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Ministers: All the People of God

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

*Thank you for being the Body of Christ
gathered here this morning.*

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.



Welcome/Announcements

Come Celebrate:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, breathing life into all creatures:

Come into us Holy Spirit.

In the beginning God created the people of the earth, naming humanity the embodiment of the divine presence.

Come into us Holy Spirit.

In the beginning God guided the darkness over the earth, leading it into light, forming a communion from the chaos.

Come into us Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be -

God gives us life!

***In the name of God, the Creator, in the name of Christ, the Redeemer, in the name of the Guiding Spirit,
Alleluia, Amen. (Leader first time through, Women second time, all third time)***

Come let us worship God - ***Come let us worship God! (2x)***

Refrain: Welcome ev'ry one - Welcome ev'ry one

To the love of God - ***to the love of God.***

Rest for the weary...

Food for the hungry...

Hope for the children...

Prayer of St. Francis

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Gracious God, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Response: Jesus Christ, the life of the world and of all creation, forgive our separation. Grant us peace and unity.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. **Response**

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Response**

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

Refrain: *How good it is to sing praises: Sing praises to our God!*

How good it is to sing praises: Sing praises, hallelujah!

Glory to Jesus Christ, the dove who was slain, his flight to freedom in our gain. Refrain.

God heals the brokenhearted, mends and makes whole, binding the wound within our soul. Refrain.

God counts the stars above and calls them by name, loving all people just the same. Refrain.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

Choir

Psalm 1

Reader: Millie Brumbaugh

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel - John 8: 1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”

They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

“No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Blest Are They"

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Affirmation of Faith

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We believe in God, the Giver of Life, who created the earth and all that exists.

We believe in God, the Redeemer of Life, who was revealed to Noah and Abraham, to Rachel and Naomi in their search for safety and a home; who was revealed to the people of Israel in their journey from oppression to freedom; who was revealed in Jesus, the Christ, in his birth and death, his pain and resurrection, and with whom we identify in our own joys and sorrows.

We believe in God, the Sustainer of Life, who heals us in our pain, who gives us new life in our dying, and through whom we are made whole in our resurrection. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy."
The congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."

Offering

*You may put your offerings in the box on the table in the back of the sanctuary or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website – americanlutheranchurch.net - or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653-
Newport, WA 99156*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The God of Life be with you always. And with you, too.

Lift up your hearts, Lift up your minds. We lift them joyfully unto God.

Let us thank our gracious God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The God of Life be with you always. And with you too.

Holy, holy, holy God, source of power, source of love, Heav'n and earth are full of you.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one, the one who comes in the name of our gracious God.

Blessed be Jesus Christ.

Holy, holy, holy God, source of power, source of love,
Heav'n and earth are full of you. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

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Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread,
and the pouring of wine.

Refresh us once again with these symbols of your healing presence in all the world.

We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world.

We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.

Living God, Risen Christ, through the eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts in all the world.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Gracious God in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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**Christ have mercy on us all. Hold us steadfast e'er we fall...
Break the bread. Pour the wine. Come and dine.
God be with us at the feast, Grant us wisdom, give us peace...
Break the bread. Pour the wine. Come and dine.
Holy Spirit, breathe again, light the darkness, be our friend...
Break the bread. Pour the wine. Come and dine.
Bake a great loaf, give it time.
Choose the best grapes from the vine.
Break the bread. Pour the wine. Come and dine.**

Communion Jesus welcomes ALL to his table to receive his love and forgiveness; his life given for you.
Grape juice and gluten/soy/corn free wafers are available.

Distribution Songs: #6-10 (on white pages in back)

Post communion Canticle

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**Now the Body broken, now the Blood is shed, now the eyes are open to the Living Bread:
Bread of Life, Bread of Hope, Bread of Peace Now with wills united, now with open hands,
now with hearts delighted, hear our God's command:
Share the Life, Share the Hope (3x) ... Share the Peace.**

Prayer

Benediction

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**God of Life: God the creator - God of Hope: Christ the Redeemer - God of Peace: Holy Spirit -
Bless you now and always.**

**God of Life: God the creator - God of Hope: Christ the Redeemer - God of Peace: Holy Spirit -
Bless you now and always.**

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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A gentle reminder: Please show care for one another and wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all.

This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Saturday	3pm	Addiction Support Group
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Lucy Anderson (at the request of Mary Bug Smith), Anita (at the request of Terry Zakar), Cyndy Akre Grady, Scone Bender, Rudy Bergen, Roger Brandt, Annika Britton, Julie Brown and family, Barbara Campbell, Justin Carnie (Ruth and Mitch Carnie), Carlton Christy (at the request of the Graffs). Ellie, Bobbie Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Larry Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Marva Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson, Imo Jones, Kapple family, Leroy Leland, Moses (at the request of Sark Ratliff), friends and family of Carl Pitts', Jeanette Reiter, Paul (Julie Brown's brother), Joel Robertson, Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Val Samson, Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Robin Smith (Graff's niece), Sara Rogers (at the request of Christian Britton), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Wayland VanZant, Audrey Wilbur (Marva's great niece)

***Please note:** Prayer requests will normally be kept on the list for one month unless requested for longer.

Announcements:

Giving Update: December Actual Giving: \$ 39,941.82 December Budget: \$ 17,083.33

December Variance: \$22,858.49

YTD Variance to General Fund giving budget as of December 31, 2025 is \$12,033.35.

Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts.

Addiction Support Group: Christian Britton and Sark Ratliff are hosting a support group for all addictions. They meet on Saturdays at 3pm.

Get ready for Soup-er Bowl II!

February 8 is Soup-er Bowl Sunday! That's right – *Soup-er Bowl*. Team X and Team Y will be vying for the title of Super Bowl LX Champion, and you will have the chance to "vote" for which team you think will win by bringing in canned SOUP (or chili or any other non-perishable food item, for that matter) and placing it in the box designated for that team on Sunday, February 1 or 8. The goal is to collect some hearty, meals-in-a-can that can help keep folks warm and full. No matter who wins the actual Super Bowl, the

local Food Banks and those in the community in need of some nutritious meals are the winners of *our* Soup-er Bowl! The American Lutheran Church Souper Bowl I in 2025 was a great success. This congregation provided 92 meals for local folks in need. Let's see if we can top that!

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Also, Annie Frederick is available to answer any questions you may have about the transition:
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If you would like to be on our church email list for announcements and prayer concerns, please send your email address to alc.churchoffice@gmail.com.

Reminder: Please don't forget to set the alarm before leaving the church. If you do not have a code please text/call Laretta 509-447-3440