

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2026

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor



SAINT LUKE WELCOMES ALL TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence in today's worship! Your participation truly makes a difference. We hope you feel encouraged, blessed, and welcomed!

In preparation for worship, please silence all electronic devices when entering the sanctuary in reverence to God and respect for others.

~ Members and visitors ~
kindly remember to sign in using the friendship binders in your pew.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of Elia (Billi) Willms. They are placed by Alan and Debra Willms.

They are also given in loving memory of Gene Wessman by Jeff and Kathy Hand.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Le petite soeurs" ("Lord Jesus, You Will Be My Song", lyrics hymnbook #808),
arr. Anne Krentz Organ.

"Kelvinggrove" ("Will You Come and Follow Me" (Scottish trad.), lyrics hymnbook #798),
arr. Kyle Huagen. Bud Esper, piano.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE "May the Mind of Christ My Savior" (St. Leonards), arr. Jack Schrader. Bud Esper, organ.

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Congregation stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 ...Mighty God,

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 ...bless you with the gift of peace.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "O Zion Haste", #668

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Gloria" S-204a (*Front of hymnal, page 204*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA 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.**

Congregation sits

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40:1-11

- L ¹ I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C 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.**
- L 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.
- C ⁴ **Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**
- L ⁵ 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.
- C ⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**
- L ⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C ⁸ **'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**"
- L ⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C 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.**
- L ¹¹ You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation stands

"Alleluia" S-205a (*Front of hymnal, page #205a*)

GOSPEL John 1:29-42

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation sits

+ SERMON +

+ THE REVEREND DR. CHRISTIAN EICHORN, PASTOR +

Silence for reflection

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY “God Whose Almighty Word”, #673

“THE APOSTLE’S CREED” S-105 (*Front of hymnal, page #105*)

WA Let us confess the faith of the church.

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

P ...and the well-being of the earth, our home.

WA ...Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P ...in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C **Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

P (*Towards the end of the installation, the Pastor will have the assembly stand.*)

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your *elected* leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

PEACE & SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY "Holy, Holy Ground", arr. Larry Mayfield. St. Luke Voice Choir. (c) 1983 Meadowgreen Music Co.

Congregation stands

OFFERING HYMN "Let the Vinyards Be Fruitful", #184

OFFERING 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.**

"THE GREAT THANKSGIVING" S-206 (*Front of hymnal, page #206*)

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 ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" S-207 (*Front of hymnal, page #207*)

P ...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.**

P ...be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation sits

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE Our communion is open to all who are baptized.

“LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)” S-208 (*Front of hymnal, page #208*)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“I Love to Tell the Story”, #661

“Lamb of God”, #336

Congregation stands

TABLE BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

“POST COMMUNION CANTICLE”, S-113 (*Front of hymnal, page 113*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise, ✠ bless you now and
forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “We Are Marching”, #866

DISMISSAL

WA **Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.**

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

--Thank you for worshipping with us today--

The following members assisted with today's worship service with live streaming:

Altar Guild: Karen Barnhart, Sharon Tulio | AV Team: Ron & Karen Clark

Bulletin: Dawn Plyler ~ Cover Art: Lori Schneider | Cantor: Joan Eccard

Music: Bud Esper, Director of Church Music; Kim Hawkins, Conductor, St. Luke

Handbell Choir; St. Luke Voice Choir and St. Luke Handbell Choir | Communion

Assistants: Beverly Werner, Dona Quinlan | Crucifer: Emil Gnam | Eucharistic Minister:

Marie Keating | Greeters: Sue Heitmuller, Bev Dague | Lector: Rodney Stinson

Ushers: Kenn Nelson, Ron & Karen Clark

Communion Worship Assistant: Kristen Killoran

NEW MEMBERS

Are you looking for a new church family? We'd love to help you connect with others in the church and grow in our Faith Community together. If you are thinking about joining St. Luke, please contact Pastor Eichorn at 610.393.7622 or pastoreichorn@stlukeoib.org or the Church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please contact the church office to sponsor Sunday altar flowers.

