

# ***Milwaukie Lutheran Church***

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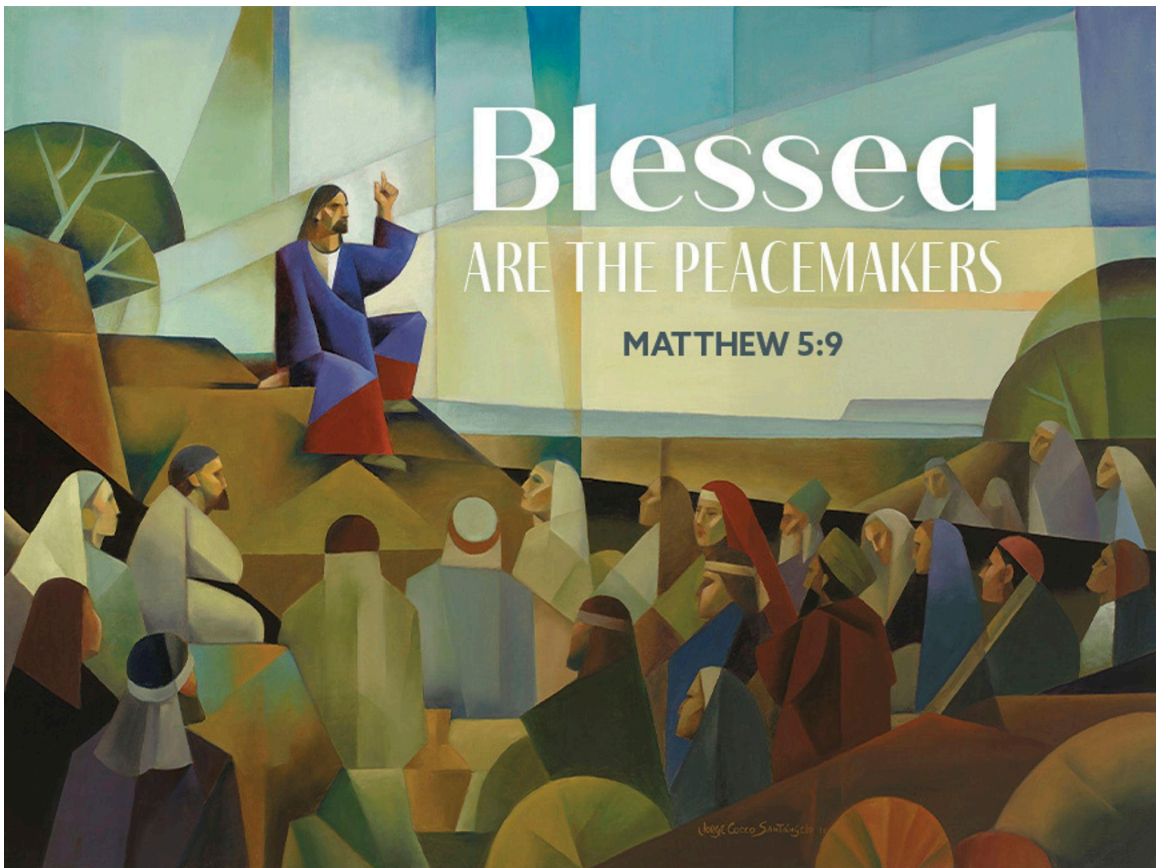
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Announcements: 10:50 AM    Worship Starts 11:00 AM

***February 1, 2026***

***Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***

## Welcome to Milwaukie Lutheran Church



*“Nurturing the Personal and Spiritual Growth of Our Community.”*

February 1, 2026

Announcements 10:50 AM - Worship 11:00 AM

### ***Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***

Our order of worship follows this printed bulletin. # signs indicate hymn choices and are printed on the top of each page in the hymnal. Little ones are always welcome at worship. We stand and sit at various places in the service. These symbols are a guide to those times...please know that if at any time it is difficult to stand, you are invited to stay seated.

