

# SPEAK LORD

*for your servant is listening*



January 18th, 2026  
*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church



## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

*A congregation of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

### Welcome to Worship!

We're glad that you are here  
as part of worship!

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
welcomes all!**

We gather for worship called by  
God's Spirit from many places of  
compass and heart. We bring stories of  
where God has met and sustained us  
along the way. We bring questions and  
yearnings to see God's presence more  
fully in our world. We are brought



together by a God  
who knows us as  
Creator, and who  
gathers us as only a  
Good Shepherd  
can—to lead us into  
what it means to be  
God's people here  
in this place.

As God's people, we  
are continually

learning what it means to be truly  
encouraging and supportive to all. We  
are committed to care for, to love, to  
understand, and to listen to each other,  
regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual  
orientation, gender identity, physical  
or mental ability, social or economic  
status. To all we extend a heartfelt  
invitation to join us on this journey, as  
partners in the full life and ministry of  
Christ the Servant.

The Bible reminds us to “*remember  
the Sabbath day*”. We remember that  
“*This is the Lord's day*”, and as we  
gather to worship the God who  
deserves our praise, the Lord will do  
for us what the Lord does: feed us,  
forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at  
all the wonderful things God is doing.

**We hope that you will feel at home!**

We hope you feel Christ's welcome  
in our service, and hope to see you  
again soon.

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### **Introduction**

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.

### **PRELUDE, WORDS TO THE DAY, FINAL PRELUDE**

#### **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**G** Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Merciful God,

**G** 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.**

**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.

**G** Amen.

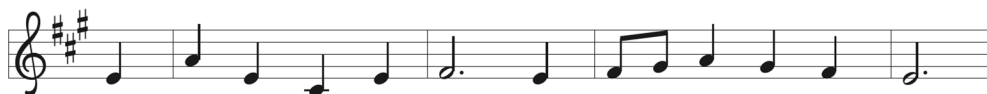
**\* Stand as you are able**

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**\* GATHERING SONG**

***Arise Your Light Has Come***

***ELW # 314***



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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**GREETING**

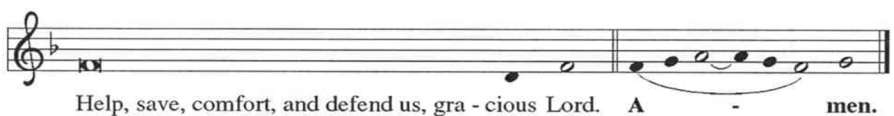
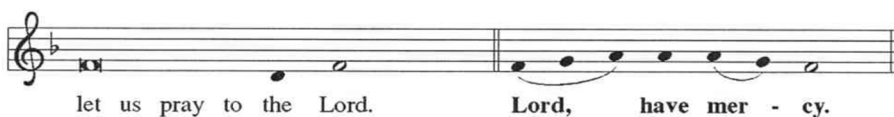
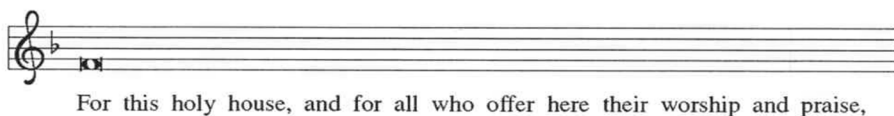
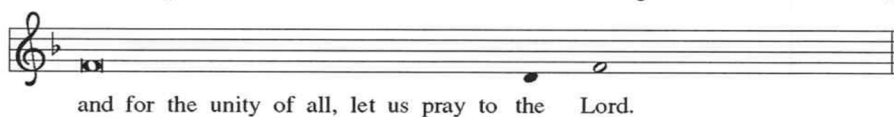
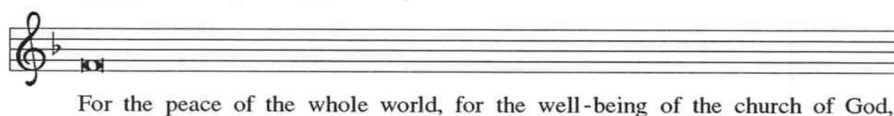
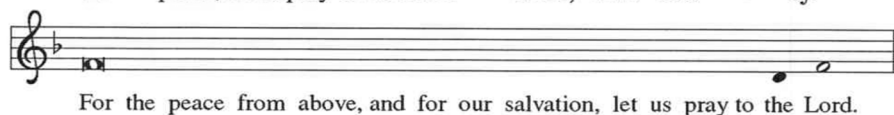


Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God:  
grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.



**And also with you.**





## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

**G** 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**

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- <sup>4</sup> 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."
- <sup>5</sup> 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 —
- <sup>6</sup> 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."

