

**St. Luke Lutheran Church**

Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Third Sunday**

**After Epiphany of Our Lord**

**January 25 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM**

(both services in-person worship; e-worship at 10:30)



*And when Jesus' disciples let down the nets at the Lord's word of command, they caught a great catch of fish, so much so that the nets were breaking. Jesus said to Simon Peter, do not be amazed or afraid. For from this time forth, you will be "catching" people. --Luke 5:6 ff.*

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**Welcome to worship here** at St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA. We gather around the story of Jesus! We are glad you have joined us to worship our Lord in this Service of Word and Meal. If you are visiting, longing to be a part of a community, want to join, are searching for faith, need a good-news-shaped word, or seek healing and peace, we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the Entry Narthex, complete the goldenrod "Connections" page, give us your contact information and the opportunity to respond and welcome and get to know you. Please return to worship with us again. Read our weekly announcements on the white GPS page. If you are in need of assistance or have questions of any kind, please speak with an usher, a Staff member, a Council member or Pastor Brad Brauer, our Interim Pastor. This is Christ's Church. Here the scriptures are opened and preached. Here is Christ's Welcome Table of grace and mercy. There is a place for you here. Join us in Jesus' mission.

**In today's Scripture Readings . . .** Jesus called his disciples. Last Sunday, those first called fishers of fish were called to fish for persons, invited to stay with Jesus, and asked to come and follow him. When a person becomes a disciple in holy baptism, he/she is caught up into the great Net of God's merciful love for sinners. When fish are caught, they die exposed to the air. But when we are baptized, in the water we figuratively die and rise, and join Jesus in his death for us so that we may be made alive and risen with him in the new life he offers, in a resurrection like his (Paul, 1 Corinthians 15). Galilee had survived exile and warfare. John would be arrested and executed by the state powers in Galilee. Darkness all around. Jesus begins a campaign for God's love and merciful manna for all, including the Gentiles, and he will also die a violent death at the hands of the powerful Governor and Emperor "in cahoots." Christians see Jesus "promised" or "prefigured" in Isaiah's Oracle, chapter 9. Christ crucified and risen is to be the very light for every dark, hurting place in the world. May Christ's own Spirit raise us up into newness, life, and joy. May the Spirit bring all Christians to unity of purpose and mission despite our factions and denominations on this bookend Feast Day of the Conversion of St. Paul. May we find some way to assist our Jesus in taking the yoke of slavery and the rod of oppression off the necks of our neighbors in need, both here and around the world.

**Please join us to receive HOLY COMMUNION:** At St. Luke, all Christians who desire to receive Christ's presence and blessing, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine in the Holy Communion Meal are welcome to do so, regardless of your age or denomination. If you or your children are not yet baptized into the Christian faith, please contact the pastor who would love to help you begin to receive this sacrament of grace and belonging and learn about its meanings. By hearing these words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoken, and by receiving ordinary bread and ordinary wine (or grape juice), we believe the Holy Spirit unites us with the Jesus of the past and the Christ of faith and with each other, even those whom physical distance and health concerns separate. Jesus Christ humbles himself to become fully present in his real body and blood, given to each of us, and all of us together. This Meal is for you. All are welcome here! Friend and stranger. All are welcome at the banquet of the Savior! Come up the center aisle to the Pastor or Assisting Minister and receive the bread into your open, flat palm/hand, go left or right and receive or take the cup of wine/juice from the server at Table. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and receive the sign of the Cross and a word of blessing and prayer. Cross your arms to indicate you are not communing but wish a simple blessing. Everyone, young and old, is encouraged to share in this Holy Communion Meal. These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

# HOLY COMMUNION

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Then, this Confession of Sin in dialogue form:*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.**  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
**We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.**  
Turn us to seek your face.  
**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
So that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Hear the Good News: The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.  
**Amen.**

## Pastoral Greeting

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and communion and gifts of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all: **And also with you!**





¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
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Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra\_a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se - ñor.  
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



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## Collect Prayers

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the example of the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of Paul at the end of the Week of Christian Unity)*

O God, by the preaching and writings of your servant, Saint Paul, you have caused the light of your love and grace to shine throughout the world. Grant that we may follow his example and be witnesses to the truth about and the teachings of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, who lives eternally and rules as king with you and your divine Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading

### Isaiah 49:1-7

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time The Lord will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who (once) walked in darkness  
 have (now) seen a great light;  
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
 on them light has now shined.

