

**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATE JANUARY 18, 2026  
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD, JAN 18, 2026**

This Newsletter contains the following information:

1. Worship Services
2. In Our Prayers
3. Weekly Services

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

At present we offer one Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.

**REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY**

**VERSE**

**Alleluia.** Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **Alleluia.**

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***God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross***

Beloved in the Lord,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus! **Amen.**

**BULLETIN** The bulletin for the Divine Service is attached to this update

**READINGS**

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11 (antiphon: v. 3)

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42a

**SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS**

***God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross***

*"The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel,"* calls forth *"his Holy One"* (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, *"from the womb"* of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also *"as a light for the nations,"* whose salvation reaches *"to the end of the earth"* (Is. 49:6). John came *"baptizing with water"* (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as *"the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"* (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended *"from heaven like a dove"* and *"remained on him"* (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and *"called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we *"are not lacking in any gift,"* but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, *"guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 1:7-8).

**VERSE ON THE BULLETIN**

Called with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor 1:2)

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** In the divine service, we are called and also call. Every service begins with the invocation, a reminder that God calls us His in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we are called saints and made holy by faith in the One who died and rose for us. The Lord has us His. We call upon Him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving!

## 2) IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep the following people in your personal prayers:

**Shut-ins:** Maria Pohlman, Ruth Miller, Hans Schroedter, Peter Haug, Gabriel Civitillo, Letillia Sterling, Meta Both.

**Those with other needs:** Paul Alexander, Brian Miller, Lisa Deonadan, Harry Goorwah, Violet Deonarine, Deva Singh, Marlet Wardly, Trudy Marquardt, Tomdaiya, Nila, Mariya, Marlin, Sam, Dawood, Al & Indra Seemadray, Junior Atkins, Susan Krim, Eric Krim, Dhanraj Bharrat, Sarab Adwer, Kamini Paul, Shirley Ewan, Pamela and Nigel, Gisela McLuhan, Pastor Warren Hamp, Pat Brewster, Gwenn Elliott.

\*The family of Al & Indra Seemadray in the passing of their Son Burton Seemadray.

*If you would like to add yourself or a loved one to our prayer list please give me a call. It is also important to let me know when it's time to be removed from the list.*

## 3) CONGREGATIONAL PROJECTS

### FOOD BANK:

There was FOOD BANK on Jan 15, 2026 besides the heavy dumping of the white powder from heaven we thank all the volunteers for coming out to help with the unloading of the skids and sorting them and stacking them at their places. We were able to hand out the food hampers to all the recipients who braved the storm and came to the Food Bank.

### FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR January 15, 2026

Total Food Hampers given out: 102

Those food hampers provided food to:

219 adults and 128 children for a total of 347

### Our Saviour Food Bank: Need of Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for the Food Bank for general and some specific duties. The duties may extend to cover picking up of bread, unloading of the skids, food packaging, computer intake and recycling of the cardboard and other materials. If you are desirous of helping please speak to Al Seemadray Food Bank Volunteers Coordinator, Ingrid or Pastor.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be Sunday School this Sunday.

## **THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR**

Sunday, Jan 18

### **EPIPHANY 2**

10 a.m. Bible Study  
11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
11:15 a.m. Sunday School

Thursday, Jan 22, 2026 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Food Bank

Sunday, Jan 25, 2026 **EPIPHANY 3**

10 a.m. Bible Study  
11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
11:15 a.m. Sunday School

Pastor Joseph Singh

Vacancy Pastor

January 17, 2026

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## **THE TIME OF EPIPHANY EPIPHANY AND ITS SEASON**

Begins with evening prayer on January 5 and ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons in the Christian Church Year, second only to the Easter Season. This season of lights emphasizes Jesus' manifestation (or epiphany, from the Greek word epiphaneia) as God and man. The earliest Christians called the Feast of the Epiphany the Theophany ("revelation of God"). When the Gentile Magi came to worship Jesus, they show that everyone now has access to God. Now all people, Jew, and Gentile, can come to God's temple to worship, because Jesus is the new temple: God in the flesh. The Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6) marks the celebration of the visit of the Magi. Epiphany may include as many as nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This season is marked at its beginning and at its end by two important feasts of Christ.

**During Epiphany, we worship Jesus, who has given all mankind access to God through Himself.**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

**John 2:1-11**

### **EPIPHANY PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS**

- Like Christmas, the Epiphany of Our Lord, the Baptism of Our Lord, and the Transfiguration of Our Lord are feast days of Jesus. The colour for feast days is white, the colour of divinity, purity, and joy. The Sundays after the Epiphany focus on the growth of Jesus' ministry, and the colour green is used to symbolize that growth.
- On the first Sunday after the Epiphany, the Church celebrates the Baptism of Our Lord. The Father sent Jesus to bear the sins of the World. So Jesus steps down into baptismal waters so that He can soak up the sins of the World. He is baptized into our sins so that Baptism might be into His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins..
- The Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrated on the last Sunday in the Epiphany season, is a significant and uniquely Lutheran contribution to the Christian Church Calendar. This festival commemorates the moment on the Mount of Transfiguration when three of Jesus' disciples glimpse their Lord in divine splendor, seeing Him as the centre of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Jesus proclaims to His disciples, then and now, that He is the long-awaited one who has come to die for the sins of the world and be raised again in glory.
- The Transfiguration of Our Lord is the last Sunday before the Lent. Because we give up singing *Alleluia* during Lent, at the close of the service on Transfiguration we say farewell to *Alleluia* with the hymn "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" (LSB 417).