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<sup>7</sup> 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** Word of God, word of life.      **G** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 40: 1-11

- <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the LORD,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup> **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.**
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:  
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**
- <sup>7</sup> And so I said, “Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- <sup>8</sup> **‘I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.’”**
- <sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.
- <sup>10</sup> **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.**
- <sup>11</sup> You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

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## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> 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:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*ELW setting 3*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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**\*GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-42**

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'

<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." <sup>33</sup> 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.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> 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?" <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> 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**



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to  
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,  
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and  
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are  
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from  
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 pre - cious in your sight.  
 hill to val - ley flow.  
 king - dom with out end.

## \*CREED



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,

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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 THE CHURCH

- P** 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.



- P** Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God ,
- C** **Refrain.**
- P** Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this



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community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,

**C Refrain**

**P** 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.**

**P** The peace of Christ Jesus be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*The sharing of God's peace with each other.*

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - 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.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**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 .

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**\* 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.**

**P** 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.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
In the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved son;  
And in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** 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.

**• LORD'S PRAYER**

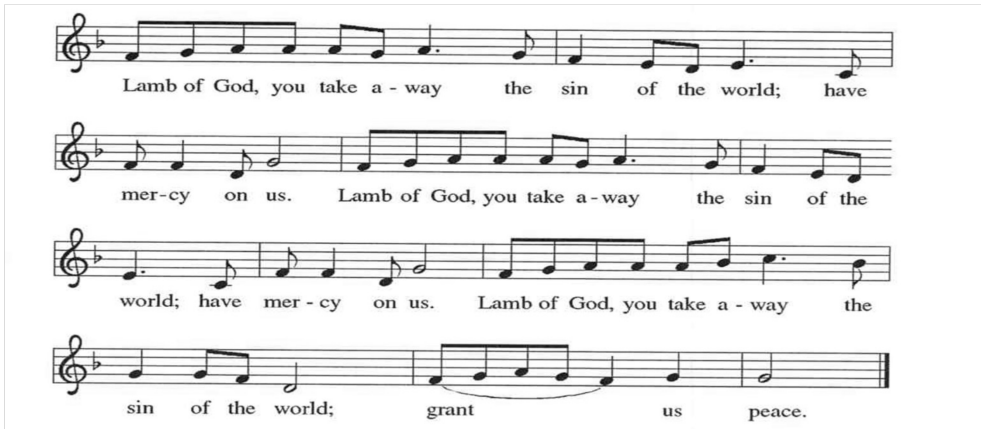
**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,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

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD

*Now the Feast and Celebration*



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues with 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'sin of the world; grant us peace.'.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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

### \* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**G** 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.

### \* BLESSING AND SENDING

**P** God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace

**G** *Amen. Amen. Amen.* (sung)

### SENDING HYMN

*We Are Marching In the Light of God*

*ELW # 866*

### \* DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**G** Thanks be to God!

### POSTLUDE

### **Gatherings this Week:**

Sunday, Jan. 18th	10:00	<b>Worship</b>
	11:15	<b>Executive Committee Mtng</b>
Monday Jan 19th	9:15	<b>Offering Counters</b>
Wed, Jan. 21st	7:30	<b>Men's Text Study at 4B's</b>
	7:00	<b>Council Meeting</b>
Thurs. Jan. 22th	9:30	<b>Quilters and Knitters</b>
Sunday, Jan. 25th	10:00	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>Annual Meeting</b>
		<b>following service</b>

*Ladies Valentine*

*Luncheon*

Sat. Feb. 14, 2026

11:30 a.m.

Tickets \$5

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
332 Riverview 3 West

### ***CELEBRATION OF LIFE***

*There will be a Celebration of Life  
For **Bill Brown***

*Saturday, February 7th at 1:00  
At the Eagles Lodge 1501 9th St. So.*

Thank you Jim Carlson  
for leading worship today.  
We appreciate you very much.

***Please plan on staying  
for the Annual Meeting  
on January 25 at 11:00 a.m.***

**FYI**

***There will be a Prayer Chain Meeting  
January 28 at 1:15***

### **SERVING JANUARY 18TH**

Usher: Jerry Ramstead  
Greeter: Pat orham  
Reader: Kerrie Ramstead  
Altar Guild: Cherryl Batchelor, Bonnie Knight  
Fellowship: Tyler Gunderson & Casey A.  
Offer. Coll.: Kerrie Ramstead  
Counters: Joyce Morgan, Judy Spilde  
Pianist: Michelle Payton  
Cantor: Ellen Forslund  
Worship: Jim Carlson, LMA

### **SERVING JANUARY 25TH**

Usher: Kerrie Ramstead  
Greeter: Jerry Ramstead  
Reader: Volunteer  
Altar Guild: Cherryl Batchelor, Bonnie Knight  
Fellowship: Tyler Gunderson & Casey A.  
Offer. Coll.: Kerrie Ramstead  
Counters: Joyce Morgan, Judy Spilde  
Pianist : Michelle Payton  
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Worship: Jim Carlson, LMA