<sup>3</sup> You, O God, have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased the nation's joy;  
we rejoice before you  
as with joy at harvest-time,  
as people exult when dividing the plunder of battle.  
<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden, says the prophet,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you, O God, have broken as on the day of the Battle at Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ***Psalm***

***Psalm 27:1, 4-5***

*The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
**whom then shall I fear?**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
**of whom shall I be afraid?**

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
**hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.**

## **Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

<sup>10</sup> Paul Writes: Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel— and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>8</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the "power" of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
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*a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!*  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Gospel****Matthew 4:12-23**

A reading from the holy gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaimed the nearness of God's reign and called four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the old tribal territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> *“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—*

<sup>16</sup> *the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,*

*and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”*

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father Zebedee and followed Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

1. I will make you fish - ers of men, Fish - ers of men,  
 2. Hear Christ call - ing, Come un - to Me, Come un - to Me,  
 fish - ers of men, I will make you fish - ers of men If you  
 Come un - to Me; Hear Christ call - ing, Come un - to Me, I will  
 fol - low Me; If you fol - low Me, If you fol - low Me,  
 give you rest; I will give you rest, I will give you rest;  
 I will make you fish - ers of men If you fol - low Me.  
 Hear Christ call - ing, Come un - to Me, I will give you rest.

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## **Profession of Faith: The Nicene Creed** *(during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany)*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## Prayers of the People

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

*A brief silence. Each prayer bid ends with . . . .*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*(The Prayers today end with a Collect-Prayer for the Communal Affirmation of the Baptismal Covenant.)*

Response after the final petition: **Amen.**

## Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then the assembly is seated.*

## Offertory Invitation:

Ascribe to the Lord, the honor due God's name.

Bring offerings and come into God's courts with praise and thanksgiving.

## Offerings are Received

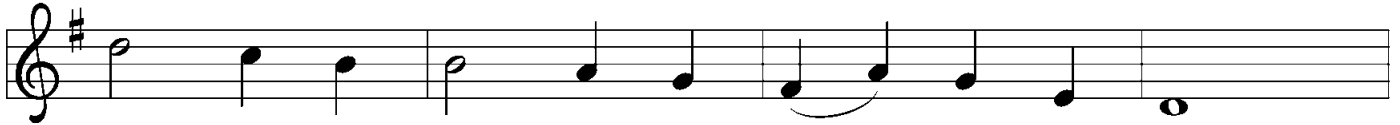
We are invited to give joyfully our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission to and through the Church, **St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA, Albuquerque**. Place your offerings in the basket near the sanctuary entrance doors. You may also send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>. You are also invited to give, in addition, to our Bucket of Change recipient and its ministry. The **Bucket of Change recipient for January 2026 is: New Mexico Dream Center**, which provides compassionate services to the underserved and marginalized people of Albuquerque. This population includes youth experiencing homelessness, survivors of sex trafficking, trafficked minor children and trafficked immigrants.

