

18 January , 2026

## The 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Lectionary 2

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

### Worship Notes

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism, and now as Jesus is revealed as the Lamb of God.

Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book, and are numbered at the top of each hymn. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!

A warm welcome whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. We welcome you to the Lord's Table this morning. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.

*Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email (christpipersville@gmail.com) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the Parsonage at 267-362-8129.*

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *Worship and prayer announcements, followed by a time for prayer and centering our hearts on God.*

Blessed be the Father, and the ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, one God  
Whose light shines with welcoming grace  
and who calls, gathers and enlightens us. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**WE SING THE GATHERING SONG: ELW #513, LISTEN! GOD IS CALLING (ON NEXT PAGE)**

*Refrain*  
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. *Silence.* Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

*Please be seated. Silence for reflection follows each reading.*

**THE FIRST READING** is from Isaiah, the 49<sup>th</sup> chapter. (Isaiah 49:1-7)

<sup>1</sup>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.

<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, have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>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—

<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 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.”

<sup>7</sup>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.” The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 40** is read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the LORD,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!  
In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
But they are more than I can count.

<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
you have opened my ears:  
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, “Here I am; I come  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup>**‘I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.’ ”**

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe. **Amen.**

**THE SECOND READING** is from 1 Corinthians, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. (1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,  
together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

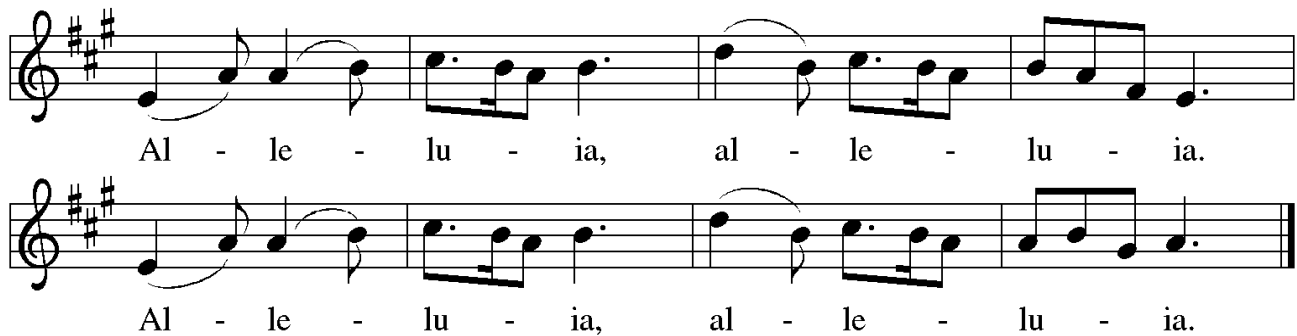
<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ  
Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the  
testimony of Christ has been strengthened 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>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be  
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of  
his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to John, the first chapter. (John 1:29-42)

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is 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 ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”<sup>33</sup>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.’<sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup>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?”<sup>39</sup>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.<sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup>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). The Gospel of our Lord!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The Alleluia repeats. Please join Pastor in silent prayer as we prepare for:*

## TEACHING THE WORD (SERMON)

**WE SING THE HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW #798, WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW (NEXT PAGE)

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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*Following the hymn, please stand at Pastor's invitation.*

Let us confess our faith.

**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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

*We pray for the world, our community, and our church.  
Petitions may change in light of requests and current events.*

For this congregation, that our service to our communities will be a genuine sign of healing and new life,  
pointing to the Lamb who claims us and calls us His own. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are filled with doubt and struggle to believe: We pray for patient and open hearts, so that the  
Holy Spirit can show Jesus is what we say, what we value, and how we live, revealing your love. Lord, in your  
mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those in our midst who long for God's healing presence in body, mind, and spirit whose needs lay upon  
our hearts. Hear our prayers now as we bring them before you in trust and hope. People of God, at this time, for  
what else shall we pray? *silence for a time* Hold those in need among us in your healing hand, that they find  
healing and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the faithful who have died, and whose lives pointed to the Lamb, we give you thanks. Be with us in strength  
and peace as we mourn, and bring us hope that we will know reunion at the Table of the Lamb. Lord, in your  
mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## MEAL

#### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words. Please feel free to step out of  
your pew. Following the peace, please be seated.*

#### OFFERTORY/ANTHEM

*We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies.  
The ushers will be gathering the offering, and in-house or joining us online, tithes and offerings  
may be gathered and given online at [christpipersville.org](http://christpipersville.org), using the QR code, or mailed.*

*At Pastor's invitation we stand and sing the OFFERTORY.*



## THE OFFERTORY: CREATE IN ME



Let us pray. God our provider, **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Table is prepared as we pray and prepare our hearts.*

## THE 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, it is our duty and our great joy to praise You, O God, for Jesus the Word made flesh, the One who is the Alpha and Omega, our light in the darkness.

