



**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON THIS SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 18, 2026**

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8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

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INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

PRELUDE

“Songs of Thankfulness” arr. Wold Jean Pontious

You may remain seated or stand.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P 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.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **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, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness”

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;

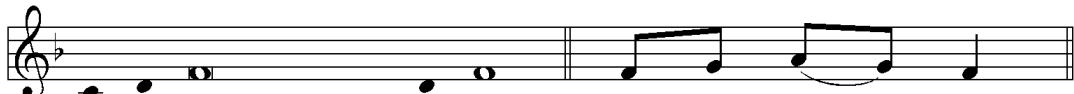
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,

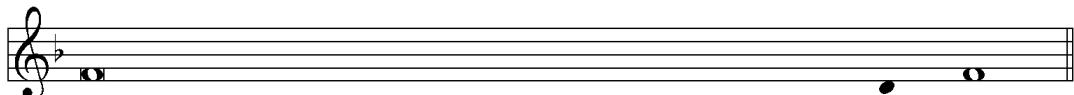
GREETING

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

C **And is also with you.**



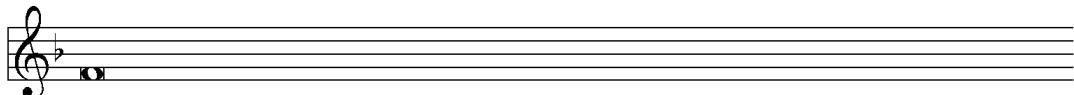
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



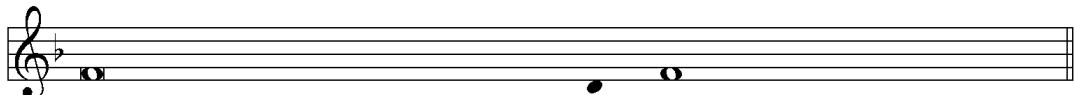
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



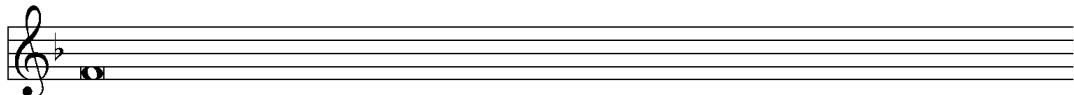
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

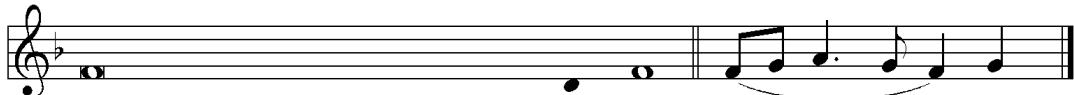


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:



We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen

PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.
C **And is also with you.**

Please take a moment to share the peace

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.
C **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. 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. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in 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 sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

After the reading:

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40

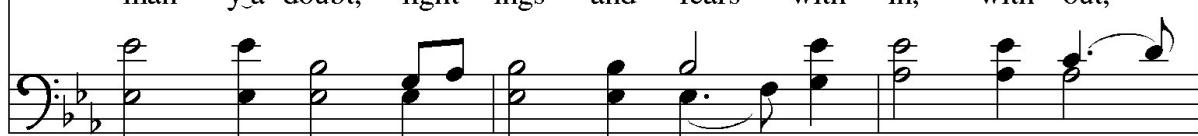
“Just As I Am”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

You may remain seated or stand.

ALLELUIA VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE
PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 AM	“Just As I Am” JEAN PONTIOUS	arr. Raney
11:00 AM	“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)” ADVENT’S PRAISE & WORSHIP BAND	by Matt Maher

Offering is taken and the offering plates will be passed. You may put your donation in one of the pew envelopes and put in the offering plates, or use the “Online Donator” card, found in the pew rack. You can also support Advent’s Ministries by using this QR code:



You may remain seated or stand

C Let the vine - yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath- er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

APOSTLES' CREED

A Christians, what do we believe?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence

A Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Guide and grant wisdom to our Bishop Suzanne and national Bishop Rev. Yehiel Curry.

Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Remake implements of war to sow peace. We lift up Tanzania, Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza bless them with peace and safety. Guide the leaders of Israel, Russia, and the United States, in the way of peace, quell their violent ways. Be with all who are living in the valley of death. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of life, you claim us as your own and care for us as Christ's siblings. Pour out your compassion in every place your people suffer, and protect them in the palm of your hand. We take a moment now to pray for those in need of healing; family members, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances and those we know by name, either out loud, or silently in our hearts (**pause**). Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of today and tomorrow, grant us and our call committee wisdom, patience, freedom from anxiety, and reassurance as we await your Spirit's voice and revelation concerning a new leader who will walk with us. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

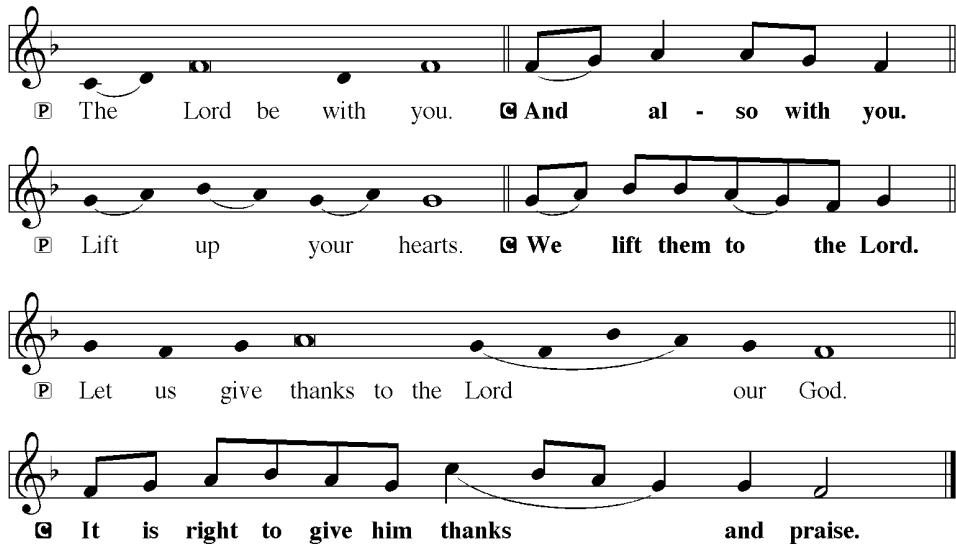
A Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



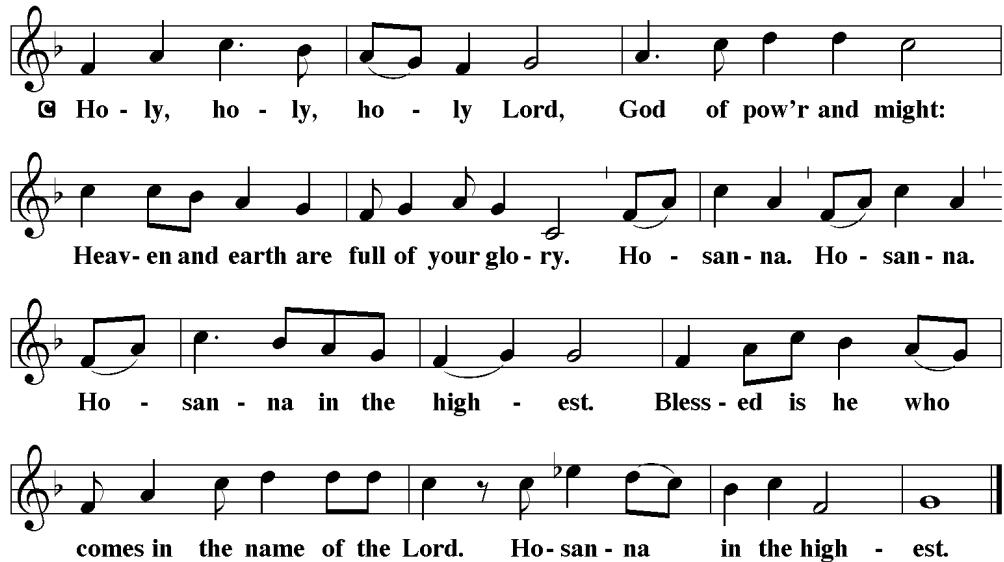
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.... 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

