

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring

2nd Sunday after Epiphany | Sunday, January 18, 2026 | 9:00am | HC setting 10

Prelude

Anneliese Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: **Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

hymn 365

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whose light shines in the darkness and can never be overcome.

Congregation: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

L: God of light and life,

C: you have revealed yourself in Jesus Christ, calling us by name and inviting us to follow. Yet, we often turn away. We confess that we prefer the familiar shadows to the brilliance of your truth. We resist your call when it disrupts our comfort. We cling to our own understanding instead of trusting your promises. We confess that we fail to see your image in our neighbors and in ourselves. We hear your Word, yet hesitate to follow. We receive your grace, yet struggle to share it. Forgive us, O God. By your Spirit, turn us again toward your light. Call us anew into abundant life, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

L: Hear the good news: God's light has come into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it. In Jesus Christ, God meets us in our wandering, calls us out of darkness, and names us his beloved. You are called, claimed, and sent to bear God's light into the world. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are forgiven and made new.

C: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

L: 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.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, you disrupt the status quo and speak in ways we do not always understand. As you flipped the tables in the temple and spoke of your resurrection, overturn the patterns of our world and of our hearts that seek to harm others and fail to honor you. Teach us to trust your promises and to see the gift of resurrection as the life-giving hope it truly is. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Scripture Reading: John 2:13-25

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Chat/Teen Talk

Sermon

Rev. Sarah Deutsch

Hymn of the Day: **Built on a Rock**

hymn 652

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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

L: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: **This Little Light of Mine**

hymn 677

The Great Thanksgiving and Preface

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: **I Know That My Redeemer Lives!**

hymn 619

Blessing

L: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

L: May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

hymn 855 | verses 1-4

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: We go reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Requests

Barb Youell	Becky Baer	Warren Hase	Mark Buesing
Tracy Enz	Chelcy Tullgren	Henry Hanson	Mark Hobbs
Gary Johnson	Linda Kiecker	Dennis Ninow	Barb Liptrap
Eli Mauthe	Andrea Myers	Brie Severson	Brad Halleck

- All serving in the military: especially Garrison & Megan Pfeffer (US Air Force)
- Our church family living with cancer: Sue Nasinec, Gloria Ideker, and others.
- Those who grieve:
 - Bruce Sieberg and family at the death of his mother, Marilyn.
 - Kathy Gerdes and family at the death of her husband, Laurie.

Praises

- The nominating committee for continuing their challenging work.
- Those who have donated fleece to make blankets for RMHC.

Income & Expenses at a Glance

General Fund			Current Mortgage Balance \$10,100.88	Endowment Fund	
	12/31/25	YTD 2025		Beg Bal 1/1/2025	\$27,475
Income	\$14,178	\$168,447		Ministry Growth	\$791.90
Expenses	-\$14,965	-\$161,354		Market Change	\$3,222.05
Net gain/loss	-\$786	\$7,093		End Bal 11/30/2025	\$31,489.26

*includes \$2,000 transfer from PPP to Gen Fund for salaries

This Week at Epiphany

- There will be no Sunday morning or Monday evening adult Bible study in the month of January. Watch for more announcements soon on upcoming Adult Education opportunities.
- Quilting- Wednesday at 9:00am
- Confirmation, Wednesday evening at 6:30pm
- The next UFO (UnFinished Objects) craft day is Saturday, January 24. Come finish those projects and enjoy time with other crafters!
- The Annual Meeting is next Sunday, January 25, following worship.