

# ***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church***

***Second Sunday After Epiphany***

***January 18, 2026***

***Pastor Tom Kaye***



***We extend the warmest welcome to all worshipping with us today. Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, you haven't been in a while, or you are here regularly; we are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, we ask that you sign our Friendship Book, so that we might pray with/for you, get to know you better, and check-in with you from time to time.***

***Holy Communion is open to all.*** In this church, we preach, teach, and confess that this is the table of Jesus, and it is Jesus who invites you to His table. You need not be a member of this church, or any other church; anyone who desires a deeper walk with Christ is invited. The ushers will direct you to proceed up the center aisle. You are invited to take an empty, individual cup from the silver tray near the baptismal font, and red wine, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find red grape juice, the blood of Christ, in sealed individual cups in that same tray. As you come to the altar rail, you may stand or kneel as you are able, and the minister will place bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you prefer not to receive the Communion elements, Jesus still invites you into His Holy Communion; at the altar rail you may fold your arms, and the minister will pray with and bless you.

## **WELCOMING MUSIC**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

## **CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

P: We gather this day as we live each of our days, In the name of the Father, and of the  $\div$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our prayers and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*(A brief pause for reflection)*

P: Gracious and loving God,

C: **We know we do not always live as we ought:**

**We turn away from You, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim Your light within us; with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that You love us, that You do not abandon us, and that again and again You call us back to Yourself, back to love, back to grace. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\div$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* – LBW (Green) – 494, vers. 1, 4, 5.**

## Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old St. An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - ey, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
make us hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



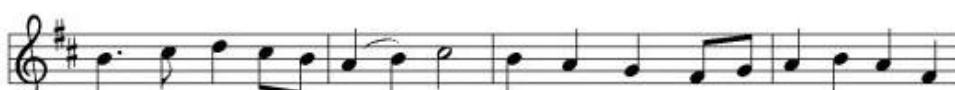
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. 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. **C: Amen**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup> 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."

<sup>5</sup> 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—<sup>6</sup> 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." <sup>7</sup> 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."

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **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.**

<sup>3</sup> 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.

**<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> 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.

**<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**<sup>8</sup> 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**<sup>10</sup> 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.**

<sup>11</sup> 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**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> 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:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of

our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

*Please rise, in body or spirit, as we lift our hearts and voices together in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus, Come! For We Invite You – WOV (Blue) – 648, vers. 1, 2, 4.**

### Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing

friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,

speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den

doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

## APOSTLES' CREED

A: Lets us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed,  
**C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We 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 he will come to judge the living and the dead. We 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 OF INTERCESSION

A: 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.*

A: Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters (*current situations may be named*). Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness (*especially*). Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life.

Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community (*local ministries may be named*). Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

A: 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.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also, with you.**

**P:** Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

## **OFFERING**

*Here at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, there are many ways you are able to give. Our ushers will pass around an offering plate, in which you can place your weekly offering. If you are attending worship online or you simply wish to give online, you may do so by visiting our website, [hslceldersburgmd.org/give](http://hslceldersburgmd.org/give). We give thanks to God for the ways you continually offer your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and neighbor in Eldersburg.*

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**C: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands. Lord  
use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering; we are an offering.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. 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. **C: Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and C major. The lyrics are written in a Gothic script font below the music. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering his love for us, on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

**C: Amen, come Holy Spirit.**

P: All blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us, in the language of our hearts:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus invites you. Jesus welcomes you. All are invited. All are welcome. Come taste and see that the Lord is good! **C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION HYMN



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. After all have communed, please rise, in body or spirit.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep us in God's grace, from now, and until life everlasting, **C: Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. 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. **C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created and called holy. Created and called beloved. Now go forth into the world in peace and be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one an evil thing for an evil thing. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show Christ's love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever. **C: Amen**

**SENDING HYMN: Shine, Jesus, Shine – WOV (BLUE) – 651.**



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## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Our purpose is to love God,

C: And bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and his church.

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**ACTIVITIES AT HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

Sunday (01/18) 9:30 am – Sunday School  
 11:00 am – Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday (01/25) 9:30 am – Sunday School  
 11:00 am –Worship w/Holy Communion

**Please contact Pastor Tom** via call/text at 443-841-9634, or by email at [HSLC.pastor@comcast.net](mailto:HSLC.pastor@comcast.net) if you would like to meet, have any questions, or for any pastoral emergencies. **Volunteers**

	<b><i>THIS WEEK (1-18-2026)</i></b>	<b><i>NEXT WEEK (1-25-2026)</i></b>
Greeters	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Dave L. Luke F.	John F. Henry K.
Acolyte	Henry K.	Maryann F.
Assisting Minister	Megan F.	Krissy K.
Communion Assistant	John F.	Krissy K.
Lector	Lily K.	Lisa H.
Altar Care	Lorraine M.	Linda L.
Fellowship/Coffee		