

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 18, 2026



HERE IS THE
*Lamb
of God*

JOHN 1:29

Christ Lutheran Church
29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

Our Mission:
Reflect God's love in the heart of York

Our Vision:
To be a vibrant congregation in the heart of York praising God,
connecting people to Christ,
and serving the people of York and the world

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Konde Diocese,
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania*

The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Sarabande

(J. Frohberger)

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, ⁺ son, and Holy Spirit one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C:Amen.



Opening Hymn “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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Apostolic 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...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.**

Announcements

Children's Message

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson: 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.”

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

Psalm 40:1-11 (Sung in unison)

¹ I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,

who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

**² 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.**

**³ 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.**

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

**⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us,
none can be com- | 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 re-
quired.**

**⁷ And so I said, “Here I | am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten 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 ¹ your deliverance;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the ¹ great assembly.

¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- ¹ sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually ¹ keep me safe.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sos-thenes, 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.

Verse

The Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day “At the Lamb’s High Feast”

ELW 362

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

Apostles' Creed

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

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: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

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.

The Eucharistic Meal

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory

By All Your Saints in Warfare

(R. Vaughan Williams)

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres- ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal- va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

A: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

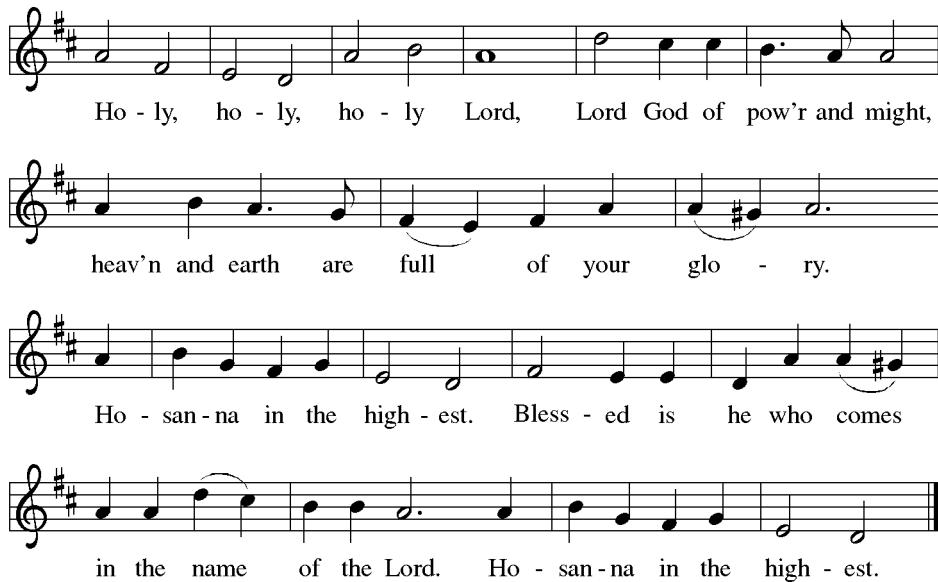
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

Preface and Sanctus

P: It is indeed right and our duty. . .We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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 honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

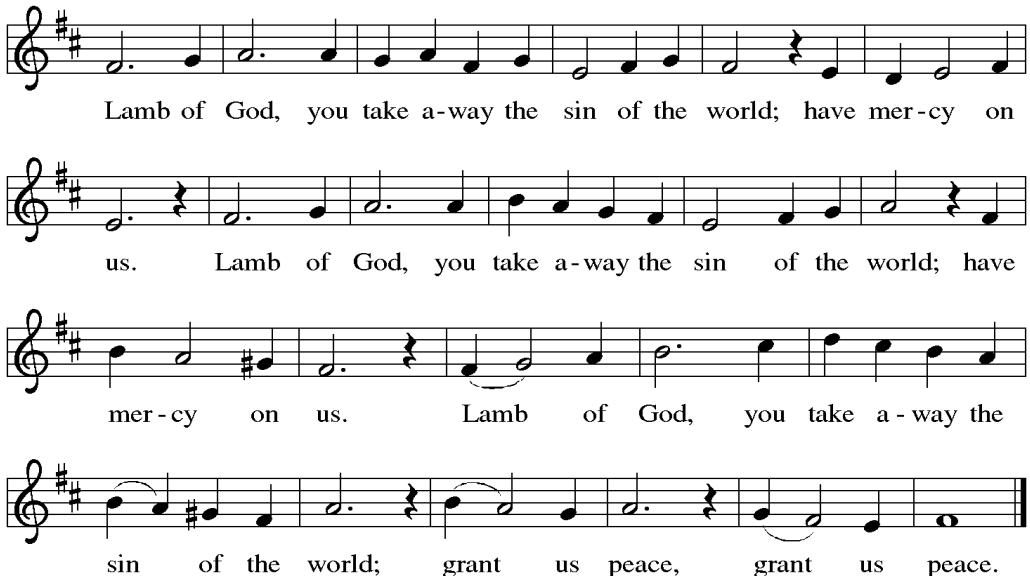
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

Amen.

