

Welcome to Worship  
St. Luke's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church



*January 18, 2026*



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

## Assisting in Worship

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *Paul Brooks*  
Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader: *Tiffany Mika*  
Ushers: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*



## To the Glory of God

January Altar Candles, Bulletins, and Newsletters: *Pam & Rick Van Mooy*

**The Flowers** are given by Ruth & Dwight Patterson, in honor and celebration of Tiffany's birthday on January 22. Happy Birthday.

## Mission Project

Our first mission project of the new year is to provide "Soup in a Bag" meals for the local food pantry. For January we are asking for **cans of peas, carrots, and Cream of Chicken soup**. You may place your items on the Information Table in the Narthex. Thank you.

# Order of Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 18, 2026

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.*

*\*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

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## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PRAYER REQUESTS

### PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

*Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to love like Jesus."*

### THE GREETING

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

**\*GATHERING HYMN #445** WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: 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. Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Please take a moment for silent confession.*

Leader: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**ALL: 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.**

## \*KYRIE

1, 3 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Lord, . . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
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## \*CONFESSONAL RESPONSE

Leader: 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. **ALL: Amen.**

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: Let us join our hearts and voices together in the Prayer of the Day.

**ALL: 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.**

## FIRST READING

(responsively)

ISAIAH 56:4-8

Reader: For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,—

**ALL: I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.**

Reader: And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—

**ALL: these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.**

Reader: Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

## PSALM READING

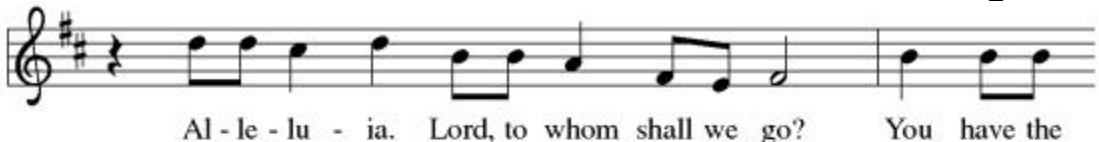
PSALM 127:1-2

Reader: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil, for he gives sleep to his beloved.

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 3 #142



## **\*GOSPEL READING**

JOHN 2:13-25

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 2. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup>When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #417**

IN HIS TEMPLE NOW BEHOLD HIM

## **\*THE NICENE' CREED**

**ALL:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: Gracious God, we lift our voices in prayer for our world and our community.

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

We pray for Ruth, Steve, Karen, Lisa, Bertha, Eloise, Rose Marie, Mike, Nancy, John, Becky, JoLynn, Emily, Carl, Jim, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Barb, Diana, Nina, Sean, Judy, Christina, Mike, Riley, Dennis, Anita, Amy, Nickie, Eli, Mr. Doherty, Ron,

Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Don, Ashley, Mary, Pat, Gordon, Ellery, Ari, and Josh.

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*Please share God's peace with those worshiping around you.*

## INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: As we present our tithes and offerings today, we remember those who are hungry, those who are cold and homeless, those recovering from devastating storms, floods, and fires and those struggling in parts of the world that are in conflict. Let us give with gratitude for all that we have.

## OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #188

### CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray. God of majesty,

**ALL: 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 help us to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, reach out to those recovering from disasters, and pray for those in conflict areas of your world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, amen.**

## **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: Children of God, lift up your hearts. **ALL: Our hearts rejoice in the one who became one to us!**

Leader: We have beheld his glory, **ALL: the glory of the Father's only begotten Son.**

Leader: Holy are you, God of all creation! **ALL: Holy is Jesus Christ, your Son, who became servant to save us.**

Leader: Therefore, we celebrate his birth, his life, his death, and his resurrection. 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, Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.

