

**The Second Sunday After The Epiphany**  
**January 18, 2026**  
**Heritage Lutheran Church**  
**Apple Valley, MN**  
**9:00 a.m.**



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**1. Welcome**

**2. Opening Hymn #172 "Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise"**

(Please stand for the last verse)

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise;  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem,  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed  
Word in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
And at Cana, Wedding Guest,  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed  
God on earth made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God for us made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in Thy holy Word;  
May we imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we like to Thee may be  
At Thy great epiphany,  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God for all made manifest.

### 3. The Invocation

**Pastor** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

### 4. Confession of Sin and Absolution

**Pastor** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Pastor** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Who made heaven and earth.

**Pastor** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Pastor** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Congregation** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Pastor** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**Congregation** Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

### 5. Introit (Latin, "Entrance") Psalm 92:1-5

**Pastor** <sup>1</sup>It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; <sup>2</sup>to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, <sup>3</sup>to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. <sup>4</sup>For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. <sup>5</sup>How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

### 6. The Gloria Patri (Latin, "Glory to the Father")

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

### 7. The Kyrie Eleison (Greek, "Lord Have Mercy")

♪ **Congregation** Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

**8. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (Latin, “Glory in the highest to God”)

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**9. The Salutation**

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

**10. The Collect**

**Pastor** Let us pray: Almighty God, You know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, and that because of the weakness of our mortal nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

**11. Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 49:1-6***

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, he 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—<sup>6</sup> he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

**12. Heritage Choir “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”** *Rusty Edwards*

*Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing every dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.*

*Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in every land.*

*Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.*

**13. The Epistle *1 Corinthians 1:1-9***

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the

grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### 14. Hymn #41 “Lamb Of God, Pure And Holy”

1 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!

2 Lamb of God, pure and holy. Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!

3 Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O, Jesus!

#### 15. The Gospel *John 1:29-41 Please stand*

**Pastor** The Holy Gospel for today is written in the...

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to You, O Lord!

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> 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.’ <sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ).

**Pastor** This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

♪ **Congregation** Praise be to You, O Christ!

#### 16. The Confession of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

**Congregation** I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the

dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

### **17. Chief Hymn #107 “When All The World Was Cursed”**

1 When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation,  
Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation.  
With true forerunner's zeal The Greater One he named,  
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.

2 Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting,  
Confessing Him as Lord Whose mother he was greeting  
By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold,  
He testified of Him Of whom the prophets told:

3 Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,  
Whose sacrifice removes The enemy's oppression.  
Behold the Lamb of God, Who beareth all our sin,  
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.

4 Thrice blessed ev'ry one Who heeds the proclamation  
Which John the Baptist brought, Accepting Christ's salvation.  
He who believes this truth And comes with love unfeigned  
Has righteousness and peace In fullest measure gained.

5 O grant, Thou Lord of Love, That we receive, rejoicing,  
The word proclaimed by John, Our true repentance voicing,  
That gladly we may walk Upon our Savior's way  
Until we live with Him In His eternal day.

### **18. Sermon – “Behold! The Lamb Of God” *John 1:29-41***

#### **19. The Offering**

#### **20. Prayer**

#### ***The Service Of Holy Communion***

*Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.*

#### **21. The Preface (p. 72)**

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts.

♪ **Congregation** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Pastor** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

♪ **Congregation** It is good and right so to do.

**Pastor** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### **22. The Sanctus (Latin, “Holy”) (p.76)**

♪ **Congregation** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**23. The Lord's Prayer: (p.77)**

**Pastor** 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.

♪ **Congregation** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**24. The Words of Institution (p.79)**

**Pastor** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, 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. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**25. The Pax Domini (Latin, "The Peace of the Lord")**

**Pastor** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

**26. The Agnus Dei (Latin, "Lamb of God")**

♪ **Congregation** O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

**27. The Distribution**

**28. Distribution Hymns**

**#291 "Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light (Verses 1-4, 11, 14)**

1 Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light, My Strength by day, my Trust by night,  
On earth I'm but a passing guest And sorely by my sins oppressed.

