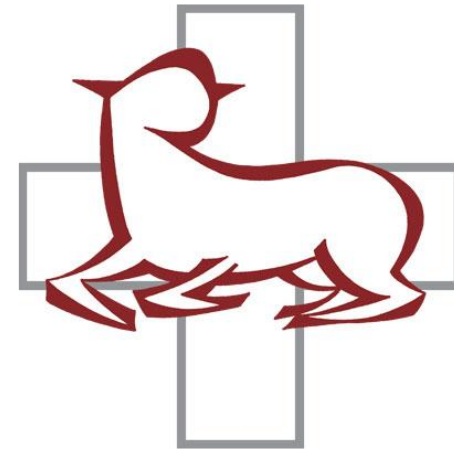


# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17 and 18, 2026



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**WELCOME** to those visiting us this Lord’s Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

**AS WE GATHER** ~ People often speak about a person’s calling in life. They are describing a unique purpose or vocation according to interests and talents. Often, trying to determine a person’s “calling” or “destiny” is defined by some innate ability or giftedness found within ourselves, something we were born with or somehow born to do.

Today we hear of God calling otherwise ordinary fishermen Andrew and his brother Simon Peter. They were called by God through John the Baptist to follow the Messiah, the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. They were called to be disciples and eventually to be sent on Christ’s mission as apostles. The prophet Isaiah says even the Savior, the servant of the Lord, was called from the womb by God, “that Israel might be gathered to Him,” and called “as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth” (Isaiah 49:5–6). Saul of Tarsus was “called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus,” and Saul, now named Paul, reminds the church at Corinth and us that we are “called to be saints” (1 Corinthians 1:1–2). This calling differs from merely surveying interests or abilities within us; it comes to us from outside of ourselves, from the living God, our creator and Redeemer. This calling comes from God to everyone. It is the call of salvation, the divine call that transforms us from sinners into saints. Therefore, this calling depends not on anything within us but solely and totally on the grace and mercy and love of God.

**PRELUDE**

**GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS**

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓ *Hail to the Lord’s Anointed* *LSB 398*  
**Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!**  
**Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!**  
**He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,**  
**To take away transgression and rule in equity.**

**He comes with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,**  
**To help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong;**  
**To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,**  
**Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in His sight.**

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**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;**  
**Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.**  
**Before Him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;**  
**And righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before Him and gold and incense bring;**  
**All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.**  
**To Him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;**  
**His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.**

**O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,**  
**From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all-blest.**  
**The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;**  
**His name shall stand forever– that name to us is Love.**

**INVOCATION ~ Page 184 ↑**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

(Matthew 28:19)

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ Page 184 ↑**

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

(Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Psalm 32:5)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead

and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.** (John 20:19-23)

**INTROIT FOR THE DAY ↑** (Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14)

Pastor: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God,

**People: and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

Pastor: Day to day pours out speech,

**People: and night to night reveals knowledge.**

Pastor: There is no speech, nor are there words,

**People: whose voice is not heard.**

Pastor: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

**People: In them he has set a tent for the sun.**

♪ **GLORIA PATRI ~ Page 186 ↑**

**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, world without end. Amen.**

♪ **KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy ~ Page 186 ↑**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

♪ **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest ~ Page 187 ↑**

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

**People: And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY ~ Page 189 ↑**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓**

**Isaiah 49:1-7 (ESV)**

<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.”

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:  
“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING ↓**

#### **1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (ESV)**

<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 spiritual 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

♪ **ALLELUIA ~ Page 190 ↑**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL READING ↑**

#### **John 1:29-42a (ESV)**

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

♪ **People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] 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 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). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **APOSTLES’ CREED - Page 192 ↑**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was  
buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He  
ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From  
thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

### **♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓**

*The Only Son from Heaven*

*LSB 402*

The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers,

By God the Father given, in human form appears.

No sphere His light confining, no star so brightly shining as He, our Morning Star.