Upcoming availability: January 25 (1vase); February 1,8,22; March 1,8,15,22,29

PRAYER LIST JANUARY 18, 2025

Cheryl & Frank Panian, Pat Reed, Jodi Hofnerr, Chuck Beardall,

Rodney Pait, Alex Brooker, Steve Jewell, Bud Hildebrand, Arlene Cook,

Patricia Shoda, Alex Gizzi, Faye Kilmon, Amy Golden, the family of Chuck Johnson.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ~ LUTHERAN LIFE

WELCOME VISITORS ~ We are delighted you visited St. Luke today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship services for light refreshments and to say hello. We can't wait to meet you!

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ New Hymnals ... The cost is \$35/each.
- ❖ Ministry & Talents Fair Part 2 TODAY at 11am. Score Big and check us out!
- ❖ The Fourth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Prayer Service will be held January 19 at Noon at Camp United Methodist Church on Main Street in Shallotte. A luncheon will be held immediately following the service.
- ❖ Game Day, Monday, January 19 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Want to learn a new game or just play a favorite game? Let's get together and have a good time! Check out more information on the Fellowship Board Nurture & Fellowship Committee. ~ *Deb Mardis*.
- ❖ WOSL Dinner & Meeting, Monday, January 19 at 5pm. Bring a wrapped present to re-gift in our fun Santa exchange game! See you there! ~*Joyce Chairty*
- ❖ Finance Committee Meeting ~ Tuesday, January 20 at 1pm, Library.
- ❖ Council Meeting ~ Thursday, January 22 at 1pm.
- ❖ 2025 Year-End Pledge Statements ~ Please call or email the church office to request your copy.
- ❖ 2026 phone directories are available in your mailboxes.
- ❖ Updates to the Military list, please contact the church office or email.
- ❖ The Stewardship Committee is sponsoring an investment question and answer session on Thursday, February 5 at 2pm in the Sanctuary. We are pleased that Kyle Mitchell of Edward Jones will be there to respond to your questions. If you

have questions that you would like Kyle to address, please submit them to the Church office or to Water Eccard wdeccard@gmail.com Looking forward to seeing you then. ~Thank you, Walt Eccard.

- ❖ **Mardi Gras!** Join the fun on Tuesday, February 17 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall and partake of Emil's famous *Gumbo* (no seafood) over rice, and beverages. Sign up on the community board and bring a dessert to share.
- ❖ The WOSL will be collecting gently used and still stylish purses, scarves, and small amounts of jewelry (jewelry in individual zipper bags) in the box in the Fellowship Hall. Help us support the boutique on Oak Island that partially funds the Birthday Wish for Brunswick County kids. All items need to be received no later than Saturday, February 28. ~Thank you, Karen Reynolds.
- ❖ Medical Equipment Room ~ Thanks to our generous SLLC parishioners, we are blessed with an abundance of equipment for use when needed. Kindly note the room will be housecleaned in the coming weeks and evaluated as to whether more equipment can be brought in later. ~Thank you, Sharon Tulio.

~The American flag has been lovingly donated by Beverly Werner in memory of her husband, William. *Thank you, Mrs. Werner!*

This Week at Saint Luke ~ January 2026

Sunday, January 18	9am	Adult Sunday School
Second Sunday after Epiphany	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship & 2 nd Ministry Fair Event ~ All are welcome!
Monday, January 19	Noon	The Fourth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Prayer Service at Camp United Methodist Church on Main street in Shallotte. A luncheon to follow the service.
	1:30pm	Game Day in the Fellowship Hall
	3pm	MexTrain
	5pm	WOSL Meeting & Dinner
Tuesday, January 20	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
	1pm	Finance Committee Meeting ~ Library
Wednesday, January 21	10am	Morning Prayer
	6pm	Handbell Choir
	7pm	Voice Choir
Thursday, January 22	10am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	1pm	Council Meeting
Friday, January 23	9am	Bible & Bagels
	10am	Line Dancing
Sunday, January 25	9am	Adult Sunday School
Third Sunday after Epiphany	10am	Worship service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship ~ All are welcome!

Scripture Readings ~ January 25, 2026 ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 9:1-4 | Psalm 27:1, 4-9 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | Matthew 4:12-23

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