



**Pilgrim**  
LUTHERAN  
**Church**

## Divine Service



**January 18, 2026**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

# Welcome

## Opening Hymn

### O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



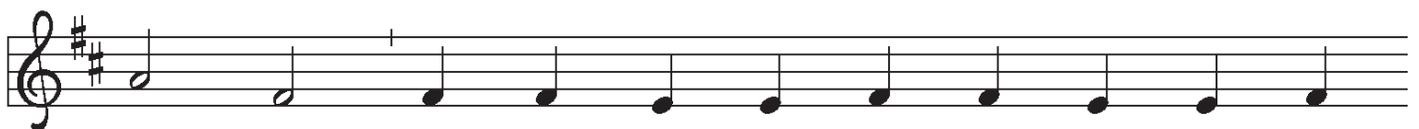
God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

## Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of 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 + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**



## **Songs of Praise**

### **Come and Behold Him**

Come and behold Him  
Come see His glory  
Come with an honest heart  
To see all He is  
We will discover  
All of His beauty  
His light will burn away  
All the darkness we've known

Come and behold Him  
Come and behold Him  
Come with an honest heart  
To see all He is  
Come and behold Him  
Wait now before Him  
Come with an honest heart  
To see all He is

Come and behold Him  
Come see His mercy  
Come find His tenderness  
Reaching to you  
Just as a mirror  
Shows a reflection  
His Word and Spirit come  
Now reflecting His love

Come and behold Him  
Come and behold Him  
Come with an honest heart  
To see all He is  
Come and behold Him  
Wait now before Him  
Come with an honest heart  
To see all He is

### **I Waited for the Lord on High**

I waited for the Lord on high  
I waited and He heard my cry

He pulled me out of my despair  
And showed me where to walk  
From fear into security  
From quicksand to a rock

There's a new song in my heart to sing  
A new song praises to the King

I'll sing to let the people know  
That I have been restored  
And they will kneel and understand  
To return and trust in the Lord

I waited for the Lord on high  
I waited and He heard my cry  
and He heard my cry  
and He heard my cry

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

## First Reading

### Isaiah 49

49 Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.

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 right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God."

5 And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from 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 eyes 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 bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

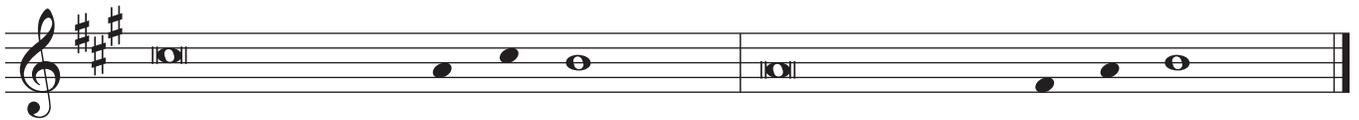
7 Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

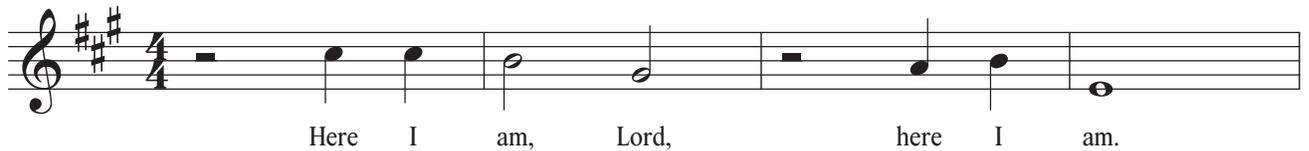
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Psalm 40

### Tone



### Refrain



**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.**

1 I waited patiently up- • on 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.**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.**

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- • pared 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.**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.**

7 And so I said, "Here I • am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is writ- • ten 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 faithful-  
ness 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 compas- • sion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually • keep me safe.

**Glory be to the Father and • to the Son**

**and to the Holy • Spirit;**

**as it was in the be - • ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. • Amen.**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.**

## Second Reading

### 1 Corinthians 1

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

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon 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 was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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# Gospel Acclamation

**Here I am, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, 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 before me, because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

## Sermon

**Rev. Lew Upchurch**

## Confession of Faith

### Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, +  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Following each prayer petition:*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

## Offering

### The Sacrament of the Altar

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our duty and our joy...evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed + is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

We proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Ways to Commune

**Intinction** – Pastor places bread in hands. Communicant dips bread in chalice held by Communion Assistant.

**Sealed Cups** – Gluten-Free in Blue and Alcohol-Free in Pink are available (take to seat, and we will commune together).

**Prayer** – Approach the communion table with arms crossing your chest.

## Communion Song

### Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
Torn for you eat and remember  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin  
Shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in

To receive the life of God  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King

## Blessing

## Closing Hymn

### How Marvelous God's Greatness



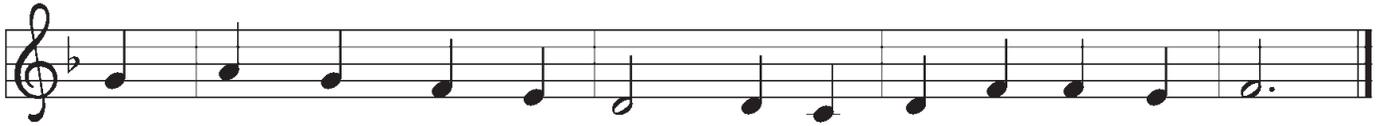
- 1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous God's might!
- 2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;
- 3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord
- 4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light - strewn sky



To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night:  
the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;  
the deep mys - ter - ious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;  
of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;



in form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen - dent birth,  
the val - leys deep are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;  
the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;  
when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,



in af - ter - glow at eve - ning, in sky and sea and earth.  
the snow-capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.  
and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.  
oh, what tran - scen - dent bright - ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

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## Announcements

## **I Will Celebrate**

I will celebrate  
Sing unto the Lord  
Sing to the Lord a new song  
I will celebrate  
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Sing to the Lord a new song

With my heart rejoicing within  
With my mind focused on Him  
With my hands raised to the heavens  
All I am worshiping Him

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*Please use the basket in the Narthex to dispose of your used  
Holy Communion Cups as you leave the Sanctuary*

# Serving at Worship Today

## **Preaching & Presiding**

Rev. Lew Upchurch

## **Director of Music**

Mary Harper

# Upcoming Events



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that invites the people of  
Santa Monica and beyond  
**to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ  
through Word and Sacraments.**

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