

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

11:00 am Service of the Word

January 18, 2026



7800 W. McCarthy Road, Palos Heights, IL 60463

The Pastor: **Rev. Chris Buresh**

The Associate Pastor: **Rev. Andrew Bell**

The Intern: **Immanuel Karunakaran**

The Director of Children's & Family Ministry: **Lori Puttkammer**

The Pastor Emeritus: **Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Basch**



# Welcome

*Faithful God, you have been our help  
in the past and our strength for today.*

*Teach us to trust your goodness and  
follow your ways in every season of life.*

## **When All Else Fails—God Reigns**

When we deliberate, God reigns;  
When we decide wisely, God reigns;  
When we decide foolishly, God reigns;  
When we serve God in humble loyalty, God reigns;  
When we serve God self-assertively, God reigns;  
When we rebel and seek to withhold our service, God reigns~  
The Alpha and the Omega, which is, and which was and which is to  
come, the Almighty.



— William Temple at the Lamberth Conference, 1930

## **For God so Loved**

One of the hallmarks of John's short sermons is that they almost always contain the plan of salvation in a single verse. Here it is verse 16: "This is how God showed his love to the world. He gave his one and only son, that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have life eternal." In perhaps the most beautiful words ever written, this verse presents the why as well as the how of God's redeeming love. Later, in his letters, John will betray a preoccupation with the question "What is the meaning of love?" Here he gives himself and all of the answer.

— Michael Card in *The Parable of Joy*

## GATHERING

The Prelude: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Mansfield

+THE Opening Hymn: ALL ARE WELCOME

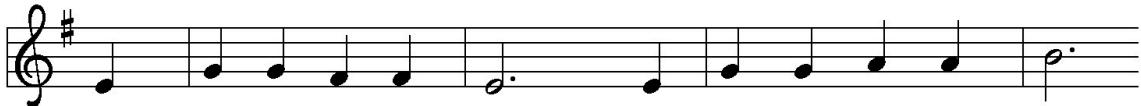
No. 641

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.**

---

The Service of Holy Communion - 9 am

+The Kyrie:



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

+ The Hymn of Praise:



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

---

### The Service of the Word - 11 am

#### +The Kyrie:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



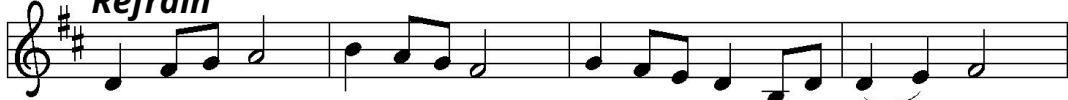
Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

+The Hymn of Praise:

**Refrain**



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

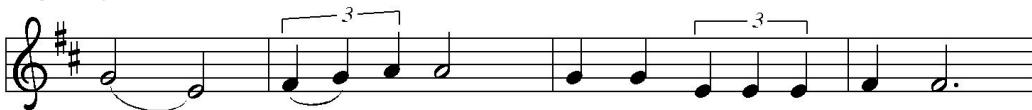


1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

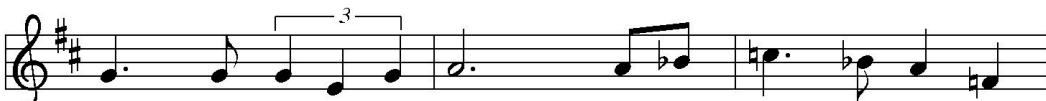
**Sing Refrain**



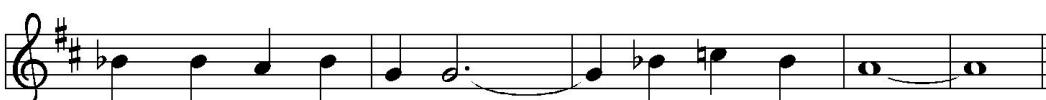
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

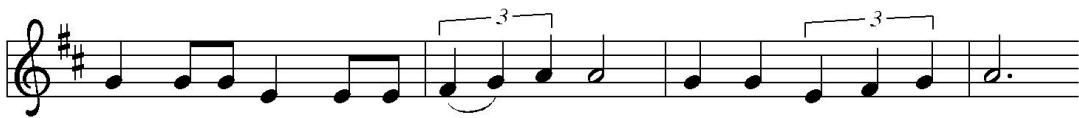


world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

**Sing Refrain**



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

---

### + The Prayer of the Day

**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.**

## WORD

+ The Readings for the Second Sunday after Epiphany:

### 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<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 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 whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel: John 1:29-42

<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 Chosen One."

<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).

### The Sermon: "**Come and See**"

+The Hymn of the Day: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION No. 654

+The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

**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.**

Believe BELIEVE believe BELIEVE Believe  
Believe BELIEVE believe BELIEVE Believe

**Profession  
of FAITH**

## +The Prayers

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.*

Gracious God, unite your church here and in Coronationville. Equip us to work for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life. Protect endangered species, vulnerable habitats, and all affected by natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire dignity and equality for all. Raise up truth-speakers and embolden leaders to advocate for those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness (*especially*). Bring an end to injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, be present with us. Guide our mission and ministries, and kindle in us care for one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Faithful God, you are with us always. We give thanks for the faithful departed and trust you to strengthen us until we see you face to face. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The Voluntary: "Lamb of God" Paris

---

Service of Holy Communion - 9 am

## MEAL

+The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

+The Preface is spoken by the pastor.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor.