Fraction and Agnus Dei

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



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, grant us peace.

All who are baptized are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Approach the chancel rail by way of the side aisles, beginning in the rear of the nave. Dip the host in the first cup or drink from the common cup. Worshipers may stand or kneel at the chancel rail to receive the sacrament. Return to your pew by way of the center aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Music during distribution “I am the Bread of Life”

1. I am the Bread of Life. You who
 2. The bread that I will give is my
 3. Un - less you eat of the of the the
 4. I am the Res - ur - - rec - tion, of the
 5. Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that -

come to me shall not the hun - ger; and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the Life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst.
 eat of this bread,
 drink of his blood, and
 lieve in me, God,
 Son of

No one can come to me un -
 you shall live for ev - er,
 drink of his blood, you
 e - ven though you die,
 who has come in -

less the Fa - ther beck - ons.
 you shall live for ev - er.
 shall not have life with - in you.
 you shall live for ev - er.
 to the world.

And I will raise you up, and I will
 raise you up, and I will raise you
 up on the last day.

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

ELW 470



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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Only sung if needed.
“By Your Hand You Feed Your People” ELW 469
Please use the ELW (red book) for this hymn.

The Dismissal

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Post-Communion 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.

Benediction

P: The Spirit of the Father, \ddagger Son, and Holy Spirit bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation”

ELW 654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: “How long?”
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'nly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in C minor

(J.S. Bach)

Prayer List

We strive to keep the prayer list current, especially in these uncertain times. Please notify us whether there are additions to this list or whether a name should be taken off.

Members

Shirley Cook, Naomi Duncan, Rodney Flinchbaugh, Ron Heilman, Steven Heilman, Bill Hullman, Pat Kronk, Marsha Linden, John Long, Jr., Patricia Lowe, John and Mary Lou Manley, Richard Meckley, Jen Risser, Doris Ritter, Mary Shepp, Sally Smith, Don Striebig, Susan Thomas, Doris Weaver, Robert Weikert.

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Serving in Worship

Assisting Ministers	Ed Garber Paul Schendel
Acolyte	James Anderson
Reader	Betsy Buckingham
Lower Narthex	Scott Donner
Back Door	Vicki Craun
Sound System	Eric Gerz
Altar Guild	Vicki Craun, Marty Olson, Judy Garber, Marlene Coval
Ushers	Melissa Cook, Deb Sheaffer, Richard and Kathy Heilman
Coffee table	No coffee table due to the annual meeting

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our mother, Beverly Bowers, for her 85th birthday by her children and grandchildren.



Today-Baked goods due.

Guys Night Out
Tuesday, January 20th, 6:00pm
At the Crimson Grill.
RSVP to Chaplain Steinhilber at
717-881-2578 or call the church office.



Next Community Meal
January 25



Office is closed tomorrow, Monday, January 19th,
in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

You're Invited To A



Mardi Gras Party

Gumbo, Jambalaya and barbecue
sandwiches will be served.

All proceeds will benefit the Youth

FEBRUARY 15
11:30 AM in the
Parish Hall

RSVP to Alexa Sheaffer (717) 825-8920
or arsheaffer@comcast.net
by February 1st

Volunteers needed for February 14th

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Welcome!

So we can know you better, please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in an offering plate. If you have no church home, we invite you to membership at Christ Lutheran Church. We hope you return to worship and participate in our life in Christ!

The Liturgy

Our worship is the historic liturgy of the Christian Church - a celebration of Word and Sacrament, the means through which God gives forgiveness, life and salvation. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the understanding of the Lutheran Confessions that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Worship resources are found in the pews. The "Lutheran Book of Worship" (noted LBW inside the bulletin) is the green hardback hymnal. The "With One Voice" (noted WOV inside the bulletin) is the blue softback hymnal. The "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (noted ELW inside the bulletin) is the red hardback hymnal.

Children are always welcome at worship!

We value the participation of our children in worship! As members of the church, children participate in the worship service. They listen to God's Word, gather at the Lord's table, serve as readers, acolytes, choir members, and more. Feel free to take children in and out as necessary.

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Founded in 1733 with the baptism of Maria Catharina Beyer, Christ Church was the first Lutheran congregation west of the Susquehanna River. Christ Church remains an active and vibrant congregation carrying on the mission of Christ and approaches the future with confidence and hope. Christ Church strives to minister in faithfulness to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Its ministry centers in the weekly liturgy of Word and Sacrament and pursues particular Lutheran emphases in art and music, fellowship, education, and pastoral care. Three buildings have been used for worship. A log building was erected in 1744; a stone building replaced it in 1760. Two bells from the 1760 stone building still call people to worship in the present building, built in 1812. Three Lutheran congregations in York are descendants of Christ Church.