**O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn!**

**He comes, the King anointed, the Christ, the virgin-born,**

**Grim death to vanquish for us, to open heav'n before us and bring us life again.**

**O Lord, our hearts awaken to know and love You more,**

**In faith to stand unshaken, in spirit to adore,**

**That we, through this world moving, each glimpse of heaven proving,**

**May reap its fullness there.**

**O Father, here before You with God the Holy Ghost  
And Jesus, we adore You, O pride of angel host:  
Before You mortals lowly cry, "Holy, holy, holy, O blessed Trinity!"**

**SERMON ↓** *Rabbi or Messiah?* **John 1:29-42a**  
 Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds  
 in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)  
**People: Amen.**

**♪ OFFERTORY - Page 192 ↑** (Psalm 51:10-12)  
**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑**  
 Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people  
 according to their needs.

**WE PRAY FOR...**  
 Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your  
 mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**People: Amen.**



We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe, teach and confess  
 regarding the Lord's Supper. In order not to impose those beliefs on you,  
 we ask that if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,  
 you would speak with a Pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

**PREFACE ~ Page 194 ↑**  
 Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)  
**People: And with thy spirit.**  
 Pastor: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)  
**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
 Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)  
**People: It is meet and right so to do.**  
 Pastor: It is truly meet, right and salutary.....evermore praising You and saying:

**♪ SANCTUS ~ Page 195 ↑**  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** (Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

**LORD'S PRAYER ~ Page 196 ↑**  
**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.** (Matthew 6:9-13)

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD ~ Page 197 ↑** (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)  
 Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and,  
 when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said:  
 "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, and when He had given  
 thanks, He 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 for the forgiveness of sins. This  
 do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**♪ PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord* ~ Page 197 ↑**  
 Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**People: Amen.** (John 20:19)

**♪ AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God* ~ Page 198 ↑**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 Have mercy on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 Have mercy on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
 Grant us Thy peace. Amen.** (John 1:29)

♪ **DISTRIBUTION** ↓      *Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering*      **LSB 600**

Mark how the Lamb of God's self-off'ring our human sinfulness takes on  
In the birth-waters of the Jordan as Jesus is baptized by John.  
Hear how the voice from heaven thunders, "Lo, this is My beloved Son."  
See how in dove-like form the Spirit descends on God's Anointed One.

From this assurance of God's favor Jesus goes to the wilderness,  
There to endure a time of testing that readied Him to teach and bless.  
So we, by water and the Spirit baptized into Christ's ministry,  
Are often led to paths of service through mazes of adversity.

Grant us, O God, the strength and courage to live the faith our lips declare;  
Bless us in our baptismal calling; Christ's royal priesthood help us share.  
Turn us from ev'ry false allegiance, that we may trust in Christ alone:  
Raise up in us a chosen people transformed by love to be Your own.

*Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*

**LSB 409**

Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!  
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, in Your courts obtain a place.  
Grateful now, we fall before You, in Your Church rejoice to live,  
See Your glory and adore You, thankful for the grace You give.

Once far off but now invited, we approach Your sacred throne,  
In Your covenant united, reconciled, redeemed, made one.  
Now revealed to Eastern sages, see the Star of Mercy shine,  
Myst'ry hid in former ages, myst'ry great of love Divine.

Hail, O all-inviting Saviour! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,  
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.  
May we, body, soul, and spirit, live devoted to Your praise,  
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, grateful anthems ever raise.

*By All Your Saints in Warfare* (1, 5, 3)

**LSB 517**

By all Your saints in warfare, for all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle that they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory reflected from Your throne.

All praise, O Lord, for Andrew, the first to welcome You,  
Whose witness to his brother named You Messiah true.

May we, with hearts kept open to You throughout the year,  
Confess to friend and neighbor Your advent ever near.

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow'r and glory and praise to God alone.

**BLESSING** ↑

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in  
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**People: Amen.**

♪ **NUNC DIMITTIS** ~ *Song of Simeon* ~ **Page 199** ↑

(Luke 2:29-32)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy 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, world without end. **Amen.**

♪ **THANKSGIVING** ~ **Page 200** ↑

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

**People: and His mercy endureth forever.**

(Psalm 107:1)

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT** ~ **Page 201** ↑

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS** ~ **Page 202** ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord. (Psalm 103:1)  
People: Thanks be to God.

♪ BENEDICTION ~ Page 202 ↑

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.  
People: Amen, amen, amen. (Numbers 6:24-26)

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑ *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* *LSB 702*  
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!

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!

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.

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;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

POSTLUDE