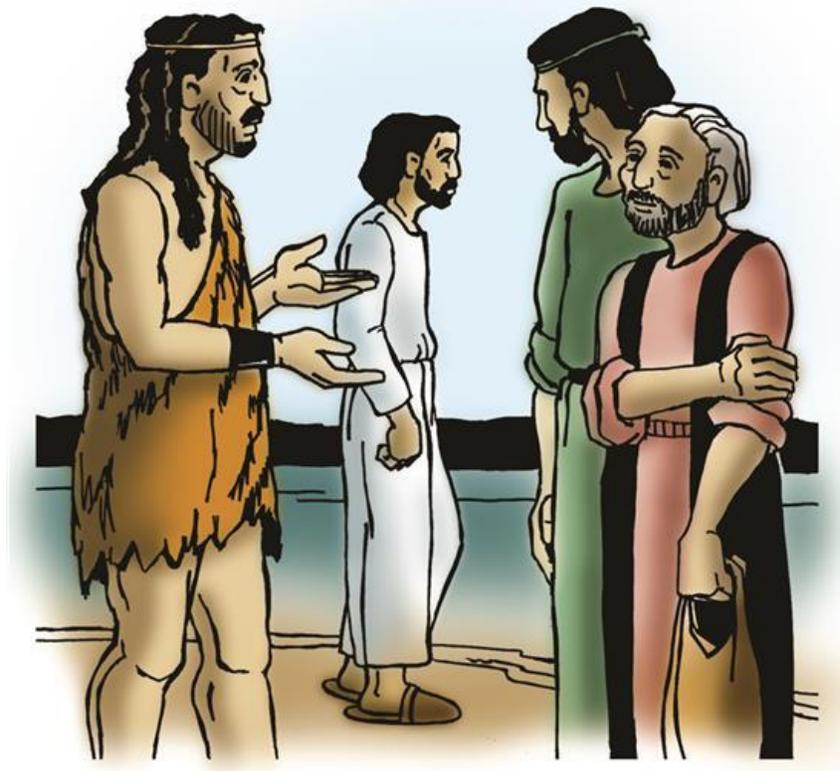


# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18, 2026



Burke Lutheran Church

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***“Preach. Teach. Reach.”***

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*Please rise.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

C **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.**

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

C **Amen.**



## GATHERING SONG

### Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932  
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune  
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## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C** **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.**

*Please be seated.*

## 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.*

R <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." <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."

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 40:1-11*

R <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**C <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.**

R <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.

**C <sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

R <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.

**C** <sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

**R** <sup>7</sup> And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**C** <sup>8</sup> **‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’”**

**R** <sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**C** <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.**

**R** <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.

## 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.*

**R** <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 spiritual 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 him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**R** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

## GOSPEL VERSE



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.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## 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.*

P <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 Son of God."<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.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

*Pastor Bryan Lagerstam*

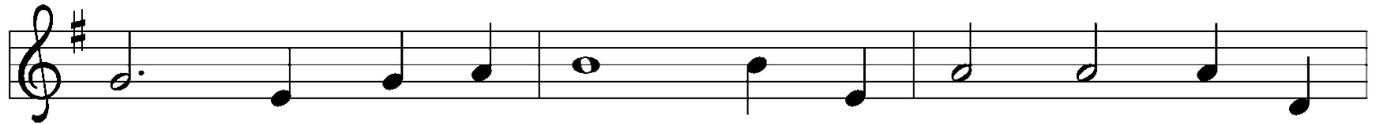
*Please rise.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

### Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## THE CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin  
Mary.**

**He 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,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**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.**

*A brief silence.*

**R 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 receive our prayer.**

**R 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 receive our prayer.**

R 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 receive our prayer.**

R Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness especially for the family and friends of Mary, Lisa, Mark, Tim, Bill, Paul, Diane W., Shannon, Diane M., Roger, Tom, Richard, and all those we name upon our lips and in our hearts. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,

**C receive 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 receive our prayer.**

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.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.** (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)

*Please rise.*

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

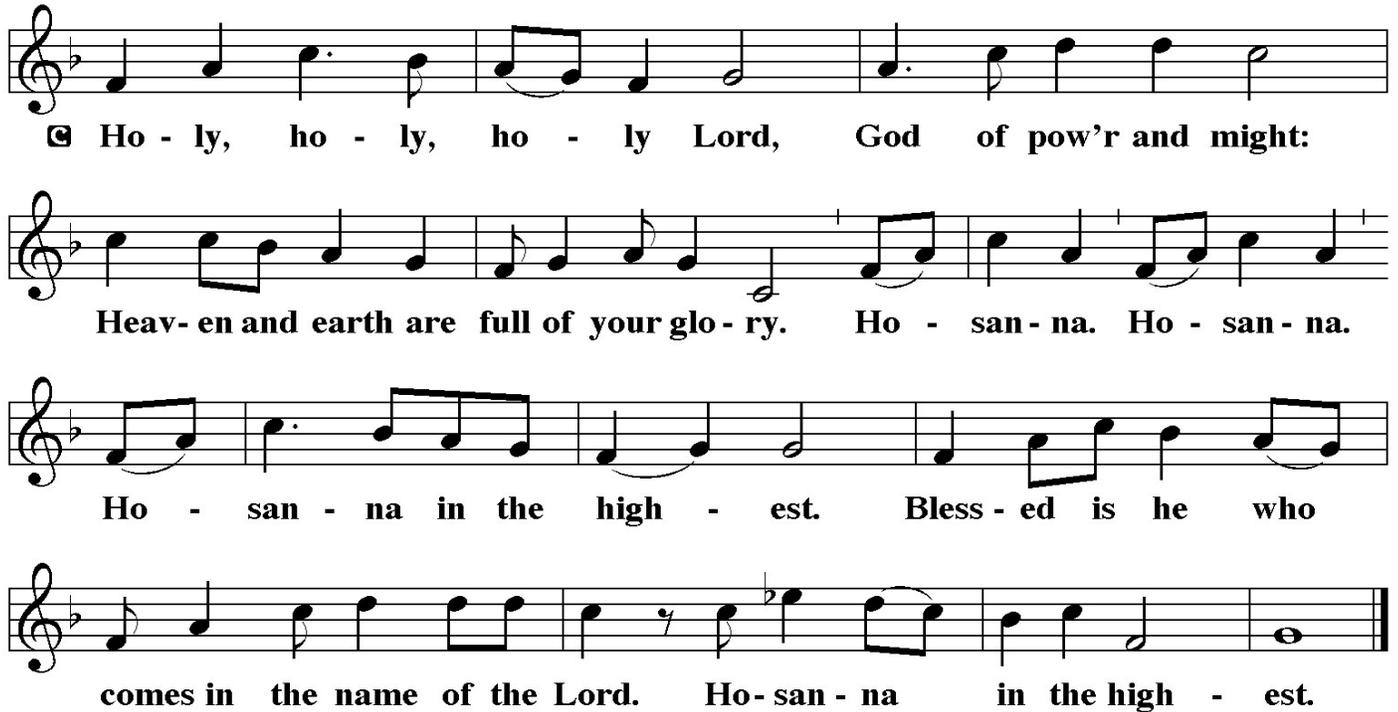
P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☞ 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