**ALL: Born in the shadows of night, Christ is our light.**

**Dying on the cross, Christ is our life.**

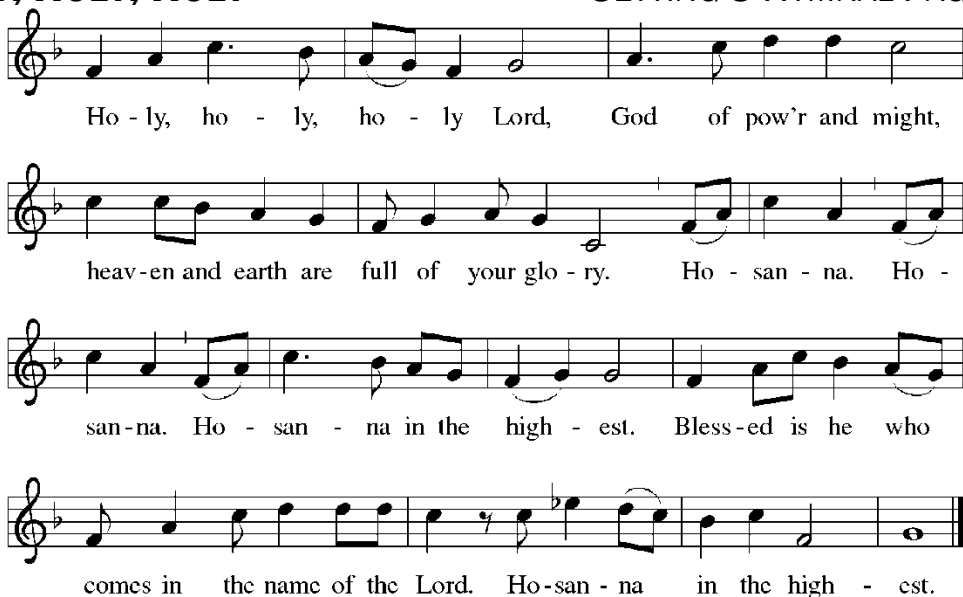
**Rising from the tomb, Christ is our hope.**

**Returning to us once more, Christ is our promise.**

Leader: And so, with all creatures and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and sing:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: 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.

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.

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

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

Leader: In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

## **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

## **\*THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Leader: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader: Please join with me in prayer. Radiant God,

**ALL: 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.**

## \*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313 O LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.

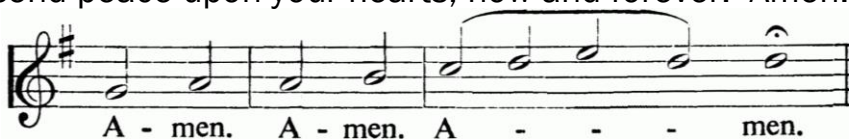


the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

## \*BLESSING

Leader: God bless you and keep you, ✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. Amen.

## \*The Amen



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

## \*SENDING HYMN #652

BUILT ON A ROCK

## \*DISMISSAL

Leader: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

As we leave worship each week, we remember the poor around the world by placing loose offerings in the “hunger bowls” on the Information Table in the Narthex. These gifts are then forwarded to the ELCA World Hunger Program.

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## The North Baltimore Food Pantry

The requested donations for [JANUARY](#) are canned meats and instant potatoes. Please give joyously and generously so that no one goes without. Thank you.

A graphic for Ash Wednesday. On the right, there is a wooden cross resting on a wooden bowl filled with grey ash. Olive branches are scattered around the bowl and cross. The background is a textured, light grey surface. On the left, the text is written in a black, serif font.

Ash Wednesday  
February 18, 2026  
Meal at 6:00 p.m.  
Worship at 7:00 p.m.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for the leadership of Paul Brooks and Pastor Ken Pollitz. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Ruth McKee, Steve Pritts, Karen Krauss, Lisa Claybaugh, Bertha Carter, Eloise Matthes, Rose Marie Hosley, Mike Wheeler, Nancy Wymer, John Stewart, JoLynn Stewart, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Diana, Nina, Sean Mills, Judy Sowards, Christina Webb, Mike, Riley Guy, Dennis Bauer, Anita Roberts, Amy Stewart, Nickie Whitman, Jo Mineo, Eli Swartz, Mr. Doherty, Ron Stewart, Chase, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

**Please keep<sup>15</sup> praying!**



# Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

—John 2:19

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **How is the temple described in each of these stories?***

|           |                     |                                  |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday    | John 2:13-25        | Cleansing the Temple             |
| Monday    | Jeremiah 7-1:11     | Prophecy Concerning the Temple   |
| Tuesday   | Zechariah 6:9-15    | The Future Temple Is Foretold    |
| Wednesday | Zechariah 14:20-21  | The Future Temple Has No Traders |
| Thursday  | Revelation 21:22-26 | God and the Lamb                 |
| Friday    | Isaiah 56:1-7       | House of Prayer                  |
| Saturday  | Psalms 69:9         | Zeal for the House of the Lord   |
| Sunday    | John 3:1-21         | Nicodemus Visits Jesus           |

*If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!*

## SERVICE CHALLENGE

*SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.*

Choose one or more people you know and pray for them every day this week. Then send them a card, call, or message to tell them that you are praying for them.

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