

ReNEWed: Spirit

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

There are times in our lives when it becomes apparent that God is placing a new thing within us. It can coincide with the changing of the year, the changing of the seasons, the changing of life circumstances, or the changing of a physical location. Whatever the reason, what is clear is that God is interested in moving each of us into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with him. This can be scary. It can be hard. And it can be confusing. Either way, if we can recognize these times when God wants to renew us, we can lean in and allow him to do his good work, guided and led by His Holy Spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING

**“Lord, Reign In Me”
“Come What May”**

CONFSSION OF SINS

P: The commands of the Lord are words of life.

C: But as they speak to our hearts, they reveal our sin and our need for the Savior.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silent time for personal reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most holy and merciful Father: I confess in Your presence the sinfulness of my nature. My walk is not blameless, Davids words in the Psalm describe my life to well. So much of what I do is not righteous. You alone know how much I have sinned. I've often ignored Your good guidance and have wandered in my own foolish directions. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Forgive my sins, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Savior. Restore in me a new and willing spirit to follow You. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 51:10-12

¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-10

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

THE MESSAGE

"God's Renewal"

Pastor Doug Slavens

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF PREPARATION & INSTITUTION

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

“God Really Loves Us”

“Never Once”

COMMUNION BLESSING

WE PRAY TO OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

THE CLOSING BLESSING

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!

We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

You can give online memoriallutheran.net or drop in the offering boxes located throughout the worship center.