2 Far off I see my fatherland, Where through Thy blood I hope to stand.  
But ere I reach that Paradise A weary way before me lies.

3 My heart sinks at the journey's length, My wasted flesh has little strength;  
My soul alone still cries in me; "Lord, fetch me home, take me to Thee!"

4 Oh let Thy sufferings give me pow'r To meet the last and darkest hour!  
Thy blood refresh and comfort me; Thy bonds and fetters make me free.

11 Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just, I take my homeward way in trust.  
The gates of heav'n, Lord, open wide When here I may no more abide.

14 Ah, then shall I most joyful be And with the angels sing to Thee  
And with Thy blessed, chosen fold Fore'er Thy gracious face behold.

**#309 "A Wondrous Mystery Is Here"**

1 A wondrous mystery is here To hold in faith and holy fear:  
The Savior comes as food divine, Concealed in earthly bread and wine.

2 This world is loveless, but above, What wondrous boundlessness of love!  
The King of Glory stoops to me My spirit's life and strength to be.

3 In consecrated wine and bread No eye perceives the myst'ry spread;  
But Jesus' words are strong and clear: "My body and My blood are here."

4 How dull are all the pow'rs of sense Employed on proofs of love immense!  
The richest food lies hid from view, The highest gifts we have below.

5 We have no greater boon on earth, And faith alone discerns its worth,  
The Word, not sense, must be our guide, Christ's words assure though sight's denied.

6 Lord, show us still that You are good, And grant us evermore this food  
To strengthen ev'ry humble soul And make each wounded spirit whole.

### **#310 "At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who hath washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His Body for the feast-- Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

### **#325 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord To Thee"**

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within me now: How blest am I! How good art Thou!

### **29. The Nunc Dimittis (Latin, "Now Dismiss Us") (p.81)**

♪ **Congregation** Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word.  
For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all  
people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever  
shall be, forevermore. Amen.

### **30. The Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.83)**

**Pastor** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

♪ **Congregation** And His mercy endures forever.

**Pastor** Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us  
through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen  
us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus  
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God,  
now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

### 31. The Salutation

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

### 32. The Benedicamus

**Pastor** Let us bless the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God.

### 33. The Benediction

**Pastor** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ **Congregation** Amen, amen, amen

### 34. Closing Hymn #169 "Brightest And Best"

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion  
Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.



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## Announcements

**Heritage School Open House** – Our annual Open House is coming up on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from noon – 2 pm. Please help spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors!

**Women’s Bible Study** – The Monday Evening Bible Class meets at church at 6:30 pm. Contact Ruth Braun if you would like more information.

**Men’s Bible Study** – Men’s Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Choir** – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. New members are always welcome!

**2026 Offering Envelopes** – Please pick up your 2026 offering envelopes from the table in the narthex.

**Fellowship** - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

**Cleaning Schedule** – Help is needed to clean the sanctuary, narthex and gym. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board if you are able to help out. Thank you!

**Budget Update** – We have updated the member-giving scorecard through the end of December. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

| <u>Member Giving Scorecard</u>         | <u>YTD Actual</u> | <u>YTD Target</u> | <u>Variance</u> | <u>Annual Target</u> |
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| Member General Fund Giving             | \$170,837         | \$174,264         | (\$3,427)       | \$360,000            |
| Estate Gift                            | \$42,200          | \$0               | \$42,200        | \$0                  |
| School Deficit Reduction Giving Target | \$12,653          | 16,059            | (\$3,406)       | \$32,117             |
| Hike for Heritage                      | \$17,517          | \$0               | \$17,517        | \$0                  |
| Accrued Matching Funds                 | \$0               | \$0               | \$0             | \$0                  |
| <b>Total Member Giving</b>             | <b>\$243,207</b>  | <b>\$190,323</b>  | <b>\$52,885</b> | <b>\$392,117</b>     |