 = stand as able  = sit

*Reader for today - Sheryl Ann Waage*

*Communion Assistants - Rod & Sheryl Ann Waage*

### ***Gathering***

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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*Welcome/Announcements*

*Sharing of the Peace*


P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*(following the sharing of the peace)*

*Prelude*

 *Confession and Forgiveness*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*Opening Song: Rise Up, O Saints of God*

ELW #669

*Call to Worship*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Kyrie*

ELW pg. 138

*Canticle of Praise (Glory to God in the highest...)*

ELW pg. 139

*Prayer of the Day*

P: Let us pray together...

**C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to  
the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for  
justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and  
deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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 *First Reading:*

Micah 6:1-8

*Second Reading:*

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

P/A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia*

Pg. 142

 *Holy Gospel*

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

 *Sermon*

 *Hymn of the Day: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW #807

*Apostles' 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,**

(cont.)

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 People:*


Celebrate

 *Offering*

*Online Giving QR Code*

Scan with your smartphone camera



 *Offertory: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

ELW #885

*Offertory Prayer*

P: God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

## *Meal*

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*The Great Thanksgiving:* pg. 144

*Eucharistic Preface*

*Holy, Holy Holy:* pg. 144

*Eucharistic Prayer and 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.**

 *Holy Communion:*

*All who hunger and thirst for Christ's presence are welcome at the Lord's Table. Communion is served on the lower level at the front row of pews. There are both gluten free and non-alcoholic options available. If you are mobility challenged, please let one of our ushers know, and we will bring the meal to you.*

 *Lamb of God:*

pg. 146

*Communion Hymn: Eat This Bread*

ELW #472

 *Prayer after Communion:*

P: Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**


### *Sending*

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*Blessing:*

P: May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

 *Closing Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

**ELW #545**

*Dismissal:*

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*

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**[L]et justice  
roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like  
an ever-flowing stream.**

*-Amos 5:24*

## **Milwaukie Lutheran Prayers**

*If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, or to submit a personal prayer request, please call the office (and leave a voicemail) or email [office@milwaukielutheran.org](mailto:office@milwaukielutheran.org). If you are submitting a prayer request on behalf of someone else, please make sure you have permission before sharing personal information.*

### **Prayer List**

Myra Manley, Margaret Manley, Mark & Dawne Haase, John Wehr, Jerry Prosa, Laura Giese, Ralph McKenzie, Grant, Linda Seals, Dominic, Mya O'Camb, Sister Mary Jo, Shane Hoffman, Bob, Jim King, Anthony Alvarez, Stacy, Gary, Dan Liebert, Evelyn Knutson, Rafael & Ruby Hernandez, Eve, Charity Carter, Gracie, Jim Strupp, Holly Manning, Sally Wong, Mark Olson, Kit Taylor, Jerry Johnson, Patti Effenberger

### **Submitted Prayers**

- Pat Korsness, struggling with pneumonia

### **In Memoriam**

### **Places of Conflict**

- Ukraine and Russia
- Israel, Palestine, Yemen, and Syria
- Sudan
- Venezuela
- Minneapolis, Minn.
- Iran

### **Places of Disaster**

- Flooding in Alaska

## Worship Announcements

- **Worship reading practice sessions:** Anyone wanting to meet with Sheryl Ann to practice for reading the Scripture during worship - we will meet right after worship on Sunday, February 1st. We will gather at the pulpit area.
- **Youth Sunday 2/15:** Sunday, February 15 will be a youth-led worship service. As it is the Sunday before Lent we will be “burying” our Alleluias until Easter morning!
- **Ash Wednesday:** Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 1pm on Wednesday, February 18. We will also be doing “ashes to go,” so feel free to stop by the church from 10am until 1pm to receive ashes, or reach out to Pastor Jesse if you would like ashes brought to you!
- **Sunday School (9:30am - 10:30am):** *The Letters of Paul*. This spring we will be working our way through the various letters that the apostle Paul wrote, starting with the letters to the Corinthians.
- **Kids classes:** Join Max and Jamie at 9:30am on Sunday mornings to talk about the Bible story for the day and do some crafts associated with the lesson!
- **Lectionary Study:** A weekly study where we look at the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. We meet at 10:00am every Tuesday at Shirley Meyer’s house: 14075 SE Hines Dr., Clackamas, OR 97015.

