

Blessed ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

MATTHEW 5:9

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31 & February 1, 2026

Welcome to Worship!

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The **worship bulletin** is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response. Throughout the bulletin you will note two symbols that denote when the congregation is invited to stand (▲) or be seated (▼) as your body allows. **Large print copies** of our worship service and **wireless sound enhancers** are available.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of **Holy Communion** and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need **communed in the pew**.



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Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;
Livestream (@www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion (ELW Setting 3)

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

*The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and
prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

▲ Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger 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.

(please kneel or be seated as your body allows)

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 \dagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

▲ Gathering Hymn

“Light Shone in Darkness”

ELW #307

▲ 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.

▲Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

▲ Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

▼ Children's Message

▼ First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Courtroom imagery is common among the prophets and Job, usually (as here) with God accusing Israel and asking nature to act as judge. Balak was a king who, worried by the Israelites approach, had called on the magician Balaam to curse them. God prevented Balaam from doing so, and Balaam blessed them instead.

¹ Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ 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. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶ “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? ⁷ 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?” ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, 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?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

▼ Psalm 15

(Leader/Assembly; Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

The first reading ends with a call to behavior which reflects God's covenant love; the Gospel reading describes the Christian life similarly. This psalm echoes that call as well.

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
who ¹ fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their word.

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take
bribes a- ¹ gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown.

▼ Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

We continue to read through Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. In the years since Paul gathered them, the congregation had been visited by wandering prophets who criticized Paul for not being an eloquent enough speaker and for not boasting of works of power and prosperity.

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

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²⁷ 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; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

▲ Gospel Acclamation

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.

▲ Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Known as the “Beatitudes” (from the Latin word for “blessed,” which actually means “fortunate”), this passage begins the extended sermon which Matthew describes Jesus as giving on a mountain in Galilee.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

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

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

▼ Sermon

Pastor Jason Felici

▲ Hymn of the Day

“Let Streams of Living Justice”

ELW #710

▼ **Sacrament of Holy Baptism** (Sunday, 8:15am)

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(at the end of the Baptism, please sing “You Have Put on Christ” to welcome the newly Baptized)

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You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

▲Apostles' Creed (Saturday, 5:30pm and 10:45am)

**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.**

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**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 People *(please kneel or remain seated as your body allows)*

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

▲ The Peace

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

(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

▼ Gathering of Gifts

- ◆ As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) which engages ELCA young adults ages 21-35 into a transformative, year-long journey in international missionary service.



If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.

▼ **Anthem** “Blessed Are They Who Follow the Lord” Chepponis Choir

▲ **Offertory**

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

▲Offering Prayer

Let us pray. 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.

▲Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

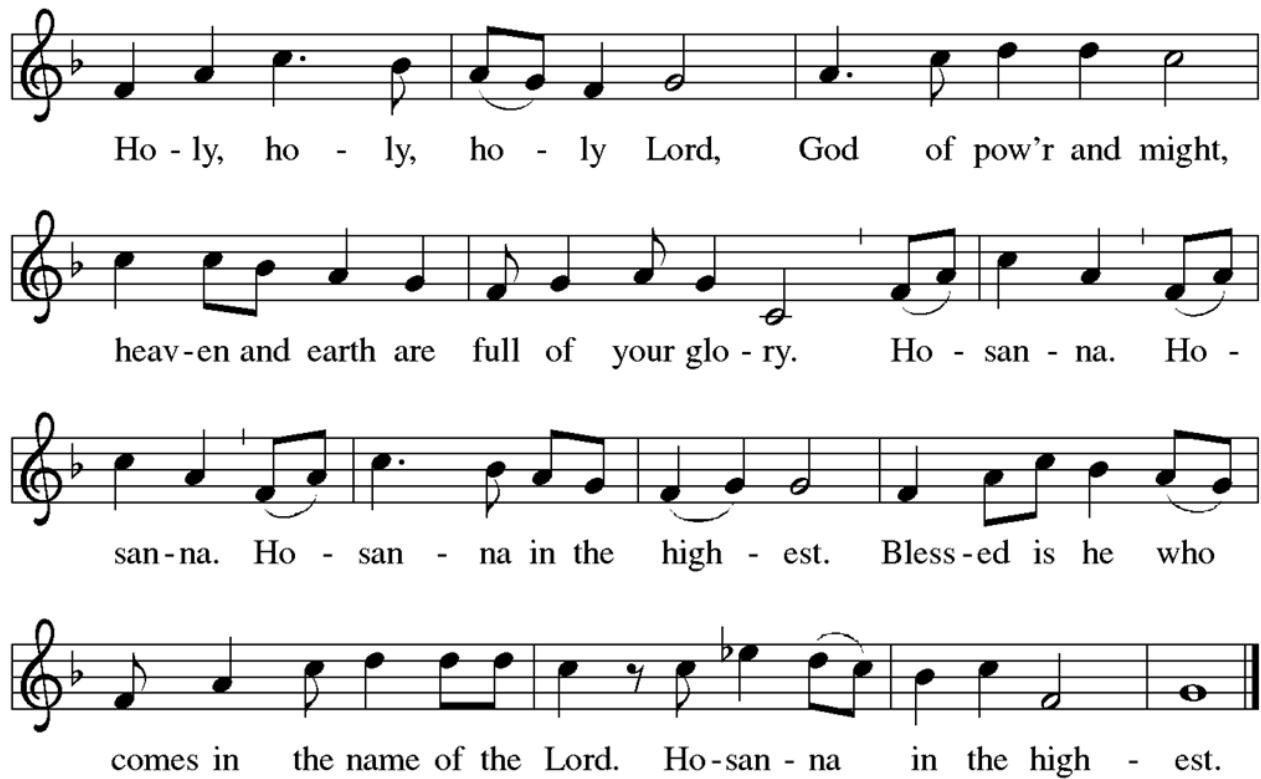
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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▲Holy, Holy, Holy