+ 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.**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

*Please use this time for quiet reflection on the tremendous gifts of love and forgiveness that Jesus offers to all.*

+ The Prayer After Communion

## Service of the Word - 11 am

### +The Canticle of Thanksgiving

*Refrain*

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ever and ev - er. 1 Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O

God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O

Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and

Refrain

sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va - tion be - longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bless-ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

*Refrain*

praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

+ The Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word

+ 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.**

---

**SENDING**

+The Benediction

+The Dismissal is spoken by the pastor Response: **Thanks be to God**

+SENDING HYMN: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING No. 807

The Postlude: "Sing with All the Sons of Glory" Mansfield

**SERVING TODAY:**

Organist - Beth Ridderhoff

The Readers - 9:00 - Susan Mish 11:00- Debi Pope

The Acolytes - 9:00 - Noah Bergmann & Jack Wiltgen

11:00- Emily Ladewig & Kyle McCoy

**Today's chancel flowers** are given by Bob and Alyce Christensen in celebration of the first birthdays of their twin great grandchildren.

### **Our Core Values**

*Encouraging each other in our lifelong journey of faith through our core values of:*

- Drawing nearer to God
- Prioritizing Love over Judgment
- Practicing Grace
- Welcoming All
- Generously Serving
- Fostering Community

\* \* \* \* \*

### **Our intercessions include:**

**The hospitalized:** Gail Lobsinger (Palos)

**The bereaved:** Dawn and Bruce Bronson upon the passing of Bruce's mother, Nancy McCord Bronson.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Save the Date:** *The annual congregational meeting* will be held on next Sunday, January 25 at 9:50 am. Every effort is made for efficient use of time. Come and participate as we take care of family business.

**The 2026 Flower Chart** is posted on the bulletin board. Please consider signing up for flowers to celebrate an anniversary, wedding, birthday or to remember a loved one. The cost remains \$40. Thank you!

**The 2026 giving envelopes are available in the narthex today.** If you do not see a set for you and would like one, please contact Donna in the office. Thank you!

**Now is a great time to join a choir!** All Choirs started up this past week. Please check the calendar on page 15 for specific days and times. Consider giving a choir a try; we would love more participants.

**Attention Early Childhood families!** Save this Saturday, January 24, from 10:30 - 11:45 am, for an Early Childhood event for ages 1-5 and their favorite grown-up! We've got room for more friends. Be sure to check out the bulletin board for information and to sign up or email Mrs. Lori during the week.

***The Good Shepherd High School basketball league*** will have its rules meeting and scrimmages next Sunday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center. See Pastor Bell for more details.

***Save the Date: The Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction*** is Sunday, February 1. Please see the youth bulletin board if you are able to volunteer to help or to bake a dessert. Thank you!

## **The calendar for the week of January 18**

<b>SUN</b>	10:15 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting Cherub Choir Sunday School
MON	8:00 pm	"Body & Soul"
TUE	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Faith, Prayer & Joy Group Bible Study Discovering the Bible Church Council
WED	6:00 pm	Adult Choir
THU	6:30 pm 9:00 pm	Carillon Choir Prayer Walk
SAT	10:30 pm	Early Childhood Event
<b>SUN</b>	9:00 am 9:50 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Service of the Word/Online Service ANNUAL MEETING Cherub Choir Service of Holy Communion Sunday School Mission Trip Meeting High School Basketball Rules & Meeting

# PRAYER LIST

## Members of the Congregation

Gail Lobsinger	Larri Lyn Rauch
Tom Kozlowski	Robin Manning
Gerhard Haigis	Gail Kendall
Judy Lang	Jerry Kendall
Suellen Spooner	Lucette Held
Michael Marasovich	Jim Sheehan
Caryle Roegner	Bill Innocenti
Jim Srbeny	Nicole Baldwin

## Friends of the Congregation

Cathy Chapulis	Joe Kaderabek
Walter Smola	Barbara Lindsay
Arlene Guard	Jim Peele
Brian O'Connell	Ann Dixon
Craig Chismarick	Louise Sims
Tom Elsner	Jason Randall Glugla
Blakely McCracken	Tim Hennessey
Ann Bellair	Katy Peterman
David Buerger	Rick Christensen
Janice Severance	Jessica Clifford
Debra Casey	Erin Olson
Lori Toepper Opsenica	Dave Furtak
Sarah Wagner	Dale Koch
Laura Reynolds	Maryanne Campbell
Ronald Held	Alex Gersic
Jennifer Strilko	Silvia Guijarro
George Tragos	

Please let us know if there is someone you need added or removed from the prayer list by contacting the church office by 9 am on Friday. Thank You!