*"Then we all stand up together and offer prayers,- Saint Justin the Martyr, 150 C.E. We receive and borrow prayers written for our use from Sundays and Seasons and a variety of other Synod sources as we pray our weekly intercessions. We craft our Sunday prayers of the Faithful using historic forms and adapt them to our specific situation. These "given prayers" also seek to address our times, grieve and lament the unstable political situations around the world, pray for the needs of the world and the church beyond us based on their requests and the images in the scriptures and their themes, and then are added to as we localize and contextualize our laments and praises, prayers and kyries by adding the names of those for whom we pray and their requested petitions. We build the content of that prayer list all week long in the Office. Our Intercessions are ecumenical in nature. Of course, these prayers cannot be perfect and they may need to be more "fleshed out" or enlarged to pray for others and for all (and we do request you share your prayer concerns) but please remember that we do so imperfectly as we set the events of our days alongside the scriptures, the nightly news next to gospel and Jesus' teachings.*

During these weeks, we borrow the prayers from our ELCA and Episcopal bishops, and our synod partners here in the RMS, in the Holy Land, and in the dioceses of our neighbors, esp. in Minnesota. Please pray with the whole Church around the world fervently for our needs and the needs of others. Be caught up in the Spirit's movement toward justice, peace, mercy, and humility. Let us be sure to pray for our unity as Christians this week and, here, for our Council and Call Committee and all our ministry leaders.

**Offertory Hymn ELW 303, vs 1 & 4 (8:15 AM)****Brightest and Best of the Stars**

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

**Offering Anthem (10:30 AM)****Lead, kindly Light**

John Henry Newman, 1833

Tune: Sandon, C. H. Purday, 1860, Arr. Robert Lehman

*St. Luke Sanctuary Choir*

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'en circling gloom,  
 Lead Thou me on;  
 The night is dark, and I am far from home;  
 Lead Thou me on;  
 Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
 The distant scene; one step enough for me.

So long Thy pow'r has blest me, sure it still  
 Will lead me on,  
 O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
 The night is gone,  
 And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
 Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou  
 Shouldst lead me on;  
 I loved to choose and see my path, but now  
 Lead Thou me on;  
 I loved the garish day, and spite of fears,  
 Pride ruled my will; remember not past years.

## **Offertory Prayer**

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

Dialogue

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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.

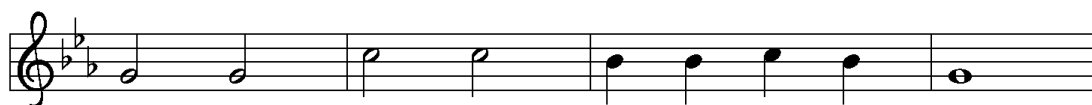
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the Epiphany season:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

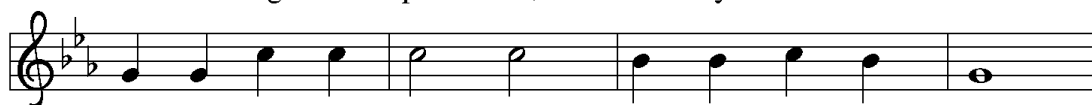
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



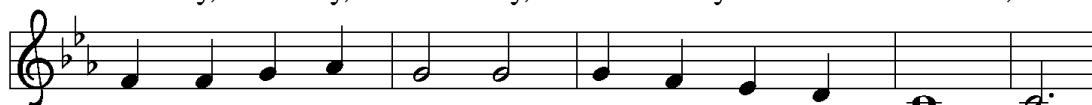
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



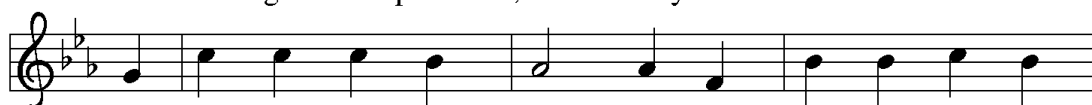
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God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



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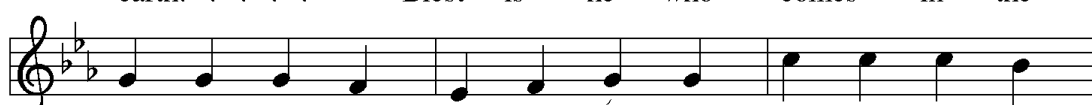
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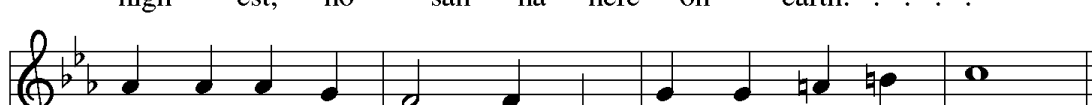
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nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
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high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .



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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

## **Thanksgiving Prayer at the Table, continued . . . .**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks;  
broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper,  
he took the cup,  
gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command to eat this Meal,  
his life-giving passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, and ascension into heaven,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with (

) and all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*The presiding ministry may introduce the Lords's Prayer*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father 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

*The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.*

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

## Lamb of God

## ELW Setting 7

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

## The Distribution of Communion



*You are invited to move up the center aisle and receive bread (gluten-free bread is also available) from the pastor or assistant. Go left or right. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray held by the assistant. After receiving it, please walk back by the side aisle where you can place your empty disposable cup in the basket. All are welcome. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and stand before the Pastor or minister with crossed arms to receive a blessing prayer and sign of the Cross. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## Communion Blessing (stand)

May the body and blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and his blessing, strengthen you, keep us all in that One True Faith, and bring us all to everlasting life. Depart from the Lord's Table in peace and joy.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing Prayer for those who extend God's Table

*Let us join together in prayer to bless our Eucharistic ministers . . .*

Gracious God, we thank you for the gifts of this Sacrament of the Altar, a powerful reminder of your love in the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. As we send forth our brothers and sisters to extend his table and bring the Bread of Life to those who are unable to join us, **we ask that you bless their ministries. May they be instruments of your grace, bringing comfort, healing, and hope to the sick and homebound, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise: the Father, the Son (Our Lord Jesus Christ) ✝ and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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**Postlude**

**Next Weekend’s Scripture Readings for Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – Jan. 31 and Feb. 1**  
 Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

### Participating in Today's Worship

Interim Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Brad Brauer  
Sacristy Care: Steve & DeAnn Eaton Azar  
Pianist: Danielle Cordova  
Nursery Care: Taylor Hollowwa

#### 8:15 AM

Reader: Laura Jorgensen  
Vocalist: Austyn Knecht  
Sound:  
Ushers: John & Jodi Feddema

#### 10:30 AM

Reader: Judy Aaker  
St. Luke Sanctuary Choir  
Sound: Judy Moore  
Video Engineer: Pamela Franco  
Ushers: Tom Berardinelli, Debbie Werner  
Communion Assistants: Karen Carlson, Kaye  
Martin, Marina Mauney

Sacristy Candle for January: Jerry & Judy Aaker, "Thankful to God for our marriage."  
For Pastoral Care: please call the church office.

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**“... from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I  
– Psalm 61:2**

**Let us offer our prayers for the wideness of God’s mercy  
for the whole world —**

**For the church universal, its bishops, for the newly  
baptized and confirmands, and for all the faithful, its  
ministry, and the mission of the gospel**

† ELCA Missionary Carolyn Schneider in Guyana

† Blessing upon Presiding Bishop Yehiel  
Curry, Synod Bishop Meghan Aelabouni and the work of  
the Rockies Synod and its ministries, for the ministries of  
the ELCA in Jordan and the Holy Land and for her  
bishops and clergy seeking peace together with the Rabbis  
of Israel

**For the well-being of your creation, that we may be  
good stewards of all your gifts and share generously  
with all who are in need, for an increase of peace and  
justice in the world,**

† Healing for our country, preservation of families, and  
God’s peace & unity for his people

† *Jamie M.*, Garry Dexter & family, Jean Lunt, Paul  
Chamberlin, Michael & Dasha, Kayla & family, Artemis,  
Terry Obago, Steve's family, Arden, Irene, Natalie and  
Vanessa; Brandon & Chris & Peter & Rogene, Janie,  
Callie Coughenour, Kurt Coughenour, Russ Glauner.

