



January 18, 2026 - 9:30 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Song

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

ELW 866

Greeting

Song

"Behold the Lamb of God"

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Dream"

Deb Manning

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Children's Message

Psalm 40:1-11... I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³ 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. ⁴ Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. ⁷ Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." ⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. ¹⁰ I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. ¹¹ Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9... Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² 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: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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John 1:29-42... John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³ 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.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ 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?”³⁹ 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.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² 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).

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

ELW 696

Prayers

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

“We Shall Overcome”

Offertory

“We are an Offering”

Words of Institution

“Remember Me”

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Communion Song

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

ELW 773

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

ELW 841

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our next food pantry is our Saturday, February 7th from 8 to 10am. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. Donations are needed! Our most pressing needs right now are ramen, pasta sauce, and tuna. To help with our inventory control please only put your donations in the blue bin. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community ministry.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers** for 2026 are now available for purchase for \$47. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact the church office.
- ⇒ **Congregation Annual Meeting Save the Date** Sunday, January 25th at 10:45am in person only.
- ⇒ **17th Annual Chili Cook Off + Chili Feed** will be held February 1st at 11:30. Sign up in the Narthex to make chili, or just come to eat! All proceeds from chili voting will go to the Youth Ministry Fund here at Holy Cross.
- ⇒ **RIC Celebration** Come and celebrate our 8th year as a Reconciling in Christ Congregation! On **February 8th** Holy Cross will have our annual RIC celebration worship with special music provided by the River City Mixed Chorus. Following worship the celebration continues with a pot-luck brunch - everyone is welcome! Please bring food to share with friends, family, and guests. To make this event a success, [click here](#) to volunteer.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** meets every Sunday from 8:45am to 9:15am in the Community Room in the Education hallway. For questions, call Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **Giving through Venmo** You can now support the ministries of Holy Cross via Venmo. Find us on Venmo @HolyCrossLutheran.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, January 18

9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am MS/HS Ensemble
11:00 am MS/HS Bell Choir

Monday, January 19

Office Closed MLK Day
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, January 20

6:30 pm Council Meeting
7:30 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 21

12:30 pm Tai Chi Balance Class
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Youth Worship
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, January 22

6:30pm Carolon Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, January 23

1:00 pm Knitting in the Narthex
7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

Sunday, January 25

Newsletter Articles Due
9:30 am Worship
10:40 am Sunday School
10:40am Annual Meeting
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troup 48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Norm Firkins; Donna McCoy; Connie Mertz.

Friends and Relatives: Jane Marsh, aunt of Jen Gitt; Jim O'Grady, uncle of Pastor Heather Grell; Pat & Barry Butterfield, mother and father of Amy Odson; Deniel Algarin, nephew of Alicia Glesne; Scott Matheson, brother in law of Julie Noteman; Joshua Perilo, son of Sharon Perilo; Crosby Vargas, friend of Julie Noteman; Savannah Barb, cousin of Emma & Geno Roberts; Sonrisa Lewis, friend of the Harvey family; Avery W.; Ken Gross, cousin of Julie Noteman; Josh Moreau, friend of Wendy Brenner's family; Nancy Bartell, sister-in-law of Peg Schneider; Michael Schadendorf, grandfather of Edith and Tanya Valandra; Erin Peters, daughter of Gail Ginger; Anna Victor, aunt of Jen Gitt; Dave Huggins, friend of Jim & Peg Schneider; Mya Calendar, daughter of Trisha Ryan; Carol Deditz, sister of Julie Noteman; Opal Calendar, foster granddaughter of Trisha Ryan; Kelsey Schneider, daughter of Jim & Peg Schneider; Theresa Ramelb, friend of Jacque Petersen; Shari Jensen, friend of Ed Krueger; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

Grieving: The family and friends of Phyllis Beam as they mourn her death.

Judy Glesne and her family as they mourn the loss of Judy's sister and brother-in-law.