



Be **KIND**
to one another,
TENDERHEARTED,
FORGIVING
one another, as
GOD in **CHRIST**
has forgiven **YOU.**

Ephesians 4:32, NRSV

EPIPHANY ONE

Living Hope Lutheran January 11, 2026

LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN

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Divine Worship. . . 2pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 122 (LSB);

PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: WS 718 LSB 409 LSB 394

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: WS 718 -*"O Jesus, King of Glory"*

DIVINE SERVICE

(Setting 3, LSB Pg 184)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

C: ♪ Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray...

C: ♪ Amen.

OT LESSON:

MALACHI 1:6-11

⁶“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’

⁷By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the Lord’s table may be despised.

⁸When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil?

Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts.

⁹ And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the Lord of hosts. ¹⁰ Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. ¹¹ For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON:

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-7:1

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,

¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: 🎵 Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel according to the Evangelist Luke, from the 17th Chapter we read the first ten verses.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 16:1-4

And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test him they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. ² He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' ³ And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. ⁴ An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So he left them and departed.*

P: So far the Gospel Reading.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

CHRISTMAS CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, who sent His Son to be my Savior.

And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, my Lord, the long-promised Messiah, who came as foretold, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshipped by the shepherds, adored by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer die, and rise again, to free me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, Who has brought me to faith in my Savior, and by whose work in my heart I rejoice in my salvation, walk in Christ, show forth His praises, and will one day live and reign with Him in all eternity. Amen.

P: The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel according John, from the 1st Chapter we read verses 35-42.

C: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 1:35-42

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).*

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HYMN: LSB 409 - "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

THE SERMON:

EPHESIANS 4:29-32

²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

CLEANING UP AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

PRAYER(S)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BENEDICTION:

C: ♪ Amen, Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 394 - *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 11, 2026

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Confirmation Class 4:30pm

Sunday: Worship 2pm, Annual Meeting (Call Meeting) 3pm.

HOLY COMMUNION

Living Hope's Council determined that Holy Communion would be offered on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month during the vacancy. If any member should desire private communion, they need only speak with Pastor Schaller who would be happy to provide it.

SOUTHEAST WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Southeast Women's Retreat will be February 13-15, 2026 at Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman in Sherrills Ford in North Carolina. Theme is Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

LIVING HOPE ANNUAL MEETING

The 2026 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Next Sunday January 18th following worship. There will be no Bible Study that Sunday.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class will resume this Wednesday January 14th at 4:30pm.

CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT

Due to the snow and cold weather, the roof replacement has been rescheduled for the spring. The tentative start date is now April 2, 2026.

OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Schaller is in southwest Minnesota this morning visiting grandchildren. He plans to return on Tuesday. In an emergency, please call him on his cellphone: 605-880-7886.

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Cory Drehle has returned the call of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton WI. • Pastor Ben Libby has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin • Mr. Peter Reim has been called to serve as Vacancy Pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN • Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI, has been called to serve part-time at Our Redeemers Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. • Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN has been called to serve Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix AZ.

HOME DEVOTIONS FOR JANUARY 12-17, 2026

Monday – Luke 2:41-52 A glimpse of Jesus' glory, growing up: obedient to parents, but knows His true Father's business and amazes all who hear Him with His understanding and his answers.

Tuesday – Romans 12:1-2 The apostle calls for our entire lives to be lived to God as a fitting worship offering, in view of His saving mercies toward us. May He transform our minds to want the same things that He wants.

Wednesday – Romans 12:3-5 As we use the gifts which God has given to each of us, let us remember that each of us is only one member of the body of Christ, and walk humbly with one another.

Thursday – Isaiah 61:1-3 The Messianic Servant of Jehovah speaks by the Spirit about His mission to bring healing and freedom to those who are suffering and bound. He brings joy and comfort to those who mourn.

Friday – Psalm 80 The Psalmist seeks the LORD's saving help for His suffering people. Though their tears season their daily bread, may they remember His saving help in the past and see Him deliver them once more.

Saturday – Psalm 13 Though the time of trouble seems long, the child of God looks to the LORD, and calls upon Him who gives the light of life. Even with sorrow in the heart (v2), he rejoices in the LORD's salvation (v5).



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