the world shook and the sun was wiped out of heaven, it was not at the crucifixion, but at the cry from the cross: the cry which confessed that God was forsaken of God. And now let the revolutionists choose a creed from all the creeds and a god from all the gods of the world, carefully weighing all the gods of inevitable recurrence and of unalterable power. They will not find another god who has himself been in revolt. Nay (the matter grows too difficult for human speech), but let the atheists themselves choose a god. They will find only one divinity who ever uttered their isolation; only one religion in which God seemed for an instant to be an atheist.”

—G.K. Chesterton
Orthodoxy

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 worshipping 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

Processional Hymn

Jesus Sat with His Disciples

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit: Beatus Vir

Psalm 1:1-5; Ant. Psalm 1:6



For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

**Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;
but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates | day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its
leaf does not | wither.*

In all that he does, he | prospers.

**The wicked | are not so,*
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.**

**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.**

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

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Gradual	<i>Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8</i>



Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

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Lord's Prayer

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Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as



it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly



bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -



ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Serving Today:

Pastor: Rev. George Fields
Acolyte: William Held
Interpreter: Charlie Warren
Altar Guild: Sabrina Goodlett

Elder: Eric Held
Organist: Sr. Sara Fields
Cantor: James Hansford

Ash Wednesday Services: Epiphany is soon drawing to a close, for the penitential season of Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 18**. We will observe Ash Wednesday with a prayer office and the imposition of ashes at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Come pray with us as we reflect on our Lord's suffering for our sake.

Midweek Matins: No better way to begin the day than in prayer and God's Word! Join us on Wednesday mornings as we pray Matins together at 7:30 a.m.

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!

Spring LifeLight Has Commenced! Come study with us on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. as we study 1 & 2 Peter!

Readings for next Sunday, February 8th, the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:
Introit Ps. 119:9-16; Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 58:3-9a ; 1 Corinthians 2 :1-12 ; Matthew 5 :13-20.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For comfort, health, and recovery:

John Garner, Jennifer Haggard, Jim Hansford, Elmer Held, Joseph Holleman, Sharon Holleman, Elaine Johnson, Alex Kates, Linda Lau, Roger Lindsey, Richard Mullis, Donald Ochs, Kristen Shavlik, John Samuel Smathers, Leslie Snodgrass, Steve Spinks, Jean Sprecher, Eloise Springer, Janie Story, Nicole Tatum, Dean Walker, Alex Willis, Barbara Zeigler

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:

Allen & Sabrina Goodlett and their loved ones

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: February 2 – February 8

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. Elders Meeting
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Matins
Thursday 9:30 a.m. LifeLight
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Divine Service – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



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