

February 1, 2026
4th Sunday after Epiphany
w/Holy Communion



Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Larry Janski

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text*
*All are invited to stand when there is an **

Larger Print Hymns: Please see an usher if you would like a copy of larger print hymns.

Children's Bulletins: Please see an usher if you are interested in a children's bulletin.

PRELUDE

Aria

Flor Peeters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The church does not have a social ethic; the church is a social ethic. -Stanley Hauerwas

Prayer is a part of and not removed from nor a substitute for, the lived faithfulness of the disciples.
-Warren Carter

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

Fortunato

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly

And what does the LORD require of you?

and to love mercy

And what does the LORD require of you?

and to walk humbly with our God.

***OPENING HYMN**

#618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The psalmist pleads, "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love." Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone.

For love, O God, you created us and all things. For love you came, incarnate in Jesus, to save us and show us the way. For love you have poured out your Spirit to call us to you. Forgive us when we do not receive your gracious love. Forgive us when we do not meet you, in return, with love, but rather with fear, disdain, and disbelief. Forgive us when we do not reach out in love to neighbors near and far, but rather meet them with fear, hate, prejudice, and apathy.

Renew in us a knowledge of your mercies, O God, that we would risk to trust your love and return it with a generosity matching your own. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***RESPONSE**

The Gloria Patri #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

Since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture,
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gather us round, O God, as the scriptures are read and proclaimed. Pour forth your wisdom, as a grandparent to a child during story time, that we might grow in hope, faith, and love. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1-8 p.923

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

3 “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

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?

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31p. 1128

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. **22** For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, **23** but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, **24** but to those who are called,

both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. **27** But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; **28** God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, **29** so that no one might boast in the presence of God. **30** In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, **31** in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1: 1-12 p.955

5 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. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Blessed Are You

Courtney

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those
who have been delivered from death to life".
To give online, please scan the QR code.*



*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of Belhar

We believe

- that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged
- that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;
- that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Holy One, the beginning and the end,... the Word made flesh. Whom we praise with all the host of heaven:

SANCTUS

#596 You Are Holy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is for the hungry and thirsty. It's a feast for those seeking God, in Christ, to be nourished for the life of love to which God calls us all. So come, eat, drink, and meet our Lord Jesus.

*Please come forward to receive the elements. As you are served the bread you may eat it and as you are served the cup you may drink it. Please place your empty cup in the container provided. After you have been served you may return to your seat. **All bread is gluten/top 8 allergen free and all cups contain grape juice**, so that all people may eat the same loaf and drink from the same cup. Those unable to come forward to receive the elements will be served in their seat. We trust that as we are gathered around Christ's table we are also gathered in the Spirit with Christ and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bolero de Concert

L. J. A. Lefebure-Wely

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

MUSIC LICENSES

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O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High | TEXT: Thomas à Kempis, 15th cent.; trans. Benjamin Webb, 1854, alt. | MUSIC: "The Agincourt Song," c. 1415; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 1993 | Music Harm. © 1993 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word | TEXT: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt. | MUSIC: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 18th cent., alt. | Public domain

You Are Holy (Eres santo) | TEXT: Per Harling, 1991; Spanish trans. Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon, 1991, alt. | MUSIC: Per Harling, 1991 | Text © 1990 Ton vis Produktion AB (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing | TEXT: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3, alt. Geoffrey Thring, 1880, alt. | MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th cent. | Public domain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immigration Aid Collection: There is a bin outside the Fellowship Hall gathering donations of bath & body soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

Meal Kit Collection: BPC is now one of the distribution sites for meal kits put together by Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. Meal kits include a recipe and shelf-stable ingredients to make the meal. Need a meal? Take a meal. Know someone who needs a meal? Bring them one. The kits are in the hutch near the water fountain and bathrooms.

Today February 1	9:30am: Worship with communion 10:30 CCC	Wednesday February 4	7:00 pm Adult Choir
Monday February 2	6:30 Prayer Shawl Group	Thursday February 5	7:30 am People of Faith viz Zoom 10:00 am Women of Faith
Tuesday February 3	9:00 am Crafty Ladies 9:00 am Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe	Friday February 6	9:30 am Worship

How Can We Pray for You?

Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests.



BPC Prayer List:

- Family of Larry Pattee
- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- George Thole
- Mary Gillis, fighting cancer
- Steve Grittman
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Marquietta Shupe
- Arthur James, Tanya's niece's baby
- Diane Ellis
- Family of Don Olsen
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Daniel & Gloria Elliot, Bonnie Morek's brother & sister-in-law
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Lois Lindstrom
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- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has a terminal illness
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, People of Faith
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jim and Jodi Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- The Family of Ann Tansill, family friend of Pastor Brian

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