

# Worship Service ~ January 18, 2026, 9:00

## Second 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  
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PRELUDE            *"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"* by Cathy  
Moklebust; Bells of Faith; Dean Jensen, 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            *BY OUR LOVE*

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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, 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.**

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

R: A reading of Psalm 40.

**Psalm 40:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who make  
the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.

<sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

R: A Gospel reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of John.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**John 1:29-42**

<sup>29</sup> The next day he 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).

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #638 *BLESSED ASSURANCE*

MUSICAL OFFERING

*"What wondrous Love"* by Charles Dupree; Faith Choir; Alan Ball, piano; Linda Burk, director

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown, for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

to God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.



## OFFERTORY ELW #184 *LET THE VINEYARDS*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: Let us give our thanks and praise to God!**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion.*

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### COMMUNION MUSIC *Goodness of God*

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### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

#### 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 #631 *LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVE'S EXCELLING*

stz 1, 2, 3

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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