



UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LONG ISLAND

GLORIA DEI KING OF KINGS ST. PETER'S

January 18, 2026
St. Peter's Lutheran Church Campus

PRELUDE

“Idyll”

Flor Peeters

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this season of light, God reveals what has been hidden.

We gather, ready to see.

John points and says, “Look.”

We turn toward Christ.

Christ speaks and says, “Come and see.”

We come, just as we are.

The call has been spoken.

Let us remain with the Lord.

Please rise as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose grace goes before us,
whose mercy meets us, whose call sends us.

Amen.

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

(Silence is kept.)

God of light and life,

we confess that we do not always recognize you when you stand among us.

We look for certainty instead of trust, answers instead of relationship,
safety instead of calling.

We hesitate to follow when the road is unclear.

Forgive us, renew us, and teach us again to say yes
when you say, “Come and see.”

Amen.

Hear the good news of Epiphany:
Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
By grace alone, you are forgiven.
By love alone, you are restored.
By the Spirit's power, you are called anew.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Here I Am, Lord*

ELW Hymn # 574

GREETING

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of revelation,
in Jesus you stand among us,
sometimes unnoticed, always present.
By your Spirit, turn our hearts and eyes
toward the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.
When we are uncertain, draw us closer.
When we are searching, invite us to remain.
Send us as witnesses to your light,
trusting that even small lives
shine with your saving grace.
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

You may be seated

READING : Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from Isaiah the 49th chapter.

- ¹ 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.
² 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.

³ And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

⁴ 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.”

⁵ And now the LORD says,
who formed me in 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 sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³ 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.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ 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?”³⁹ 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.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² 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 gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

SERMON

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult ELW Hymn # 696

APOSTLE’S 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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. . . Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE AND OFFERING

The peace of the Lord be with you always!
And also with you!

You may be seated

OFFERING MUSIC

"Awake, My Heart"

Jane M. Marshall

*Awake, my heart, and render
To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, preserver,
A song of love and fervor.*

*Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.*

*My heart shall be thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word, my nurture, given
To bring me on toward heaven.*

[Text: Paulus Gerhardt, 1647]

[Translated: Winfred Douglas]

[Chancel Choir]

Please rise as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW Hymn # 884

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,
you call us not because we are ready but because your grace is sufficient.
Receive these gifts as signs of lives turned toward Christ.
Use them to extend your light, so that others may hear the invitation
to come and see. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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.

. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and see what God has prepared for you.

Come and remain where mercy is given freely. The table is ready.

You may be seated

All are welcome at Christ's table. Please follow usher's directions. Wafers are to be dipped into the chalice of wine, communion kits are available in the basket.

COMMUNION SONGS

Come to the Table

ELW Hymn # 481

Lamb of God

ELW Hymn # 336

Please rise as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION LITANY

We have remained with Christ.

Our hearts have been opened.

We have received mercy.

Our lives are being shaped.

We are sent as witnesses.

Thanks be to God.

You may be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise as you are able.

BLESSING

May the God who calls you by name give you courage to follow.

May Christ, the Lamb of God, meet you in ordinary places.

May the Spirit open your life as a doorway of light for others. Come and see again.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW Hymn # 798

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Huntington/Melville Communities.**

**We gather for Sunday worship as one congregation and serve our communities
through our three unique campuses.**

Joint Worship each Sunday at the St. Peter's Campus

10 am Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

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Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

We are blessed by your presence.