

# Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

**February 1, 2026**

## Worship Theme

Jesus Calls  
You Blessed

Pastor Brian Roloff

**IDENTITY**  
revealed

## OPENING HYMN:

### #619 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him (vs.1-4)

Vl. Praise the Almighty;  
my soul, adore him!  
Yes, I will laud him until death.  
With songs and anthems  
I'll come before him  
as long as he allows me breath.  
From him my life and all things came;  
bless, O my soul, his holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

V2.

Penitent sinners,  
for mercy crying,  
pardon and peace from him obtain;  
ever the wants of the poor  
supplying,  
their faithful God he will remain.  
He helps his children in distress,  
the widows and the fatherless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

V3. Trust not in princes,  
they are but mortal;  
earth-born they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's  
last portal  
when the dark grave  
will claim its prey.  
Since, then, no one can help afford,  
trust only Christ, our God and Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

V4. Praise, all you people,  
the name so holy  
of him who does such  
wondrous things!

All that has being,  
to praise him solely,  
with happy heart its amen sings!  
Children of God, with angel host  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Please stand

## **INVOCATION**

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# **CONFESSiON OF SiNS**

P: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

# **ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS**

P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# SONG OF PRAISE: Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vi-sion, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Wak-ing or sleep-ing, Thy pres-ence my light.

Be Thou my Wis-dom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, \_ Lord;  
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son, \_  
Thou in me dwell-ing, and I with Thee one.

Rich-es I heed not, nor man's emp-ty praise,  
Thou mine in-her-it-ance, now and al - ways;  
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
High King of heav-en, my Treas-ure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, what-ever be - fall,  
Still be my Vi-sion, O Rul-er of all.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Father of glory, you reveal your greatness in showing mercy to the insignificant and lifting up the lowly. You put your name on the peacemakers and open your kingdom to the persecuted. ...

P: Pour out your blessing and  
joy on us through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the LORD  
your God is God; he is the  
faithful God, keeping his  
covenant of love to a thousand  
generations of those who love  
him and keep his commands.

# SUNG RESPONSE: #690 Blest Are They (vs.1-5)

VI.

Blest are they,  
the poor in spirit,  
theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
they shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!

V2. Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who  
hunger and thirst,  
they shall have their fill.

Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

V3. Blest are they who show mercy,  
mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart,  
they shall see God!  
Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

V4. Blest are they who seek peace,  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith,  
the glory of God is theirs.

Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

V5. Blest are you who suffer hate  
all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,  
yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see.

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!



THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

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

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

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

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

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

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

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

Blessed are those who are  
persecuted because of  
righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of  
heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

# 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

## SERMON HYMN:

# #867 Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near (vs.1-4)

V1.

Afflicted saint,  
to Christ draw near,  
your Savior's  
gracious promise hear;  
his faithful Word you can believe,  
that as your days  
your strength shall be.

V2.

Your faith is weak,  
your foes are strong,  
and if the conflict  
should be long,  
the Lord will make  
the tempter flee,  
that as your days  
your strength shall be.

## Refrain:

So, sing with joy, afflicted one;  
the battle's fierce,  
but the vict'ry's won!

God shall supply  
all that you need;  
yes, as your days  
your strength shall be.

V3.

Should persecution  
rage and flame,  
still trust in your  
Redeemer's name.

In fiery trials you shall see  
that as your days  
your strength shall be.

## Refrain:

So, sing with joy, afflicted one;  
the battle's fierce,  
but the vict'ry's won!

God shall supply  
all that you need;  
yes, as your days  
your strength shall be.

V4.

When called to bear  
your weighty cross,  
or sore affliction,  
pain, or loss,  
or deep distress, or poverty,  
still as your days  
your strength shall be.

## Refrain:

So, sing with joy, afflicted one;  
the battle's fierce,  
but the vict'ry's won!

God shall supply  
all that you need;  
yes, as your days  
your strength shall be.



# THE WORD

## SERMON TEXT

### 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”



# SERMON THEME

God  
chose  
you



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choose  
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# SERMON THEME

God  
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Not many of you were wise by  
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God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

Not many of you were wise by  
human standards; not many were  
influential; not many were of  
noble birth.

**It is because of him** that you are  
in Christ Jesus, who has become  
for us wisdom from God—that  
is, our righteousness, holiness  
and redemption.

Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”



*Give*

# Supporting Us...

**2 Corinthians 9:7** *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver.*

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If you already support us place this card in the offering plate as a sign of your commitment.

***Thanks for your generosity!***



## OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Since all that we have comes from and belongs to you, O God, guide us to use all the resources you have put at our disposal to the glory of your name and for the good of your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who gave his whole life to you as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Amen.



# Prayer of the Church

† Stacy Siewert – positive results of first round of chemo, a second round is scheduled for next week with a stem-cell transplant thereafter

# LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

# THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord,  
our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of Grace and truth.