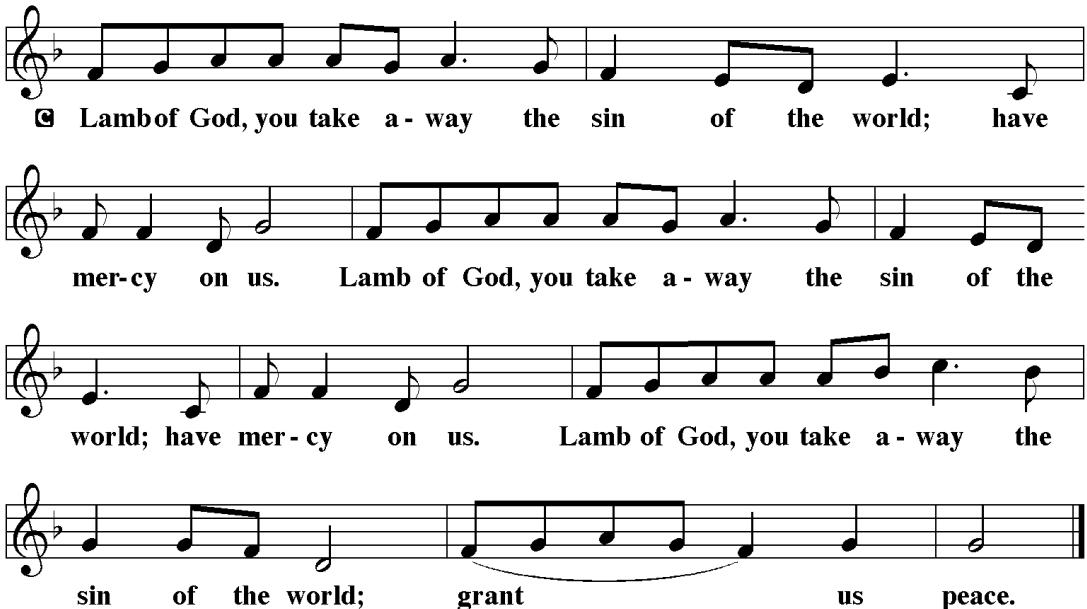
DISTRIBUTION

This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

*Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets
provided on the first row of chairs.*

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,
please let an usher know.***



C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION

P And now may the body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His most holy and precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you and keep you to true faith unto life everlasting. May we depart in peace and may the Lord be with you.

C Amen

PRAYER

A 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.

C Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  bless you now and forever.

SENDING HYMN

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
 we are march-ing in the light of God.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Musical score for the first line of the song. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "We are marching, march - ing, we are marching, march - ing," are written below the notes. The word "march - ing" is repeated twice. The word "we are" is followed by "march - ing in the light of God." The "oo" at the end of the line is written in a cursive script.

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

Musical score for the second line of the song. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "we are march - ing in the light of" are written below the notes. The "3" symbol is placed above the notes "of" and "the". The word "we are" is followed by "march - ing in the light of God." The "oo" at the end of the line is written in a cursive script.

we are march - ing in the light of

We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Musical score for the third line of the song. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "We are march - ing, march - ing, we are marching, march - ing," are written below the notes. The "3" symbol is placed above the notes "march - ing" and "we are". The word "we are" is followed by "march - ing in the light of God." The "oo" at the end of the line is written in a cursive script.

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are marching, march - ing,

Musical score for the fourth line of the song. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "we are march - ing in the light of" are written below the notes. The "3" symbol is placed above the notes "of" and "the". The word "we are" is followed by "march - ing in the light of God." The "oo" at the end of the line is written in a cursive script.

we are march - ing in the light of

Musical score for the fifth line of the song. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "we are march - ing in the light of God." are written below the notes. The "3" symbol is placed above the notes "of" and "the". The word "we are" is followed by "march - ing in the light of God." The "oo" at the end of the line is written in a cursive script.

2. We are singing....

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
ACOLYTE		TEDDY DENNETT
ASSISTING MINISTER	SUSAN COCKERILL	JULIE PAGE
PASTOR	INTERIM PASTOR DAVID HINKELMAN	



The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Julie Page's mother, Virginia Scott.

Please check the 2026 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$25.00 per vase.

This Week at Advent

Mon Jan 19	Men's SALT Bible Study	2:30pm
	Church Council meeting	6:00pm
Tue Jan 20	Isabel's Quilters	9:00am
	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
Wed Jan 21	Women's Bible Study	3:00pm
	Worship at The Estates	2:00pm
	Wednesday Night Zoom Worship	7:00pm
Thur Jan 22	Angel Choir rehearsals	6:30pm
	Adult Choir rehearsals	7:30pm
Fri Jan 23	Family Game Night!	7:00pm

Looking Ahead:

Fri Feb 13-Sat Feb 14, 2026	Fun in Faith Retreat, Grades 2-5	Hopewood Pines
Wed Feb 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday service	7:00 pm
Weds in Lent	Soup Suppers & Worship Service	6:30pm/7:15pm
Thur April 2, 2026	Maundy Thursday Worship Services	12Noon & 7:00pm
Fri April 3, 2026	Good Friday Worship Services	12Noon & 7:00pm
Sun April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday! Worship	8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sun May 3, 2026	Advent's 60 th Anniversary Celebration!	

Commemorations This Week:

Sun Jan 18, 2026: Confession of Peter

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Mon Jan 19, 2026: Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Wed Jan 21, 2026: Agnes, martyr, died around 304

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.