

Worship Service ~ February 1, 2026, 9:00

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Tom & Carole Schmidt in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, February 5.

PRELUDE *"Rise, Shine, Little Light!"* arr. Sally Albrecht;
FAME; Linda Burk, director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG *YOU HAVE SHOWN US*

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INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

L: 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.

L: 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. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us prayer.

C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"In Christ Alone"* Worship Band
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R: A reading from Micah.

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

R: A Gospel reading from the 5th chapter of Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #1062 *BUILD A LONGER TABLE*

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Simple Gifts” arr. Mark Schweizer; Faith Choir;
Alan Ball, piano; Linda Burk, director

Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free
'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be
And when we find ourselves in a place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

'Tis a gift to be loving, 'tis a gift to be kind,
'tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind,
And when we find ourselves in a place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
to bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed
to turn, turn, will be our delight,
'till by turning, turning, we come round right.

'Tis a gift to be thankful, 'tis a gift to forgive,
'Tis a gift to find out how we ought to live,
And when we find ourselves in a place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

OFFERTORY ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, ☩ and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #873 *REJOICE YE PURE IN HEART* stz 1, 2, 3

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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