C: Amen.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:



A - - - men.

A musical staff is shown with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The staff contains six notes: a quarter note on the first line, a eighth note on the second line, a eighth note on the third line, a eighth note on the fourth line, a eighth note on the fifth line, and a quarter note on the sixth line. A fermata is placed over the final note. Below the staff, the word "Amen" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with a short horizontal line under the "e". There are three small dashes before the word "men.".

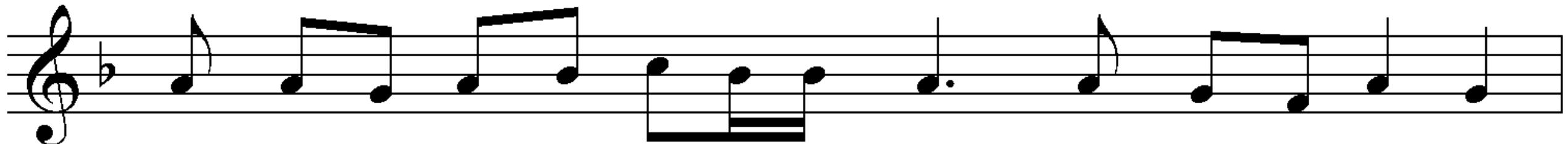
# **AGNUS DEI: O Christ, Lamb of God**



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



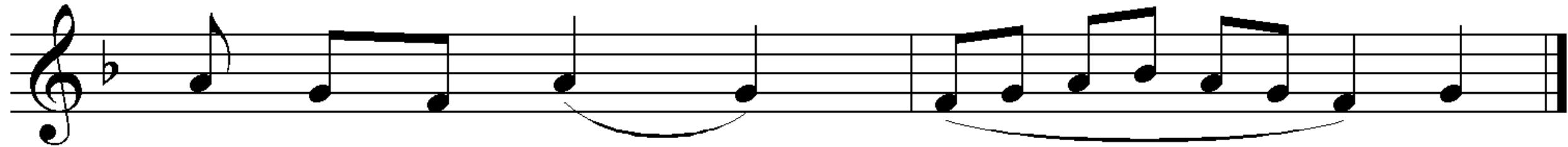
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us Your peace.

A - - - - men.

# **DISTRIBUTION**

*Communicant members of Ascension Lutheran and other churches in fellowship in the WELS or ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to help anyone to take this step.*

*Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

### #660 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

V1.

Here, O my Lord,  
I see you face to face;  
here would I touch  
and handle things unseen,  
here grasp with firmer hand  
eternal grace,  
and all my weariness  
upon you lean.

V2.

This is the hour  
of banquet and of song;  
this is the heav'nly  
table spread anew.

Here let me feast and,  
feasting, still prolong  
the brief bright hour  
of fellowship with you.

V3.

I have no help  
but yours nor do I need  
Another arm but yours  
to lean upon.  
It is enough, O Lord,  
enough indeed;  
my strength is in your might,  
your might alone.

V4.

Mine is the sin  
but yours the righteousness;  
mine is the guilt  
but yours the cleansing blood.

Here is my robe,  
my refuge, and my peace:  
your blood, your righteousness,  
O Lord, my God.

V5.

Too soon we rise,  
the vessels disappear;  
the feast, though not the love,  
is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove,  
but you are here,  
nearer than ever,  
still my shield and sun.

V6.

Feast after feast  
thus comes and passes by,  
yet, passing,  
points to the glad feast above,  
giving sweet foretaste  
of the festal joy,  
the Lamb's great marriage feast  
of bliss and love.

# *The Blessings of* The Lord's Supper

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

LIFE AND SALVATION



# PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

# BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you peace.

C:Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN:

### #849 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me (vs.1-3)

V1. Lord, take my hand and lead me  
upon life's way;  
direct, protect, and feed me  
from day to day.

Without your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
so take my hand, O Savior,  
and lead the way.

V2.

Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear;  
for you, the Rock of Ages,  
are always near.

Close by your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding,  
in peace I go.

V3.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen  
my steps toward home.

Then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend;  
so take my hand and lead me  
unto the end.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION PANEL



## WELS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON **LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP**

Pastor Cherney | Tony Perry | Blake Zeitler

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1 | 8:30AM

# VOLUNTEER EVENT



Interfaith Outreach™

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Saturday, February 21 | 12-2:30pm



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# Sunday School Kid of the Week:

*My Name Is:* Kennedy Morrison

*I Live In:*  
Osseo



*I Like To...*  
Play Among Us,  
Roblox and Legos

*I Go To School At:*  
Holy Trinity

*Other Things I'd Like You  
To Know About Me:*

I'm in First Grade



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- † Organist: Cindy Steinke
- † AV Team
- † Serving: Flock #4 - Jeff Rindt

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