



For the earth will be filled with

the knowledge of the
glory of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

HABAKKUK 2:14, NIV

EPIPHANY TWO

Living Hope Lutheran January 18, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . 2pm

Annual Meeting. . . 3pm

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 104 (LSB);

PRAYERS: Before Worship (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: LSB 566:1-4 LSB 587 LSB 566:5-6

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: LSB 566:1-4 - *"By Grace I'm Saved"*

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:

ISAIAH 61:1-6

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁵ Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; ⁶ but you shall be called the priests of the Lord; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE:

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-16

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him”

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

¹⁶ “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ. *

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 John, from the 1st Chapter we read verses 43-51.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL:

JOHN 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.” *

P: So far the Gospel Reading.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: LSB 587 - *“I Know My Faith is Founded”*

THE SERMON:

HABAKKUK 1:12-2:4

¹² Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, You have appointed them for judgment; O Rock, You have marked them for correction. ¹³ *You are* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, *and* hold Your tongue when the wicked devours a *person* more righteous than he? ¹⁴ *Why* do You make men like fish of the sea, like creeping things *that have* no ruler over them?

¹⁵ They take up all of them with a hook, They catch them in their net, and gather them in their dragnet. Therefore they rejoice and are glad. ¹⁶ Therefore they sacrifice to their net, and burn incense to their dragnet; Because by them their share *is* sumptuous and their food plentiful. ¹⁷ Shall they therefore empty their net, and continue to slay nations without pity?

I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.

² Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision and make *it* plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. ³ For the vision is yet for an appointed time;

But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. ⁴ “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.*

HABAKKUK: WHY LORD? WHY?

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 566:5-6 - “By Grace I’m Saved”

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 18, 2026

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Confirmation Class 4:30pm

Sunday: Worship 2pm, Bible Study Sunday School 3pm.

ANNUAL MEETING

Living Hope's Annual Meeting will take place this afternoon following worship.

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class will continue resume this Wednesday January 21st 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.

CLC Mission Prayer List – January 2026

Bangladesh (South Asia) – Protests in Dhaka turned violent in December, resulting in the death of a popular opposition leader. With an upcoming national election scheduled for February 12th, the nation is on edge, prompting the current government to impose travel restrictions, curfews, and martial law in many areas. As a result, Missionary Ohlmann was advised by local church leaders to postpone his scheduled visit. Construction on the multipurpose building is progressing well. This building will serve Gods Kingdom as a Bible Institute for training faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Fourteen men are ready to begin pastoral training once the building is completed. Pray for peace and security, and for safe and honest elections. Pray that the Lord will provide for good government that will be a blessing to the citizens of Bangladesh and for the Gospel ministry of the BLCM. Please continue to pray for the success of this building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work, so the project can stay on schedule.

Pakistan (Asia) – Pastor Tim Daub has been conducting online training and Bible studies with a group in Faisalabad for the past few years. They have established a congregation that meets weekly for worship. Pastor Daub and Missionary Ohlmann will make the first face-to-face visit January 20-28. Missionary Ohlmann will spend an additional week visiting other contacts and leading evening Bible studies. If all goes well with this visit, the CLC will begin the formal colloquy process with Pastor Gil. Pray for safe and uneventful travels and for the Lord's promised blessings on the preaching and teaching of His saving Word.

The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – Joel Krafft, CLC Board of Missions chairman, and Missionary Ohlmann are scheduled to visit the Philippines in February. They will spend about a week visiting Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP) congregations and preaching stations. Plans are to conduct outreach seminars in the big city of Baguio and at a preaching station in Pastor Palangyos' home village. Work also continues on a donated worship and classroom space in Pastor Jordan's home village. A small MDF grant was sent to help purchase chairs, tables, and other furnishings. Please pray for the LAMP outreach efforts so that more people may repent of their sins and rejoice in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for recent growth and ask for His blessings on these new members. Pray that the Lord provides everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

Nepal (South Asia) – The Himalayan Bible Institute will begin classes with a new cohort of 16 students on January 25th. Following the Gen-Z protests last Fall, which led to the resignation of the prime minister and several others and the collapse of the government, elections are scheduled for January 24th and March 5th. Ask the Lord to bless the new HBI students and the teachers. Pray that the Lord will provide a new, stable, and good government that will be a blessing to the citizens of Nepal and to the Gospel ministry of the HCLCN.

India (South Asia) – Both the BELC and CLCI conducted Christmas outreach in December. Classes continue at the BELC Bible Institute with twenty-seven students and the CLCI seminary with fifty-one students. Please pray that the Lord will protect, provide, strengthen, and give hope to His children in India through the Gospel ministry of the BELC and CLCI.

Liberia (West Africa) – A regular schedule of Bible training seminars continues for pastors and church leaders across several areas of Liberia. Missionary Ohlmann visited for two weeks in November. He and Pastor Kwiwalazu traveled to several areas of Liberia and conducted a Pastor Training Seminar with 18 pastors and church leaders in Bopolu. Thank the Lord and ask for His continued blessings for the ongoing Biblical training and outreach. Ask the Lord to bless the training seminar and conference in Bopolu.

Nigeria (West Africa) – With an MDF grant and local offerings, the Nigeria-CLC (NCLC) is nearing completion of its long-awaited building project. The building will include new classrooms, a library/computer room, and a faculty office. Missionary Ohlmann visited in November. The NCLC is planning a 50th-anniversary celebration in April. CLC President Mike Wilke and his wife, Gloria, CLC Board of Missions Chairman Joel Krafft, and Missionary Ohlmann plan to travel together to Nigeria to join the celebration. The new academic building will also be dedicated while they are there. Ask the Lord to continue to bless the building project and thank Him for providing funding through the NCLC and MDF offerings. Ask for the Lord's blessings on the travel plans for the CLC representatives. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working together in this effort to train faithful workers for His Nigerian harvest of souls! Ask the Lord to provide safe travel for everyone attending the conference and building dedication.

To be continued...

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Joe Naumann has returned the call of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ. • Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Jonah Albrecht to serve as their 3rd Full-time pastor. Pastor Albrecht currently serves Redemption Ev. Lutheran Churchy in Lynnwood WA (Seattle) and Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA • Pastor Michael Wilke has returned the call of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN to serve part-time. • Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has returned the call to serve as Vacancy Pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane WA. • Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has been called by Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA. • Mr. Peter Reim has returned the call to serve as Vacancy Pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN.

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS JANUARY 19-24, 2026

Monday – John 2:1-11 Jesus' glory is revealed through His provision of wine for a wedding banquet. His gifts in little Cana are not only generous (v6), but they are also of the highest quality (v10).

Tuesday – Romans 12:6-16a Our faith influences our use of the gifts which God has given to us, for faith works by love. Our love for the Lord will lead us also to love those for whom He died and to hate what is evil.

Wednesday – Deuteronomy 18:15-19 Like Moses, the promised Prophet would be a true human and Mediator, but not just for Israel. He would bring mankind to the God of forgiveness and salvation!

Thursday – Psalm 16 The one whom God guards does not chase after another god, but has a glorious inheritance that brings gladness to the heart. This is the glory which Christ shares with us!

Friday – Psalm 14 Like the fools who deny God's existence, by ourselves we deserve nothing but punishment from Him. But the LORD restores His people and provides salvation for them, as He promised of old! (V7)

Saturday – Luke 19:1-10 The Lord's saving glory is seen as He passes through Jericho. Jesus seeks out Zacchaeus, one who helps the Romans exploit Israel, and He brings salvation also to this son of Abraham (v9).



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