**For the nations and those in authority, rulers,  
legislators, and judges, . . .**

† Turmoil in Middle East, South America, and Europe.

† This community; for peace and security for all peoples,  
for this assembly here at St. Luke Church, for our growth  
in faith and service for the poor, oppressed

† Bucket of Change recipient for January: New Mexico  
Dream Center; it's mission is to provide a 360° strategic  
approach to address human trafficking in New Mexico  
through prevention activities, outreach to victims, services  
for survivors, and a support system for clients in their self-  
determination.

**For the sick and infirm of body, mind, and spirit, those  
who live with incurable diseases, AIDS, malaria, last  
stage cancer, and polio**

† *Liz Bentz’s aunt in hospice, Richard*, Mary M., Aleta,  
Royal Harrison, Maribel A, William S (request sent via  
website), Virginia Moreno, Beatrice, Darryl Hooper,  
Judy, Mickey, Jena, Rusty, Bonnie Paine (& husband  
Bob), Debbie (& sister Diane), Fern Knudsen on  
hospice, Lola, for mental health and care; Jean Klinke

† For the hospitalized and recovering, especially those  
who will have surgery: *Barbara*, Magdalena Barba (&  
family who are watching over her); Carolyn, Mike R,  
Socorro Morales, Noëlle Jaderborg, little James; Nancy

Blizzard; Wallace; Linsay Gear, Gina & Kevin Wilson,  
Roy (& family), Ruth & Bruce, Ginny, Frank Johnson,  
Dorela & John Cole, Andy H, Steve, Joe, Aleta, Donna  
who was in hospital, Pastor Zach Cook, Rebecca  
Horton's husband, Tina, Felisa, Pastor Brad's niece,  
Renaë Brauer of Denver, following Chemotherapy and  
surgery; Don, Myra Lynch

**For the hungry and homeless on our streets and  
neighborhoods, for the mentally ill especially, for the  
lonely**

† Amy, Juvanna, and Frankie, and others we pass by  
unable to help them sufficiently

**For the congregation and its needs, and for its special  
concerns,**

† The Call Committee and the Church Council

† St. Luke Preschool and the children and families

† Interim Pastor Brad, church committees/ministries, &  
staff

† DW & Deborah Stephenson, Andy H, Joyce, Nancy  
Granert, Forrest Blech, Sandy Bowers, Bob & Sherri  
Domres, Chrystal Vaughan, Karin Duda, Dorela Cole,  
Lorna Hill, Brenda Sanchez, Polly Brodbeck, Melda  
Burns, Leah Coughenour, Kay Dunbar, Lucille Few,  
Marie Lenard, Marv Plugge, Loretta Roe, Liz Wills  
(needs ride to church)

† For aging parents, whose caregivers we become.

**We remember our loved ones who now are at rest and  
all the saints in our lives most dear to us** who have lived  
out the faith and taught us by their great examples; we  
give thanks for our time with them, and, as we believe  
Jesus died and rose again, we look forward to uniting  
with them in eternal life with Him. We pray for comfort  
and peace for their families.

† *Family of Dottie Donohoe who died on Jan. 16, at the age of  
102. Information on her memorial service will be published in  
the St. Luke GPS.*

† For the family of Marshall Shore: wife Rebecca Shore,  
their children Eliana & Evan, his parents Clare Castiglia  
& Larry Shore, siblings, upon his sudden & unexpected  
death on Dec. 22, 2025

† Family of Ann Madaras; Martinson families of Texas  
and Wisconsin

**Into your mercy we commend ourselves and all for  
whom we pray, trusting always in your mercy and love  
for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please submit your prayer requests to  
*PrayerChain@StLukeABQ.org* or contact the church office.  
*Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.*

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