*Please be seated.*

# COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

## Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956  
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
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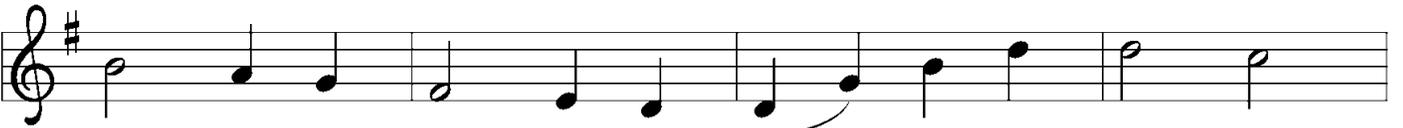
## Brightest and Best of the Stars



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

*Please rise.*

### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** 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..

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

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

**C** Amen.

## SENDING SONG

### We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,  
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker  
Text and music © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY:** Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

*Please fill out a communion card  
and place it in the offering plate if  
you are communing today.*

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## OUR STAFF

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## PRAYERS & CARES

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**A Nursery (Youth Room)** for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

**Our Prayer List:** Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for four weeks.

Family and Friends of Mary Brantmeyer

Lisa Thompson

Mark Gehrke

Tim Lothe

Bill Schmidt

Paul Fritz

Diane Wendt

Shannon Schlimgen

Diane Moore

Roger Kittleson

Tom Hughes

Richard Riggleman

## Congregational Opportunities

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**QUILTING:** Every Wednesday at 9:00am.

**OWLS:** Wednesdays at 1:30pm.

**JAM at NGMLC:** Every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Bulletin Announcements:** Bulletin deadline is noon on Tuesdays. Send them to burkelutheran@att.net or drop them off at the office.

**Hospitalized?:** Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

### GAME NIGHT AT BURKE

**Friday, January 30, 2026 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Please come and join the fun! Please bring a snack to share and your own drinks. Games such as Uno, Scrabble, Euchre, Dominos, and The Bible is Funny will be played. Please feel free to bring a game from home if you have a favorite.

**January Food Pantry Focus:** “Meals in a Can,” such as soups, stews, chili, canned meat (tuna, chicken), canned vegetables, canned fruit, etc. Cans with pop tops are especially welcomed. Please place your non-perishable goods in the ‘Donations’ basket in the entryway and it will be delivered to the pantry.

### **Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry.**

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

### **Light of Life & Sunday Bulletin Articles**

If you have news you’d like to see in the Sunday bulletin announcements and/or Light of Life newsletter:

1. Email your submissions to burkelutheran@att.net (please indicate in the subject line whether it is for the bulletin, LOL or both), or
2. Mail to church, 5720 Portage Rd, Madison, WI 53718, or
3. Turn it into the church office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 25th of the month**

## CALLING ALL MEN; MARCH 20-22, 2026

One Year to Live (OYTL) Men’s Event at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center  
1834 Illinois Route 2 in Oregon, Illinois (about a 1 1/2 hour drive)

Check out this 2 minute video on YouTube by Pastor Matt Pooch from St. John’s Lutheran Church in Evansville.

<https://youtu.be/xVosynJX2xU>

Registration forms are available on the table by the front door.

Please contact Paul Beckman at 608-279-0744 with questions.

## THIS WEEK AT BURKE

<b>Monday, January 19</b>	Preach Board, 10:00am	
<b>Tuesday, January 20</b>		Foundation Board, 7:00pm
<b>Wednesday, January 21</b>	Quilting, 9:00am	OWLs, 1:30pm JAM, 6:30pm
<b>Sunday, January 25</b>	Worship, 9:00am	

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>January 18 - 9:00am Service</b>	<b>January 25 - 9:00am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Dave Wisner Rick Brandon	Dave Wisner
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Jean Schnick	Jean Schnick
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Jeannette Gehrke	Jean Schnick
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Deb Brown	Sharon Hughes
<b>Usher Team</b>	Roger Kittleson Rick Brandon	Karl & Shari Patzer
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Donuts	Potluck
<b>Counters</b>	Sharon Hughes Jean Schnick	Sharon Hughes Jean Schnick

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

<b>Sunday 9:00am</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>
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