

Sunday, January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He 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. ³And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” ⁵And now the Lord says, he who formed me from 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 eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — ⁶he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Psalm 40:1-12

¹I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry.
²He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
 he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
³He 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.
⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
 they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
⁵Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
 How great your wonders and your plans for us!
 there is none who can be compared with you.
⁶Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
 but they are more than I can count.
⁷In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure;
 you have given me ears to hear you;
⁸Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,
 and so I said, “Behold, I come.”
⁹In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:
 ‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’
¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
 behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness
from the great congregation.

**¹²You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: John 1:29-42a

²⁹The next day {John} saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” 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). ^{42a}He brought him to Jesus.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son (✚), and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (✚) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Hymn: #311

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

The Greeting

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The Kyrie

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The Hymn of Praise (*Glory to God...*)

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The Prayer of the Day:

P: Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ,

your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-12

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The Gospel Acclamation (*Alleluia...*)

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The Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42a

The Children's Time

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #614

There is a Balm in Gilead

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

The Anthem

"Lamb of God"

The Offertory: #884

The Doxology

The Offertory Prayer

The Prayers of the Church

*(Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy,
We respond "Hear our prayer.")*

The Lord's Prayer

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The Benediction

P: 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.

The Hymn: #655

Son of God, Eternal Savior

The Dismissal

We welcome visitors who are worshiping with us today. We invite you to sign one of the Visitor cards in the pew rack and place it in the plate in the narthex as you leave or give it to an usher.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Supply Pastor – Cathy Fanslau

Organist – Gloria Danielowski

Choir Director – Kayleigh Eargle

Lector – Teresa Player

Acolyte – Maddy Stribble

Ushers – James Torrence, David Holley, Kevin Shannon

We welcome Pastor Cathy Fanslau today as our guest preacher and worship leader.

The **Altar Flowers** today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William "Bill" Lindler on his birthday (today) by Barbara Lindler and Family. Next Sunday's flowers will be given by Bobby and Betty Counts.

Our **Attendance last Sunday** was 117 (116 inside and 1 outside). Offering was \$1.741.00. Sunday School attendance was 64.

The **loose offering** for the month of January will go to Nick and Amanda Childs to help with medical bills for Henry.

Remember in your prayers:

Mt. Tabor Members: Scott Frick, Melvin Bowers, Ann Bowers, Troy Shealy, Jane Speight, Dick Shealy, Shane Stroud, Micheal Torrence, Linda Dowd, Carter Dominick, Derek Bowers, Henry Childs, and Wayne Koon.

Family and Friends: Celeste Bowers, Will Nobles, Beckham Waters, Alston Slater, Larry Danford, Andy Wessinger, Susan Wicker, Cindy Mace, Jack Owens, and the Mary Beth Reed family.

The **Young at Heart** are planning a trip to Dempsey's on January 20th. The bus will be leaving the church at 11am. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up today.

Council Minutes and a **Treasurer's Report** are available this morning.

2025 Financial Statements are available today on the table in the cry room. Please stop by and pick yours up.

The Stribble family would like to thank our congregation for all of the cards, phone calls, and texts after the recent passing of Lindsey's father. The support has been much appreciated during this difficult time.

*With Love,
Lindsey, Kerry, Colin, and Maddy Stribble*

We extend our **sincere condolences** to the family of John Todd Frick, who passed away last Sunday. Todd was the son of Hilda Frick and the brother of Brenda (Jerry) Shealy, Cathy L. Frick, and Bubba (Beth) Frick. His service was yesterday (Saturday) here at Mt. Tabor in the cemetery.

Choir Practice will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

We love seeing the **life of our church** in action! As groups meet and events take place, please share your photos with Amy or Daniel by texting them to 803-924-3366 (Amy) or 803-924-3828 (Daniel). Please include the group name and event. Be sure to check out photos from 2025 in the Photo Gallery under *News & Events* on our church website. Thank you for helping us share these special moments with our church family!



Join us on Sunday, February 8th for our annual **“Soup”-er Bowl Sunday – Day of Caring**, held before the Super Bowl. Our youth group will be hosting a meal of soup and sandwiches for the congregation. Monetary donations will be collected on Sunday, February 1st and Sunday, February 8th, with all proceeds supporting our Backpack Ministry.

To help us prepare enough food, please place the number of people in your family who plan to stay for lunch in the basket located in the narthex. If you are willing to bring soup to share, please let Amy or Daniel know.

Thank you for your continued support of the C.I.A.