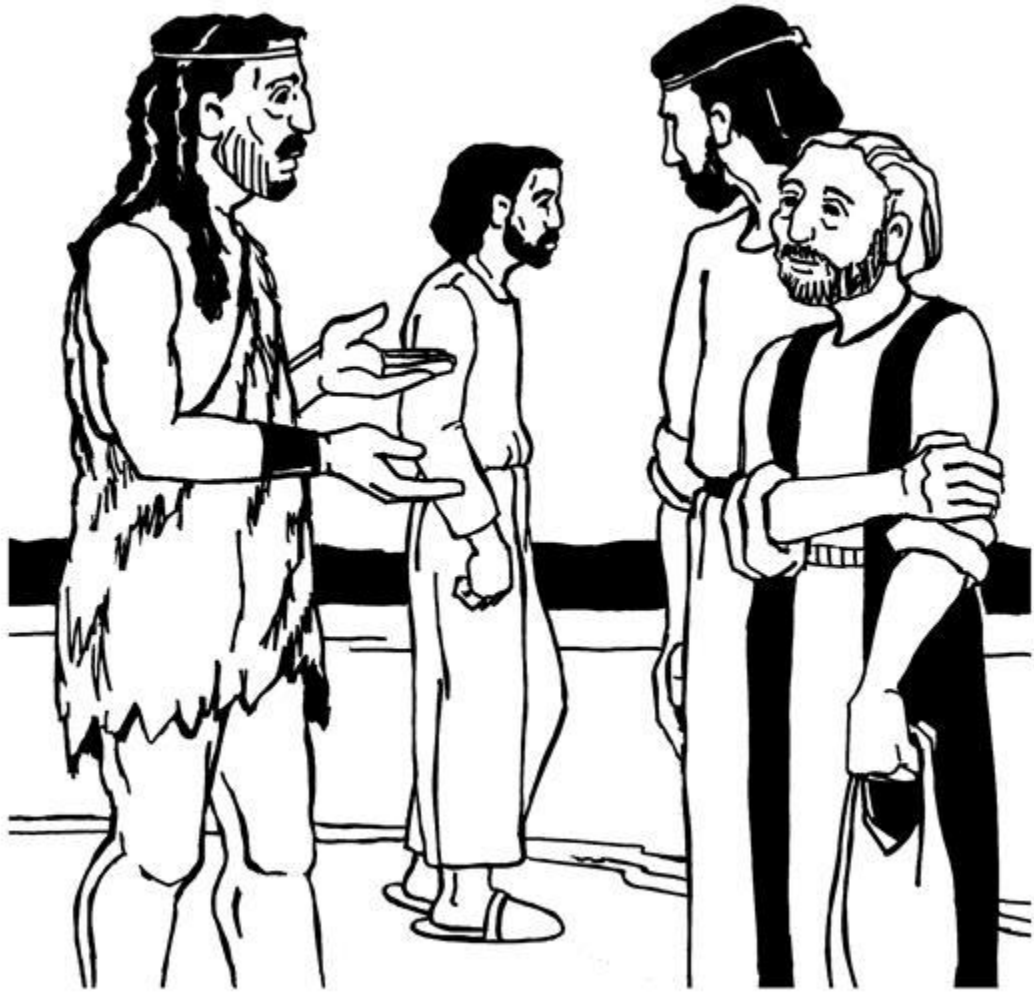


***The Second Sunday of Epiphany
January 18, 2026***



***Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
383 Old North Rd.
Kingston, RI 02881
Reverend Dennis Kohl, Pastor
Heather Skidds, Minister of Music***

Welcome to Our Visitors

In our busy world, we thank God for many things, especially your presence here. We consider it a blessing to have you among us as we gather together as people of God!

We love having guests (and celebrating your return as friends) and want to make sure you always feel welcomed. If you're part of another community, we look forward to hearing all about it, and we look forward to welcoming you back when you can visit again!

