

*The Second Sunday of Epiphany  
The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish  
January 18, 2026*

*We welcome visitors into our community! May you be blessed as you join us in Worship!*

## GATHERING

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* OPENING PRAYER

## **\* CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\ddagger$  one God,  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty Savior,  
Prince of Peace.

All: Amen.

**Pastor: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,  
let us confess our sin.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**All: 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.**

Pastor: 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.

**All: Amen.**

### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

**All:** *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

### \* 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).

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY

*Be Thou My Vision*

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### \* THE APOSTLES' CREED

**All:** 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 into hell. 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.

#### \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Pastor:** ...Lord, in your mercy ...

**Congregation:** **Hear our prayer.**

## MEAL

#### \* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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.

#### DISTRIBUTION

*(The distribution will be processional and the ushers will guide you. All who believe there is forgiveness of sin available in this meal that is offered by Christ Himself are welcome to come forward. Communion will be served by intinction. The pastor and assistant give the bread and wine, with these words: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Touch the wafer to the wine or juice.)*

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

***The Church's One Foundation* #654**  
***What Wondrous Love Is This* #666**

#### \* BLESSING

## **CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE**

### **SUNDAYS**

Worship Service at Peace 8:30 am

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Worship Service at Nelsonville 10:15 am

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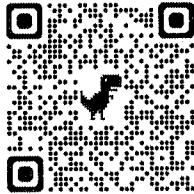
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