

Prelude

Anthem—*Beloved, God's Chosen*

BURKHARDT

Postlude

Hymns:

Gathering—*O Morning Star How Fair and Bright*

ELW 308

Hymn of the Day—*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

ELW 666

Sending—*Brightest and Best of the Stars*

ELW 303

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

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 strength⁶ 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."

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

² The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

³ The Lord 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.

⁴ Happy are they who trust¹ in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who¹ follow lies.

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have¹ not required.

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⁷ And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ ‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’”

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

¹⁰ I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹ You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: John 1:29-42

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).

<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	.... <i>Steve & Beverly Nivens</i>	<i>Linda Hill</i>
<i>Lector</i>	.... <i>Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Linda Hill</i>
<i>Worship</i>	.... <i>Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>
<i>Ushers</i>	.... <i>Steve Nivens</i> *Need Volunteer	<i>Gail Marcum</i> <i>Steve Nivens</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	.... <i>Linda Griffith & Melba Murphy</i>	<i>*Need Volunteers</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	.... <i>Linda Griffith</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
<i>Property</i>	.... <i>Steve Nivens</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	.... <i>Steve & Beverly Nivens</i>	<i>Gail Marcum & Marie Lybrand</i>

OFFERING	Last Sunday	Total for January
General	\$ 505.00	\$3,930.00
Online General	\$ 358.76	\$1,017.52
Total	\$ 863.76	\$4,947.52
Building Maint. & Prop. Imp.	\$ 180.00	\$ 875.00
Online BMPI	\$ 143.51	\$ 235.77
Total	\$ 323.51	\$1,110.77

A basket of requested food items has been placed in the church today by Sandra & Howard Hughes to the glory of God and in honor of our grandson Freddie's 4th birthday to assist God's Helping Hands in their mission to provide for those in need in our community.

The 2026 Ministry Directory may be picked up from the basket on the table in the Cameron Hall. Please take no more than you need

SOUPer Bowl Time Is Almost Here! As we prepare for this year's Souper Bowl of Caring, we'll be cooking **three** soups—and we'd love your input! Please vote for **your top 3 favorites** from the following options: Clam Chowder, Chicken Noodle, Zuppa Toscana (Tuscan Soup), and Beef Veggie. **Voting slips are located outside the Narthex.** Please place your completed ballot in the basket in the Narthex. Voting will remain open until preparation time, no later than Wed, Jan 28.

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

*Gary Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Dolores Hopkins
Don Horton
Anne Moye*

*Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
Jane & DeLeon Wallace*

<i>Sunday (January 18)</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	3:00 pm	WELCA Exec. Meeting
<i>Monday</i>	9:00 am	Lutheran Men
<i>Wednesday</i>	10:30 am	Bible Study
<i>WELCA Sunday (January 25)</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion

Grapevine Deadline: Monday, January 26, 9:00 am.