

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -
January 18, 2026 • 2nd Sunday After Epiphany
Celebrate Generosity

GATHERING SONGS

*Old Church Choir
King of My Heart*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS FOR CELEBRATE GENEROSITY

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity †, the giver of all good, the source of all joy.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for confession.

P: God of all,

C: You have given us all that we need and you ask that we share your abundance.

We confess that we have not responded to your call of generosity, to being open channels of your grace. We clench our fists when you ask for open hands; we close our minds when you ask for love toward our neighbors. Open our hearts to live in the abundance of your creation; loosen our grip and restore our souls, that we may freely give and receive. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God makes all things new. In the name of Christ, † you are forgiven. Your hearts are unfurled and your grasping is unbound. You are free to live as flowing streams of God's abundant grace. Celebrate generosity.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING: Psalm 37:21-25 *pew Bible, page 500*

The wicked borrow and do not pay back, but the righteous are generous and keep giving; surely those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land, but those cursed by him shall be cut off. Our steps are made firm by the Lord when he delights in our way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand. I have been young and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-34 *pew Bible, page 884*

"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Rev. Bryant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON *The Cure For Black Friday*

Rev. Wyn Bryant

SERMON SONG *Reckless Love*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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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.

COMMUNION SONG *Above All* arr. Mark Hayes

Lynn Rognsvoog

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and
keep you in His grace.

Congregation Amen.

EPIPHANY BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God's generosity flow freely through you. May you be filled with the abundance of
God's love † and held in God's peace.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *This is Amazing Grace*

SENDING

Praise Band: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Celebrate generosity.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

Members: Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Rob Blackburn, Roger Brown, Nancy & Leon Cole, Michael Condon, Myles Cooper, Debbie Courtney, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Irene Dorfinger, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Nick Gary, Mary Beth Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Deb & Doug Houck, Tom Jayne, Paul Jurkoic, Lin & Mike McKinley, Diane Lee, Debbie Palatinus, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Saylor families, Linda Shoemaker, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

Friends: Alderman family, App family, Ron Bailey, Baker family, David Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Frederick Bromwell, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Celms family, Mary Beth Connors, Meg Corrigan, Rose Corsair, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Irma DeBord, Shayna DeBord, Brandy & Brian Duke, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Phylis Garrison, Angél Gobel, Darrell Goodall, Gregory Goodall, Gary Gouzy, Gutelius family, Hall family, Charlie Hewston, Joy Hymer, Ashley Jones & family, Daniel Kabath, Giovanni Kaduce, Don Karlstad, Linda Kemper, Barb Korsmo, Dick Korsmo, Loyacano family, Matisko family, Joe May, Jeff McCown, Roger McCown, Breanna McFarlan, Tillie Meffert, David Nelson, Scott Nelson, Josh Nickols, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Pinchok family, Ashley Rauch, Shannon Remington, Alyssa Powers Rivers, Roberts family, Carolyn Russell, Jim Russell, Sarah Ryg, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Nan Zhang & family, Zenher family, Cheri & George, Darcy, Duskin, Jodi, Judy, Kim, Max, Touranne *and those we name to You.*

Growth & Inspiration: Our Generosity

Marriage Blessings Vada Kasefang & Brandon Hubbard.

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Bonnie Legako, Michael Lee, Pentti, Tom Matisko, Sarah.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Betty, Tiffany, Nita & family, Amanda & me, Ted & Sandra, Charline, Tommy, Kristi & Trent, Tom, Paul, Robby, Retha, Mary, Sally, Pryors, Mytohia & family, Christine & family, Happy, Patricia & children, Sherry & Mike, Taissi, Denis, Daniela, Mark and those known to God.

Salvation Army Friends: Tara, Wendy, Al, Julie, Daphne, Elizabeth, Cheryl, Stephanie, Lacy, Paula, Lisa, Brandon, Robert, Eli, Danny, Gibby, James, Jason, Gary, Kenny, Adam, Christopher, Mark *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

David Mabry, President • Stephen Dean, Vice President • Mary Bales, Secretary • Carrie Parrott, Treasurer
• Ritchie Case • Christina Landau • Connie Rist • Dawn Titsworth • Emily Wright • Pastor Bob Stelter

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Melissa Horning

GREETER Christina Landau

USHERS Brad Berry, Christian Berry

COMMUNION MINISTERS Vicki Adams, Frank Weldon, Kristie Turner,
Lisa Stelter, Connie Rist

PROJECTION & LIGHTS Tara Taylor

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Larry Koran**
in memory of **his father, Larry Koran, Sr.'s, birthday.***

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11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

January 18

As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

If you are new, please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.

Sunday School Classes are regularly held at 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: *Roman Jerusalem: Hadrian's Aelia Capitolina* - In the classroom side of the Cup

Teen Sunday School (6th - 12th grade): In the Youth Room

Confirmation Class (8th - 10th grade): In the Library

Children's Sunday School for 5th grade and younger:

- Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery
- The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1st - 5th grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room

Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All): *The Harmony of the Gospels* - In the classroom side of the Cup

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*Staying connected through at least one of these ways allows you to know what's happening in between Sundays so you can plan ahead and be involved. If you follow us on social media, please be **sure to share our posts!***

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 2 p.m. Choir Open House

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 6 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 10 a.m. WELCA Women's Group
- 12 p.m. Service of Healing
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 4 p.m. Kathryn & Earl Wedding Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon
- 1 p.m. Kathryn Butcher and Earl Kripas Wedding

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Celtic Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Choir Open House**
 - Sunday, January 18, 2 p.m.
- **WELCA Women's Group**
 - Wednesday, January 21, 10 a.m.
- **Service of Healing**
 - Wednesday, January 21, 12 p.m.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:8-13, Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19,

1 Corinthians 10:1-5, Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday: Isaiah 53:1-12, Hebrews 10:1-4, Psalm 40:6-17

Wednesday: Isaiah 48:12-21, Matthew 9:14-17,

Psalm 40:6-17

Thursday: 1 Samuel 1:1-20, Galatians 1:11-24,

Psalm 27:1-6

Friday: 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8, Galatians 2:1-10,

Psalm 27:1-6

Saturday: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Luke 5:27-32,

Psalm 27:1-6

Sunday: Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9,

1 Corinthians, 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

Faithful Response

Offerings last week: \$ 8,650

Offerings year to date: \$ 11,557



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