



Welcome to St. Luke's Church

Sunday, January 11, 2026

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Our Vision:
To Know God and To Make Him Known

*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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Processional Hymn

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Crown him with many crowns
The Lamb upon his throne
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high
Who died, eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown him the Lord of love
Behold his hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail Redeemer, hail for thou hast died for me
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations,
All: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Collect for Purity

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“I Will Not Forget You”

Many men will drink the rain a
And turn to thank the clouds
Many men will hear You speak
But they will never turn around

Chorus: I will not forget You, are my God, my King
And with a thankful heart I, bring my offering
And my sacrifice is, not what You can give
But what I alone can give to you

A grateful heart I give, A thankful prayer I pray
A wild dance I dance before you
A loud song I sing, A huge bell I ring
A life of praise I live before You

Many men will pour their gold
And serve a thing that shines
Many men will read your words
But they will never change their minds

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“Ever Be”

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today
Faithful You have been and faithful You will be
You pledge yourself to me and it's why I sing

Chorus: Your praise will ever be on my lips
 Ever be on my lips
 Your praise will ever be on my lips
 Ever be on my lips

You Father the orphan, Your kindness makes us whole
You shoulder our weakness
And Your strength becomes our own
You're making me like You, clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes for You will have Your bride
Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name and it's why I sing

Bridge: You will be praised You will be praised
 With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
 You will be praised You will be praised
 With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
 [and it's why I sing]

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"You Are Worthy Of My Praise"

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (With all of my heart)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (All my strength)

I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (All of my days)
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (All Your ways)

Chorus: I will give You all my worship,
I will give You all my praise,
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down (I will bow down)
Hail You as King (Hail You as King)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
Give You everything (Give You everything)

I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne (My eyes to Your throne)
And I will trust You (I will trust You)
I will trust You alone (Trust You alone)

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The Lessons

Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 89:1-29 Acts 10:34-38

The Gospel

Sung: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:13-17.

All: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

At the end of the reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sung: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

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The Message

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Hear our prayer." For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for Steve, our Archbishop, and Julian, our Provincial Dean during the Archbishop's leave of absence. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for Mark, our Bishop, for Allen, our Suffragan Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Gracious Father, Look favorably on your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for the diocesan Search Committee for our next bishop. Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our Donald, our President, Mike, our Governor, and our senators and representatives. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (I Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (I John 2:1-2)

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

The Offertory (*Tithes and offerings are collected at this time*)

Celebrant: Our offertory sentences are from scripture. "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)

"Shalom"

Chorus: Hallelujah how beautiful
Every breath you breathe brings shalom
Hallelujah how wonderful
Every word you speak is shalom

Tag: Shalom

In your likeness how we were made to be
In your fullness bring shalom

In our family, in our country
In our universe bring shalom

In your glory, in your goodness
In your mightiness bring shalom

Bridge 1: Shalom Shalom Shalom Shalom

Bridge 2: Shalom (shalom) Shalom (shalom)
Shalom (shalom) Shalom (shalom)

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Doxology *[All rise]*

Sung: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow**
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

All: And of Your own have we given You.

The Great Thanksgiving

[We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table. We offer communion in the form of bread, wafer, gluten-free wafer, or individually packaged juice and wafer. Once received, step left to drink from the communal cup, or step to the right to intinct (dip) the wafer.]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

**Sung: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!**

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The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

“Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Mystery of Faith

Deacon: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him.

And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

All: Face to Face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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, the power, and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Sung: We do not presume to come to Your table

Trusting in our own righteousness

For we are not worthy so much as to gather

The crumbs from under Your table

But trusting O Lord in Your great and manifold mercies

For You are the same Lord

Whose nature is always to have mercy

So cleanse us and feed us

With the body and blood of Your son

That we may live in Him and that He may live in us

Forever and ever Amen

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The Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Grant us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Music During Communion:

“Lord Let Your Glory Fall”

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“Let Your Glory Fall”

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Post Communion Prayer

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. And for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: And all of our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional

"We Will Dance"

Sing a song of celebration, lift up a shout of praise
For the Bridegroom will come, the glorious One
And oh, we will look on his face
We'll go to a much better place

Dance with all your might
Lift up your hands and clap for joy
The time's drawing near, when he will appear
And oh, we will stand by his side
A strong, pure, spotless bride

Chorus: We will dance on the streets that are golden
 The glorious bride and the great Son of man
 From every tongue and tribe and nation
 Will join in the song of the Lamb

 Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near
 (Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near)
 The risen King, our groom, is soon to appear
 (The risen King, our groom, is soon to appear)
 The wedding feast to come is now near at hand
 (The wedding feast to come is now near at hand)
 Lift up your voice, proclaim the coming Lamb
 (Lift up your voice, proclaim the coming Lamb)

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

This Week at St. Luke's Church, January 12th – January 18th

Monday

Boy Scout Troop 411, 6:30 PM (The Harbor)

Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30 PM (Conference Room)

Women's Group, 7:00 PM (Common Room)

Wednesday

MomCo, 9:30-11:30 AM (Café)

Thursday

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM (Common Room)

Friday

Church Offices CLOSED

Saturday

Men's Group, 9:30 AM (Lower Kitchenette)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Annual Meeting, 12:30-1:30 PM (Sanctuary)

Youth Group, 6:30 PM (The Harbor)

Upcoming:

February 18th: Ash Wednesday

March 29th-April 5th: Holy Week

**Readings for January 18: Exodus 12:21-28 ○ Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 ○ John 1:29-42**