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

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

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Remembering, therefore,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

▲Lord's Prayer

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

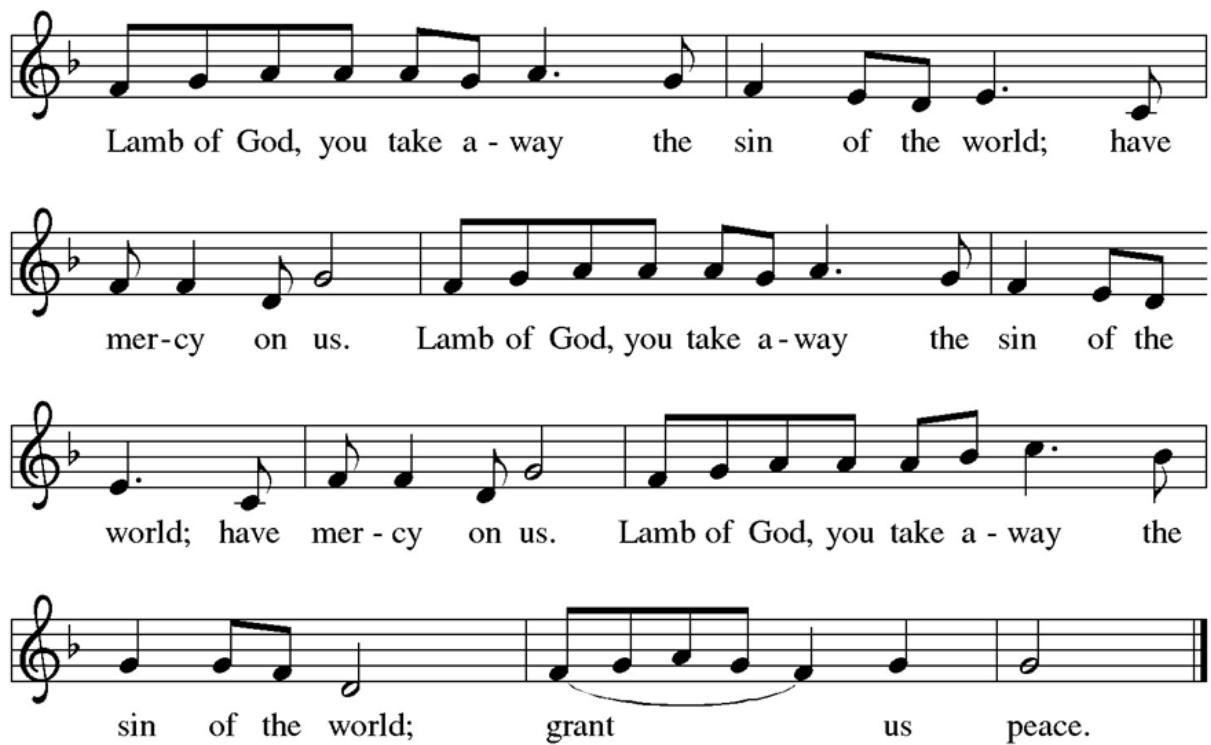
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



▲ Invitation to Communion

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

▲ Lamb of God



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.

▼ Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. **If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher.** Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*



▼ **Anthem 10:45am**

“The Beatitudes”

Lovelace

Men’s Choir

▲ **Table Blessing**

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

▲ **Prayer after Communion**

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

▲ **Blessing**

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

▲ **Sending Hymn**

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

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▲ **Dismissal**

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

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK is dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of my dad, Robert A. Heintzelman, given by daughter, Connie A. Fyalkowski and Family.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of our son, Charles William Arbore III, given by parents, Beth Ann and Charles Arbore.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Jason Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jess Felici

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Lectors: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Donna Showalter
Sunday 8:15am: Jean Sorber
Sunday 10:45am: Anna Hudec

Liturgical Deacons: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Curt Colaianne
Sunday 8:15am: Kim Henry, Sandy Kisick
Sunday 10:45am: Allie Glagola, Kathe Houck

Ushers: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Linda McDowell, Jay Elder, John Elder, David Rock
Sunday 8:15am: Rick Baldonieri, Herb Harris, Kathy & Mark Jones
Sunday 10:45am: Jill & Mike Macey, Tim Potter, Susan Vargo

Acolytes: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Kelly Stanko
Sunday 8:15am:
Sunday 10:45am:

Tellers: **Sunday 8:15am:** Sandy Kisick, Candace Bungard, Sherry Palmer
Sunday 10:45am: Linda McDowell, Christina Andrae, Mike Macey, Darlene Schultz

Acolytes Scheduled for Next Week February 8 & 9

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko
Sunday 8:15am:
Sunday 10:45am:

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