For in the night in which He was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, 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."

As we reach out for these gifts of Bread and Wine we trust his promise to come again, waiting in hope for that day when all creation will rejoice in His holy and life-giving light. Bless us and this meal, that we may be light for the world and hear us as we join our voices in obedience and hope to pray:

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Behold the Lamb of God, given and shed for you! These are the gifts of God  
for the people of God.

Come to the table of the Lord, for all is ready.

**We shall come with joy! Alleluia, Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION

*All who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that He is truly present in the forms of bread and wine are invited to commune. You are welcome-this is the Lord's Table and He invites you! If you have taken an elements cup and prefer to commune where you are seated, please commune at any time after the invitation that you wish.*

*The musicians will be communed first. Then the congregation comes forward by the center aisle, the organ side first, and then the pulpit side. Receive the Host (bread) from Pastor, with the words, 'The body of Christ, given for you.' The assistant offers the chalice of wine for intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine) with the words: 'The blood of Christ, shed for you.' The communicant may say: Amen. Please return to your pew by the side aisle. Anyone, child or adult, who does not wish to take communion is invited to come forward, hands folded, to receive a blessing, or remain seated and commune by prayer.*

*The communion canticle, #487, What Feast of Love is sung while the Table is cleared, followed by silence for prayer and reflection.*

*Please stand at Pastor's invitation.*

## SENDING

### TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen!**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. -*Silence*- We give you thanks, almighty God, **that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Following the announcements, at pastor's invitation, please stand.*

### BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your minds through faith in Christ Jesus;  
And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with  
you always. **Amen.**



## WE SING THE SENDING HYMN, ELW #676, LORD SPEAK TO US



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### THE POSTLUDE

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### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP** can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to our website ([www.christpipersville.org](http://www.christpipersville.org)).

**THE JANUARY WEB SITE AND BULLETINS** are sponsored by Jeff and Sandra Cron in honor of Nate and Allie Cron as we celebrate their birthdays this month. They are blessings that we are thankful for every day.

**WE WELCOME** Rich Spotts as our organist this morning and thank him for his musical leadership.

**LECTOR:**

**FELLOWSHIP:** Debra Moench

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember Martha Adams (H,St) and the family and friends of Nancy Blazer and Joel Miller (esp. Pr. Richard Miller and family) as they mourn their deaths. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. The back-up date is Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Copies of the annual report were sent by email and printed copies are available on the table with the bulletins.

**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on the table by the sanctuary doors. Please pick up your own and any you are able to deliver. If you didn't receive a box, but would like one, please see Cindy Carper.

**A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY** with updated addresses and phone numbers (no photos) is to be published in March. Your help by verifying your address and phone number with the church office would be appreciated or see Cindy after worship.

**BULLETIN/WEB SITE SPONSORS:** You may sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is \$20/week for the bulletin and \$25/month for the website. Sponsorship envelopes and a sign-up sheet are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

**DID YOU KNOW...**Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. We received \$1,337.00 through this program in 2025 and \$61.00 to date in 2026.

**THE LORD'S PANTRY** has a continuing need for donations. During the month of January we are collecting soups, stews and laundry detergent, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (tuna, peanut butter, condiments, etc.). Donations may be placed in the pantry cabinet by the parking lot doors or contact the church office to make drop off arrangements. You may also purchase Giant gift cards to be provided to The Lord's Pantry.

### **The Week of January 18<sup>th</sup> at a Glance**

Sun. 01/18 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship  
10:30AM Fellowship Period

Tues. 01/20 Happy Birthday, Deborah Davis!

Wed. 01/21 11:00AM Ensemble  
Happy Birthday, Deanna Pownall!

Thur. 01/22 8:30AM Morning Prayer, 9:00AM Bible Study  
7:00PM PALM Meeting at Durham

Fri. 01/23 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off  
Happy Birthday, Ted Leister!

Sun. 01/25 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship  
10:30AM Annual Congregational Meeting followed by Fellowship Period  
Happy Birthday, Beth Swope!