

# American Lutheran Church

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Ministers: All the People of God

**First Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 11th, 2026**

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

**It is good to be together. Your presence here is a gift to God and to others 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.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

## Confession and Forgiveness

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**  
*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the Name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

**Kyrie:**

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**This is the Feast**

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## Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen**

**Choir**

“This is my Son,  
the Beloved, with whom  
I am well pleased.”



**Isaiah 42: 1-7****Reader: Annie Frederick**

The Lord says, “Here is my servant, whom I strengthen—the one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased. I have filled him with my Spirit, and he will bring justice to every nation. He will not shout or raise his voice or make loud speeches in the streets. He will not break off a bent reed nor put out a flickering lamp. He will bring lasting justice to all. He will not lose hope or courage; he will establish justice on the earth. Distant lands eagerly wait for his teaching.”

God created the heavens and stretched them out; he fashioned the earth and all that lives there; he gave life and breath to all its people. And now the Lord God says to his servant,

“I, the Lord, have called you and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through you I will make a covenant with all peoples; through you I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind and set free those who sit in dark prisons.

**Acts 10: 34-38**

Peter began to speak: “I now realize that it is true that God treats everyone on the same basis. Those who fear him and do what is right are acceptable to him, no matter what race they belong to. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, proclaiming the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know of the great event that took place throughout the land of Israel, beginning in Galilee after John preached his message of baptism. You know about Jesus of Nazareth and how God poured out on him the Holy Spirit and power. He went everywhere, doing good and healing all who were under the power of the Devil, for God was with him.

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

**Gospel Announcement:** The Gospel according to Mark chapter 3: verses 13-17

**Glory to you, O Lord**

At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. “I ought to be baptized by you,” John said, “and yet you have come to me!” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires.” So John agreed.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him.

Then a voice said from heaven, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased.”

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

**Sermon****Hymn of the Day****“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”****#304****Apostle’s 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

Each petition will end with “Lord, in your mercy,”  
the congregation responds with “hear our prayer.”

## Offering

*You may put your offerings in the basket 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 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**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Words of Institution

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

## 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. 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** – *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life – given freely in  
love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at  
your seat, please let the usher know.*

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; (2x)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.***

**Communion Hymns: 275, 278, 300**

**Blessing**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn**

**“Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

**#290**

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

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*Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please  
wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!*

## This Week

Monday	10am	Bible Study
	12pm	Al-Anon
Tuesday	10am	Anna's Circle
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Saturday	1pm	WWW
	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, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Marva Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson , Imo Jones, Kapple family, Lizzy March ( at the request of Hedy Mitchell), Moses (at the request of Sark Ratliff), Carl Pitts (at the request of Hedy Mitchell), 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)

**Announcements:**

**WWW Women's Fellowship:** Women with Wonderful Wisdom are meeting Saturday January 17th at 1pm.

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

**Giving Update:** November Actual Giving - \$ 19,283.68 November Budget - \$ 17,083.33 November Variance - \$2,200.35 YTD Variance to General Fund giving budget as of November 30, 2025 is (\$10,825.14)  
Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts.

**It's Annual Meeting time again:** Our annual meeting is 1/25/26. There will be a potluck.

**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

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Also, Annie Frederick is available to answer any questions you may have about the transition: 509-270-0496 and [afrederick2018@outlook.com](mailto:afrederick2018@outlook.com)

