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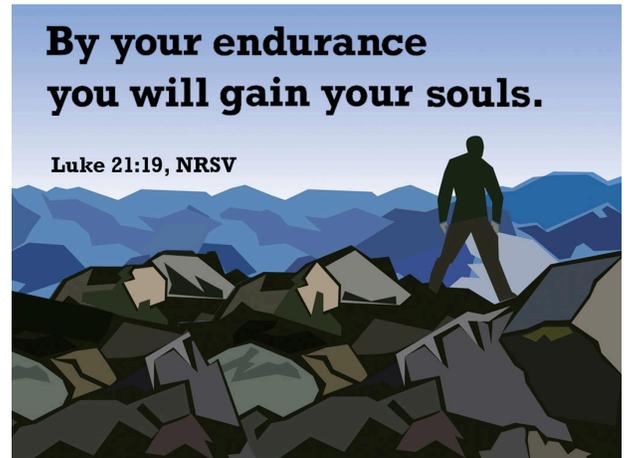
Ministers: All the People of God

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 18, 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**

## Song of Praise

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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, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we  
may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen

## Choir

### Isaiah 49: 1-6

Reader: Larry Sauer

Listen to me, O coastlands, and hearken, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished  
arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be  
glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is  
with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has  
become my strength--he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the  
tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my  
salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

### Psalm 40: 1-12

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my  
cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my  
steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust  
in the LORD.

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go  
astray after false gods!

Thou hast multiplied, O LORD my God, thy wondrous deeds and thy thoughts toward us; none can  
compare with thee! Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be numbered.  
Sacrifice and offering thou dost not desire; but thou hast given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin  
offering thou hast not required.

Then I said, "Lo, I come; in the roll of the book it is written of me; I delight to do thy will, O my God; thy law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; lo, I have not restrained my lips, as thou knowest, O LORD.

I have not hid thy saving help within my heart, I have spoken of thy faithfulness and thy salvation; I have not concealed thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not thou, O LORD, withhold thy mercy from me, let thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness ever preserve me!

For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me, till I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

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

### **Gospel - John 1: 29-41**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

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

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"**

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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](http://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: #52-57 (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, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Marva Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson , Imo Jones, Kapple family, Leroy Leland, 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)

**\*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.

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

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

Pastor Bob Albing can be reached at (208)446-5206 and [pinetreepadre@gmail.com](mailto:pinetreepadre@gmail.com). In an emergency, if you are unable to reach Pastor Bob, Pastor Chris Hill is available: [pastorchrishill@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorchrishill@yahoo.com)  
320-279-2374

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](mailto: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