

**The Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany
February 1, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.**



The Order of Service: Rite 1 with Communion ELH page 41

1. Welcome

2. Opening Prayer

Pastor O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

3. Opening Hymn #457 "Blessed Is The Man"

1 Blessed is the man that never Doth in godless counsel meet;
Nor in sinners' way stands ever, Nor sits in the scorner's seat,
But on God's all-perfect law Meditates with holy awe;
Day and night he delves for treasure In the Word--'tis all his pleasure.

2 As a tree that has been planted By the flowing waters fair,
In its season e'er is granted Fruits and foliage to bear;
So is he, the righteous, seen Ever fruitful, ever green,
And his leaf shall wither never, All he does shall prosper ever.

3 To the wicked 'tis not given Such a happy lot to share;
As the chaff by wind is driven So shall the ungodly fare;
They in judgment shall not stand, Nor be in the righteous band:
These the Lord forsaketh never, Those shall be cast off forever.

4 For the Lord His people knoweth, His pure eyes behold their way,
And the blessing He bestoweth Is their heritage for aye:
But the wicked ever tend To their doom and to their end:
God will all the righteous cherish, But the wicked ones shall perish.

4. Confession of Sins

Pastor Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins:

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 a 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.

5. The Kyrie Eleison

♪ **Congregation** O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God, the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

6. The Absolution

Pastor Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only 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 will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

7. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (*Glory to God in the highest*) page 44

Pastor Glory be to God in the highest

♪ **Congregation** And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

8. The Salutation

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

9. The Collect

Pastor Let us pray: O God, You see that we do not put our trust in anything we do: Mercifully grant, that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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.

10. The Lesson – Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.” ⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be

pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

11. The Gradual Hymn #170 "O God Of God"

1 O God of God, O Light of Light,
Thou Prince of Peace, Thou King of kings!
To Thee where angels know no night
The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne,
The Lamb once slain for sinful men,
Be honor, might, all by Him won,
Glory and praise! Amen, Amen.

2 Deep in the prophets' sacred page,
Grand in the poets' winged word,
Slowly, in type, from age to age,
Nations beheld their coming Lord,
Till through the deep Judean night
Rang out the song "Good will to men!"
Hymned by the first-born sons of light,
Reechoed now, "Good will!" Amen.

3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,
That death of pain, mid hate and scorn--
These all are past, and now above
He reigns, our King, once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, ye heav'nly gates!
So sang His hosts, unheard by men,
Lift up your heads, for you He waits.
We lift them up. Amen, Amen.

4 Nations afar, in ign'rance deep,
Isles of the sea, where darkness lay,
These hear His voice, they wake from sleep,
And throng with joy the upward way.
They cry with us, "Send forth Thy light,
O Lamb, once slain for sinful men!
Burst Satan's bonds, O God of might;
Set all men free!" Amen, Amen.

5 Sing to the Lord a glorious song;
Sing to His name, His love forthtell!
Sing on, heav'n's host, His praise prolong;
Sing, ye who now on earth do dwell!
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain!
From angels praise and thanks from men!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
Glory and pow'r! Amen, Amen.

12. The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 12:26-31

²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

13. Psalm 1 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

² but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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.

14. The Holy Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

♪ **Congregation** God be praised for His glad tidings.

15. 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.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

16. Chief Hymn #240 “Jesus, Refuge Of The Weary”

1 Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
O how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's stormy breast.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning To Thy cross of agony,
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

17. Sermon “By Appointment” 1 Corinthians 12:26-31

18. The Prayers and The Apostolic Benediction

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

19. The Offering

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.

20. The Preface (Introduction to the Holy Communion)

Pastor The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

Pastor Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks unto 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:

21. The Sanctus (Latin, “Holy”)

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

22. The Lord's Prayer (*sung by 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

23. The Words of Institution

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.”

24. 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.

25. The Distribution

26. Distribution Hymns

#241 "He That Believes And Is Baptized"

1 He that believes and is baptized
Shall see the Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
He is a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption he shall stand
Among the glorious heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Thy Holy Spirit;
Look Thou on our infirmity
Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
By holy baptism that we may
Eternal life inherit.

#218 "There Is A Safe And Secret Place"

1 There is a safe and secret place
Beneath the wings divine,
Reserved for all the heirs of grace;
O be that refuge mine!

2 The least and feeblest there may bide
In peace and safety sure;
While thousands fall on ev'ry side
He rests in God secure.

3 He feeds in pastures large and fair
Of love and truth divine;
O child of God, O glory's heir,
How rich a lot is thine!

4 A hand almighty to defend,
An ear for ev'ry call,
An honored life, a peaceful end,
And heav'n to crown it all!

#184 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

#328 "Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness" (verses 1,2,3,4,9)

1 Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded Hath this wondrous Supper founded.
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth, Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him And with loving rev'ence greet Him,
For with words of life immortal Now He knocketh at thy portal.
Haste to ope the gates before Him, Saying, while thou dost adore Him:
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee, And I nevermore will leave Thee.

3 He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us hath freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for thee riven, And His blood, for thee once given.

4 Ah, how hungers all my spirit For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging, Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted, For this cup of life have thirsted,
For the Friend who here invites us And to God Himself unites us.

9 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, Let me gladly here obey Thee.
By Thy love I am invited, Be Thy love with love requited.
From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Though the gifts Thou here dost give me As Thy guest in heav'n receive me.

27. The Collect

Pastor 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.

28. 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.

29. Closing Hymn #228 “Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast”

1 Almighty God, Thy Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heaven descend
And righteous fruits abound.
Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

2 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.
Oft as the precious seed is sown,
Thy quick'ning grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

30. The Closing Prayer

Pastor O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

Announcements

Time & Talent Survey – If you haven't taken the Time & Talent Survey yet, we will have an electronic version (tablet) circulating during fellowship time for the next few Sundays. Please plan to take a few minutes to fill it out. Thanks!

Easter Flowers – There are order forms on the welcome desk if you would like to order Easter flowers. Orders are due by Sunday, February 22nd.

Board of Elders – The Board of Elders will meet on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm.

TLC – The Ladies Connection will meet on Saturday, February 14th at 9:30 a.m. This will be a potluck brunch. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to bring a dish to share and join in the fellowship. Questions? Ask Rhonda.

Women's Bible Study – The Monday night Women's Bible Class meets at church at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ruth B. for further details.

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

Meditations – The meditations are available on the welcome stand.

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

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

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!

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CHILI COOK-OFF

Super Bowl Sunday!

Sunday, February 8th • Right After Church

Get ready for great food, good laughs, and a little friendly competition!
The *In-Reach Board* is excited to host our *Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off* here at Heritage Lutheran.

Bring your best batch of chili, your favorite drink, and a board game you love— and don't forget to invite friends, neighbors, and family to join the fun!



Whether you're a seasoned chili pro or a first-time cooker, we'd love to have you enter!

Come for the worship, stay for the fellowship, and kick off Super Bowl Sunday with warmth, community, and maybe a little spice.

Hope to see you there!

