

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 1, 2026**

**Opening Hymn #16**

***Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word***

1. Blessed Jesus, at Thy word

We are gathered all to hear Thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,  
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight

Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
Thou alone to God canst win us;  
Thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, Thyself impart,

Light of Light, from God proceeding;  
Open Thou our ears and heart,  
Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;  
Hear the cry Thy people raises,  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Praise to Thee and adoration!  
Grant that we Thy Word may trust  
And obtain true consolation

While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Thy praises yonder.

### **Invocation**

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C: Amen**

### **Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis**

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

1. Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King

2. Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,

Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within

3. Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,  
At God's right hand in majesty most high:  
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,  
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

### Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray...

... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### The First Lesson – Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?

How have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
    the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"  
<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good;  
    and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
    and to walk humbly with your God?

**Psalm of the Day- Psalm 15**  
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*Antiphon – Keep me, keep me as the apple of Your eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Your wings.*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, who shall sojourn | in your tent?\*  
**Who shall dwell on your | holy hill?**  
<sup>2</sup>He who walks blamelessly and does | what is right\*  
    **and speaks truth | in his heart;**  
<sup>3</sup>who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his |  
neighbor,\*  
    **nor takes up a reproach a- |gainst his friend;**  
<sup>4</sup>in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those  
who | fear the Lord;\*  
    **who swears to his own hurt and | does not change;**  
<sup>5</sup>who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a  
bribe against the | innocent.\*  
**He who does these things shall nev- |er be moved.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
    **and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
    **is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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## **The Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

### **Verse of the Day – Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

### **The Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**P:** Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

### **The Alleluia – sing**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe  
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth**

**And of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;**

Who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
Who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn of the Day #383**  
***Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way***

1. Seek where ye may To find a way  
That leads to your salvation;  
My heart is stilled, On Christ I build,  
He is the one Foundation.  
His Word is sure, His works endure;  
He doth o'erthrow My every foe;  
Through Him I more than conquer.

2. Seek whom ye may To be your stay;

None can redeem his brother.  
All helpers failed, This Man prevailed,  
The God-man, and none other.  
Our Servant-Lord Did help afford;  
We're justified, For He hath died,  
The Guiltless for the guilty.

3. Seek Him alone, Who did atone,  
Who did your souls deliver;  
Yea, seek Him first, All ye who thirst  
For grace that faileth never.  
In every need Seek Him indeed;  
To every heart He will impart  
His blessings without measure.

4. My heart's Delight, My Crown most bright,  
Thou, Jesus, art forever.  
Nor wealth nor pride Nor aught beside  
Our bond of love shall sever.  
Thou art my Lord; Thy precious Word  
Shall be my guide, Whate'er betide.  
Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust Thee!

5. Hide not from me, I ask of Thee,  
Thy gracious face and favor.  
Though floods of woe Should o'er me flow,  
My faith shall never waver.  
From pain and grief Grant sweet relief;  
For tears I weep, Lord, let me reap  
Thy heavenly joy and glory.

### **Sermon Text – Micah 6:1-8**

#### **Sermon**

***God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and***

## **Weakness of Christ Crucified**

### **Offertory**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

### ***Installation of Church Council Officers***

### **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.**

### **The Service of the Sacrament**

**P:**The Lord be with you.

**C:**And also with you.

**P:**Lift up your hearts.

**C:**We lift them up to the Lord.

**P:** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim  
shout the glory of your name.  
Sing hosana in the highest, sing hosana to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### **Words of Institution**

P:Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**O lamb of God, O Christ our Lord,  
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,  
Impart Your joy, our faith increase.  
Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.**

### **Distribution**

### **Nunc Dimitis**

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;**

**For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

### **Thanksgiving**

**My heart has now become Your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Your praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may Your body and Your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

### **The Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen

### **Closing Hymn #441 *We Give Thee But Thine Own***

1. We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
2. May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first-fruits give!
3. Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,  
And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
Are straying from the fold.
4. To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless,

Is angels' work below.

5. The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christlike thing.

6. And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

## **Silent Prayer**

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