

### Church Calendar this week

#### **Sunday, January 18**

8:45 am Little Bethany Worship  
9:30 am Coffee Hour (NL)  
10:00 am New Life Worship

#### **Monday, January 19**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan  
6:30 pm Lions Club Meeting

#### **Tuesday, January 20**

No activities

#### **Wednesday, January 21**

5:30 pm Confirmation  
6:30 pm NLLC Council Meeting

#### **Thursday, January 22**

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan  
Noon Soup & Sandwich Bible Study

#### **Friday, January 23**

No activities

#### **Saturday, January 24**

1:00 pm Gary Wigdahl's Funeral at  
Olson Funeral Home in Fergus Falls

#### **Sunday, January 25**

8:45 am Little Bethany Worship  
9:30 am Coffee Hour (NL)  
10:00 am New Life Worship  
New Member Sunday  
2 to 4:00 pm Avis Wiese's 90th  
Birthday

### Thank you to:

#### *Organist:*

Joyce Peterson

#### *Reader:*

Kevin Brenden

#### *Sound System:*

Nate Ziegler

### OFFERING

#### OFFERATORY PRAYER

**Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Please satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.**

#### APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS

#### HOLY COMMUNION

The Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 Distribution, Blessing, and Prayer

#### THE BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN—LBW #559

**"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

18 January 2026

#### PRELUDE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. Mighty God, lover of justice,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

#### OPENING HYMN—LBW #90

**"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

#### 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.**

#### FIRST READING: **Isaiah 49:1-7**

<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



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#### Publication Deadlines:

Sunday announcements - Tuesday A.M.,  
Newsletter - 19th of the month

*Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.*