Sunday is a time to unplug from our busy, distracted lives, and turn back to our God. Our worship service offers God's gifts of Liturgy (the order of worship), God's Word (through Scripture and Sermon), Prayer, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We are a "Reconciling in Christ" church of the ELCA. It means that we affirm + accept all people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, legal status, economic situation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, physical or emotional conditions, and whatever else we didn't list here. **We believe that God creates us ALL in the image of God, and loves us unconditionally,** and helps us to do the same with everyone. **We also believe** God desires that everyone should have the opportunity to participate in the life and worship of a faith community. **We're glad you're here!**

Assistants for today- **Assisting Minister-** Karen Amitrano
Lector- David Nunez
Greeter/Usher- Kris Bacon
Communion Assistant- Annie Senerchia
Altar Care- Karen Amitrano

Assistants for next Sunday- **Assisting Minister-** Kris Bacon
Lector- Ralph Stokes
Greeter/Usher- Bruce and Barbara Smith
Communion Assistant- Arlene Anderson
Altar Care- Karen Amitrano

+GATHERING+

Prelude- You Alone

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

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. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
**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.**

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. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn- ELW 311 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day: 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.**

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."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

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. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

K. Teitelbaum

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go?_

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— You have the word_ of e - ter - nal life._ Al - le - lu - ia!_

Gospel: John 1:29-42

The holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:29-42

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).

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Hymn of the Day- ELW 737 He Comes to Us as One Unknown

Baptized into Christ, with the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Each petition concludes: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The pastor concludes the prayers

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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

A sign of peace and reconciliation is shared among worshippers.

Sit

Choir Anthem: Come Follow Me

AM sets the table

AM collects offering in front of altar from acolyte

Our offering is presented for the work of the church locally and throughout the world.

Stand

Offering Prayer Let us pray. **AM:** 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.**

+MEAL+

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 God thanks and praise.

The pastor prays the preface for the congregation.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

K. Teitelbaum

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God. of po - wer and might!___

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in___ the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!___

___ Ho - san - na in___ the high - est!___

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God...we rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

By your Spirit...revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

...in your holy Church both now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Our Father...


Invitation to the table

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

Please remain standing

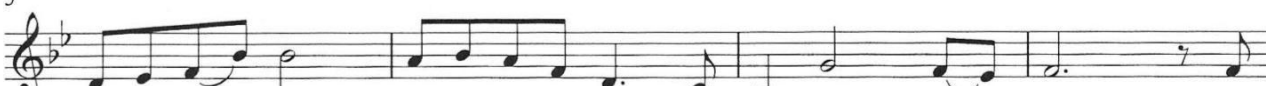
Agnus Dei

K. Teitelbaum



Lamb_ of___ God, Sav - ior of the world, have mer - cy on___ us.

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Lamb. of___ God, Sav - ior of the world, have mer - cy on___ us. You

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take a - way the sin of the world. You take a - way the sin of the world.

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Lamb_ of___ God, Sav - ior of the world, have mer - cy on___ us.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Our congregation practices eucharistic hospitality. We believe that the resurrected Christ is truly present in the bread and wine with his gifts of life, forgiveness of sin, and salvation. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. If you are wearing a mask, remove it to eat and drink the sacrament. If you receive the wine, take a small cup, or you may intinct the host in the chalice. Place the small cups in the baskets on either side of the altar area. Please return to your seat by the side aisles.

Communion Reflection: *ELW 574 Here I Am Lord*

+SENDING+

Stand

BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray: 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. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

SENDING HYMN- ELW 574 Soli Dei Gloria

Dismissal Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude- Larghetto, by C. H. Rinck

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Announcements

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Next Sunday, January 25 immediately following worship, we will hold our Annual Meeting. As always, you will hear from Pastor and various committees about the events of the past year. Among those, Eric will give his Treasurer's reports. Of particular note this year, he has an important announcement that will be of interest to all members of the congregation. It is important that each and every member attend our meeting to hear all items to be discussed. If you cannot be present in person, please make every effort to attend via ZOOM. If you have to attend virtually, check your email for the ZOOM link to join the meeting. This will be sent out in advance of January 25.

Confirmation classes are available at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd for folks who are in seventh grade or older beginning on Sunday, January 18. In these classes we focus on two documents: the Bible and the Small Catechism of Martin Luther. While both of these texts are of ancient origins, they are the foundation on which we seek to understand that the lives we live today have solid and tested foundations. We will offer these classes on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following our worship time. Please let him know if you have a student you would like to be part of the class. Adults are also welcome.

Ongoing Prayers for:

For additions or deletions please e-mail or call the church office. 789-7776, or lcgsmail@gmail.com

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Rob Legg
Signe Teitlebaum
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Carolyn Plante
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Jocelyn Theroux
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