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you to the end...



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10 AM Worship + Epiphany 2 + January 18, 2026

 Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Edmonton, AB 

January 18, 2026 – Epiphany 2 Service of the Word

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell

Assisting Minister: Marilyn Murray

Ministers: Every member

Ushers: Paul Thomsen & Harry Wagner

Council President: Karen Oko

Musician: Isaac Courneyea

Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell

Worship Host: Belynda Kelleher

Welcome

Gathering Song “*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*” (ELW 815)

Kyrie & Gloria – Canadian Liturgy

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Time

First Reading *Isaiah 49:1-7*

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴ 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.” ⁵ 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—⁶ 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.”⁷ 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.”

Psalm 40:1-11 read responsively

¹ I waited patiently upon the Lord,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**² 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.**

³ 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.

⁴ Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵ 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.

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

⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

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

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

**¹⁰ 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.**

¹¹ 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

¹ 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.

Gospel Acclamation 'Come and See' (ACS 976) sing 2x

Gospel John 1:29-42

²⁹ [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).

Sermon

Song of the DAY 'Lord, You Give the Great Commission' (ELW 579) vs 1,4,5

A Statement of Faith: written by two fourteen-year old boys

We believe in God,

who made the sun and the sky,

the stars and the sea,

who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

who became human, who healed the sick,

who talked to children,

who made friends with sinners.

He burned brightly and offended many.

His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.

His light continues to shine in darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

who inspires the scriptures

and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community,

committed to one another
offering a welcome to everyone,
old and young, rich and poor,
strong and weak.

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,
workers for justice,
brothers and sisters
a light for our world. **Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Ed L, Cody M, Mary R, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Lord's Prayer – from the New Zealand Prayer Book
Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker,

Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today,
feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.

In times of temptation and test,
spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil,
free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Peace

Offertory: Canadian Liturgy

Offering Prayer

Blessing

Community Life

Sending Song 'We Are Marching' (ELW 866)

Dismissal

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