



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 18, 2026

WELCOME

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand)*

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.

HYMN "Arise, your light has come!" # 314

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

- ¹ 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.
- ² 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.
- ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- ⁴ 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."
- ⁵ 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—
- ⁶ 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.”

⁷ 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.”

L. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-11

*(Read responsively by verse, the **READER** begins with the light text and the **CONGREGATION** responds with the dark text. All read the refrain.)*

Refrain: I love to do your will, O my God.

¹ I waited patiently up- I on the LORD,
who stooped to me and I heard my cry.

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

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

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

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans
for us, none can be com- I pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

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

⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ **'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'**"

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

¹⁰ **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.**

¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Refrain: I love to do your will, O my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² 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: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been

strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *(please stand)*

Alleluia. In the ¹ Word was life,* and the life was the light ¹ of all people.
Alleluia. (John 1:4)

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ 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.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ 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?" ³⁹ 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.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² 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).

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Timothy Vadis

(please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus calls us: o'er the Tumult" # 696

APOSTLES' CREED

L: Let us affirm our faith together

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

(The Pastor prays the parts designated with a "P" and individuals from the congregation are invited to pray the petitions designated with an "A")

P: 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. 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 *especially* Kenny, Jason, Brian, Prissy, Jean, Rita, Mary, Tom D., & Robert. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. 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. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. 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.

P: 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.

Amen.

MEAL

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Share the peace of Christ with those around you.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY HYMN "Jesus Remember Me" #616

Please stand for the final verse

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: God of majesty,

no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN--“Lamb of God”--# 336

BLESSING & SENDING *(please stand)*

P: 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.

HYMN “Abide, O dearest Jesus ” #539

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS—Annual Meeting January 25 @ 10am

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

You're invited to the fellowship hall for coffee and refreshments immediately following worship.

WELCOME TO PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE: We are glad you're here. You do not need to be a Lutheran, nor a member of PLLC to receive Holy Communion. All who are baptized are welcome to share in the gift of grace that we receive in the bread and the wine. Children who have not yet received their **FIRST COMMUNION** are welcome to receive a blessing.

PASTORAL VISIT & PRAYER REQUESTS: Please take a few moments to fill out the white card in your pew rack.

In Our Prayers: Kenny, Jason, Brian, Prissy, Jean, Rita, Mary, Tom D., & Robert.

Serving in Worship

Music Kay Hickson

Lector: Keith Hughes

Communion Assistants: Members of the congregation

Altar Guild: Worship and Music

Ushers & Greeters: Harold Johnson and Friends

Acolyte: Worship and Music

Attendance

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THIS WEEK AT PIONEER

Sunday 9:00 Worship Service & 10:00 Fellowship

Saturday 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

Next Sunday 9:00 Worship Service & 10:15 2026 Annual Mtg.

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