



Clairemont
Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana

Second Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 18, 2026

Prelude *Trumpet in Dialogue* – Louis Clerambault Charles F. von Gunten

Welcome

Call to Worship

P: Some of us come with joy; some come with grief.

C: God receives both laughter and tears.

P: Some are dancing; some are barely standing.

C: Still, all are welcome here.

P: Come as you are—no mask, no pretending.

C: We worship a God who meets us honestly.

ALL: AMEN

Gathering Hymn *Let Streams of Living Justice* - ELW 710

Confession and Forgiveness *(please stand)*

P: 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.

C: Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. 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.

P: 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 ✚ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise - ELW 310 (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** P Let us pray.

C: 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.

(please be seated)

First reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

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. 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. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 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."

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 — 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." 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."

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry. 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. 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. Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

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. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'" I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know. 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. 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

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes: 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:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia (setting 3) - ELW p. 142 (please stand)*

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord
[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 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.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 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?" 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. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 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). P: The Gospel of the Lord C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Manuel Borbón (*please be seated*)

Hymn of the Day *Jesus Calls Us; oe'r the Tumult* - ELW 696 (vs. 1, 2, & 5)
(*please stand*)

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 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

R: 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.

R: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

R: 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.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

Offering

Anthem *If I Can Help Somebody* – David Brunner Sanctuary Choir

The Offering Prayer *(please stand)*

C: 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 (setting 3) ELW p. 144

Holy Holy, Holy - (setting 3) ELW p. 144

Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Thanksgiving Acclamation - (setting 3) ELW p. 146

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion *(please be seated)*

The Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* – ELW p. 146

The Communion of Christ's People

Communion Voluntary *Communion Meditation on Ubi Caritas* – Larry Visser

Blessing after Communion

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Prayer after Communion

C: 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.

Announcement

Sending Hymn *Remember and Rejoice - ELW 454 (vs. 1, 2, & 4)*

Blessing

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Toccata in E minor – Johann Pachelbel*

Serving Us Today

Pastor: Manuel Borbón

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

Organist: Charles F. von Gunten

Readers: Lynn Ten Eyck, Karen Creusere

Communion: Pam Allen, Harriet Morris, Rohany Purba, Sandra Logan

Welcome Team: Gabriel & Teresa Muñoz, Pam Allen, Gary Lange, Curtis Cline

Offering Couriers: Ruth Andersen & Linda Ten Eyck

AV: Lewis John TenHulzen & Mitchell Little

Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

All are Welcome! As a community of faith the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather

as one congregation, worshipping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ " There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

FIRST TIME HERE? Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church. For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

FOR THOSE IN NEED If you are facing challenges in life, we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 7. Patience.

Remember in Prayer: Mark Nickel, Bev Covey, Ruth Andersen, Adrienne Lenhoff, Paul Brown, Lee Shigley, Maria Medrano, Clark Carlson, Stella Penyak, Barb Kanneman, LaRae Rabe, Lewis TenHulzen, Emilie Lauchmen, Renée Shepherd, Bob Logan, Peggy Ritchie, Jack & Jean Shirley, Carla Faulk, Maria Luisa Velasquez, Bill Huston, Gerald Flax, Ken Hanson's family, and all the homebound members.

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by LeRoy Bannach, in prayers for our friend Bill Huston that he is doing well and has a rapid recovery, and for his return to church to be among friends.

IFS: We are once again hosting here at CLC/IL! Our date this season covers three weeks; 31 Jan - 22 Feb 2026. We will need overnight chaperones and cooking teams for each day. Also, we'll need to rebuild our supply of bed sheet and towel sets (16 - 20 each) and have hygiene kits (M/F) ready. If you are willing to provide any part of these needed supplies or can sign up to support with your time to cook or chaperone, or just need further information please see James Acosta at the back of the church after service. Donations to any of the supplies or food are also needed. Please mark your check with IFS Support and make the check payable to CLC. Your time, talent, treasure and prayers are needed and I thank you in advance! Three weeks is a challenge, and we will need all hands!

Charles Music Notes: The choir anthem, *If I Can Help Somebody*, is part of the gospel tradition. We are told it was Martin Luther King's favorite. The text for the gathering hymn, *Let Streams of Living Justice*, was written in 1989 and published in *Sing Justice! Do Justice!* The tune with which it is paired comes from Gustav Holst's orchestral piece, *The Planets*, representing Jupiter. The text for the hymn of praise, *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*, was written in 1862 for the sixth Sunday after the Epiphany and is a recapitulation of the events described in the biblical texts for the Epiphany season. It is paired with a late 17th century tune with a harmonic conception that is uniquely suited to the organ which contributed to the practice of congregational singing accompanied by organ. At the time of the Reformation, and for a long time thereafter, congregations sang hymns in unison without any accompaniment.

The office will be closed on Monday, June 19th, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Sign up sheets for Sunday flowers are up on the wall near the Chapel. Flowers are \$50.00, you can pick them up Monday morning so both services can enjoy the beautiful flowers.



Monday January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(office closed)

Tuesday January 20

6:30pm Handbell rehearsal

Thursday January 22

8:00am Sandwich Ministry

Friday January 23

8am-12pm Food Distribution

Sunday January 25

10:45 Congregational meeting

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