



St. Mary's Lutheran Church ~ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Sunday, February 1, 2026 ~ 9:00am
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.
Turn off phones or silence them.*

Also know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.



PRELUDE

Jubilate! Handbells
"Light and Shine" ARR. BY KATHLEEN WISSINGER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand in body or spirit.

GATHERING SONG Hymn #719 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
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.

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.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see yellow insert)

PLEASE BE SEATED

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jubilate! Handbells
"Thy Holy Wings" BY CATHY MOKLEBUST

WORD (see yellow insert)

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 (read responsively)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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Thanks be to God.

KIDS CONNECTION

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hymn #728 "Blest Are They"*

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Adult Choir

"We Beseech Thee" - ROBERT GRAHAM

*We beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant us pardon and peace;
That we may serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ the Lord.*

Please stand in body or spirit

OFFERING *Hymn #691 "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring", vs. 1, 3*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty, 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 feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

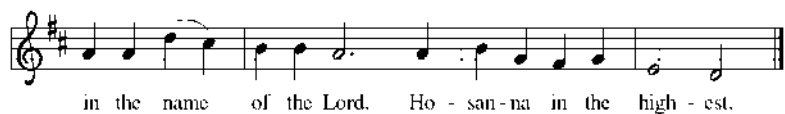
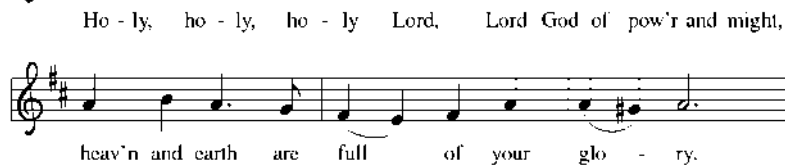
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

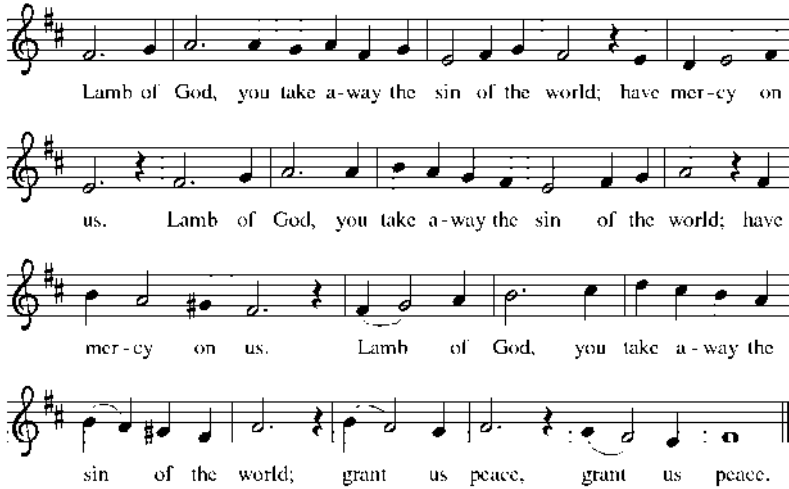
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



DISTRIBUTION MUSIC #754 "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Radiant God, 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.**

BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG Hymn #848 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

DISMISSAL

We are God's people.
Followers of Jesus Christ.
Gifted by the Spirit.
Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Musician: Willy Mueller

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