

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
JANUARY 11, 2026 • 9AM
1st Sunday after Epiphany • Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10
CELEBRATE GENEROSITY

PRELUDE *Here I Am to Worship* arr. Mark Hayes

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.

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: God of abundance, you have given us treasures to steward: our lives, our relationships, your good creation. Make us wise in our care of all the things you entrust to us, that we may serve you with openness and joy. Amen.

PARISH NEWS

100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF ELMER SYLER

- Steve Dean introduction of video presentation
- Presentation by Jason Zachary, Tennessee State Representative
- Introduction of Elmer Syler's family

OUR VISION
To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:28-34 *pew Bible, page 886*

Greg Bohlken: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 8th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

When he came to the other side, to the region of the Gadarenes, two men possessed by demons came out of the tombs and met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine. And he said to them, "Go!" So, they came out and entered the swine, and suddenly, the whole herd stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the water. The swineherds ran off, and, going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the men possessed by demons. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their region.

Assisting Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: The Hand of God

Greg Bohlken

A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscript

HYMN OF THE DAY *hymnal 688 (stand)*

Lord of Light

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:

Refrain
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

THE PRAYERS *stand or kneel*

Greg Bohlken, Assisting Minister

Assistant: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

A: Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Individual prayer petitions are invited.

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE PEACE

Assisting Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM *Follow the River* Joseph M. Martin

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* hymnal 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: God of life,

Congregation: You have blessed us with every good gift. Open us to share all that we have been given and to love the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION / WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER


Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

All: 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 FROM PASTOR STELTER

LAMB OF GOD *hymnal, page 208 (seated)*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *hymn 695*

As Saints of Old



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

Congregation: Amen.

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 HYMN *hymnal 696 (stand)*

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."

SENDING

Assisting Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Celebrate generosity.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Gigue* J.S. Bach

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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Ann Stewart

GREETERS Mary Beth Hallahan, Christina Landau

USHERS Jim Hallahan, Randy Stewart

ASSISTING MINISTER Greg Bohlken

COMMUNION MINISTERS Mary & Doug Bales
Allison & Danny Pressley

PROJECTION & LIGHTS Larry Koran

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Nancy & Steve Dean**
in celebraton of **Elmer Syler's 100th birthday.***

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

January 11

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: The Holy Land Revealed - 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): 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 11

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Birthday Celebration
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Anglican Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9 a.m. PEO Chapter S
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 9:30 a.m. PEO Chapter AH Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6 p.m. Chili Cook Off
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:30 a.m. Handy Faithfuls
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon
- 1 p.m. Michael Lee Visitation
- 2 p.m. Michael Lee Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 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
- 2 p.m. Choir Open House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Anglican Rites Service**
 - Sunday, January 11, 5 p.m.
- **Spirituality Book Club**
 - Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.
- **Chili Cook Off**
 - Wednesday, January 14, 6 p.m.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: Genesis 35:1-15, Acts 10:44-48,
Psalm 89: 5-37

Tuesday: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Acts 8:4-13, Psalm 89: 5-37

Wednesday: Isaiah 51:1-16, Matthew 12:15-21,
Psalm 89: 5-37

Thursday: Isaiah 22:15-25 Galatians 1:6-12,
Psalm 40:1-11

Friday: Genesis 27:30-38, Acts 1:1-5, Psalm 40:1-11

Saturday: 1 Kings 19:19-21, Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 40:1-11

Sunday: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9,
John 1:29-42

Faithful Response

Offerings last week: \$ 3,270

Offerings year to date: \$ 3,270



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PRAYERS

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Guidance: Our 2026 Council Members: David Mabry, Steve Dean, Mary Bales, Carrie Parrott, Ritchie Case, Christina Landau, Connie Rist, Dawn Titsworth, Emily Wright, Pastor Bob Stelter

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Michael Lee, Sarah.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Julie, Westen, Kristi, Trent, Sandra, Ted, Bill, Janet, Billy, Alisa, Chris, Zack, David, Theresa & Tom, Barbara, Maria & Samuel, Rhonda, Sally, Clyde, Larry & Jeanna, Willie, Veloz *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Friends: Paula, Julie, Stephanie, Daphne, Elizabeth, Ren, Lisa, Cheryl, Wendy, Al, Gabby, James, Gibby, Jay, Alfredo, Chris, Grant, Grant, Jr., Zayne, Lois, Adam, Jason, Gary, Brandon, Sean, Jason *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 Jamaica, 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.

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