## Community Announcements

- **Rowe MS Pantry Donations:** Rowe Middle School is in great need of sweatpants - any color and sizes for kids from small to extra large. Athletic shoes in sizes 4-9 for women and sizes 7-12 for men would also be appreciated. The generosity of Milwaukie Lutheran Church members is GREATLY appreciated by the staff and students at Rowe MS!
- **MLCW February Luncheon:** MLC Women will be meeting on Monday, February 16th at 11AM (note change of normal start time!!) at Gladstone's Eat Drink Sports (located at 270 Portland Ave). They have reasonable prices and a variety of choices, including breakfast and lunch menus. We hope to see you there!
- **Regarding IRA Distributions:** Many here at MLC have reached the age at which the IRS requires minimum withdrawals (a Required Minimum Distribution or "RMD") from your IRAs (Individual Retirement Accounts). Some of you have decided to make your contributions to MLC directly from your IRA, as this is a beneficial tax strategy. Once you reach the age where you have an RMD requirement, if you donate money directly from your IRA to church (the money transfers directly via check or electronic funds transfer from your IRA custodian to MLC) this counts as an RMD, and the amount donated to MLC is not included in your income. It is NOT a charitable contribution but an actual reduction of income-which is great due to the increased standard deduction, which means many people do not itemize deductions on their federal tax return and are unable to deduct charitable contributions.

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If you have questions about this process and the Federal and Oregon tax implications, please email Beth Lillie at [bethlillie@comcast.net](mailto:bethlillie@comcast.net). If you have already decided to do this, please let Susan MacKinnon ([susanmackinnon0@gmail.com](mailto:susanmackinnon0@gmail.com)) know about when and how (via check from your IRA custodian or a direct transfer to the MLC investment account) to expect the funds. WE ASSUME YOUR GIFT IS FOR GENERAL FUNDS unless you specify otherwise. MLC can then issue you a specific donation letter about the QCD from your IRA. It is hard for the counters (who deposit checks) and Beth Lillie (who deposits money sent to the MLC investment account at Charles Schwab) to identify from whom the money has been received. Susan, Beth and Sue and Jerry Prosa will work together to make sure your gift is properly acknowledged in a letter per IRS regulations for contemporaneous written acknowledgement.

- **Clackamas Service Center:** There is a need for men's shoes (especially sturdy, large sized men's shoes), belts, underwear, jeans, tops and warm coats. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Please also bring any paper, plastic and reusable bags you may have at your house for use at the Clackamas Service Center; the cost of paper bags has gone up dramatically and we use bags of all kinds. Donations can be left in the bin in the gathering place. Thank you!
- **MLC is turning 80!:** In 2026 our congregation will mark its 80th year as a community. In March 1946, Milwaukie Lutheran Church held its first worship; then in 1966, MLC held its first service in the current sanctuary. To celebrate this milestone event, an 80th Anniversary Committee has been formed and we need your help! We are looking for photos, mementos, and stories of your time at MLC. If you have

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any photos, stories, or suggestions, please reach out to a committee member (see below) soon. We are aiming to collect archival materials in time for the celebrations in March and June.

-80th Anniversary Committee:

Mike Hegel

Ruby Inman

Jamie Makara

Jim Rustvold

Susan Rustvold

Linda Seals

Scott Stauffer

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## **A Hunger for Justice**

In today's first reading, God cries, "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!" (Micah 6:3). The people of God have forgotten God's deliverance and who God has called them to be. Like a shrewd prosecutor, God has placed them on trial and is examining their actions, recounting the signs of mercy and loving kindness shown to them from generation to generation and searching for a sign that they are living into who God has called them to be. And so, they are reminded that this is how you shall live: do justice, love kindness, walk humbly.

A Latin American prayer asks: "Lord, to those who hunger, give bread. And to those who have bread, give the hunger for justice." The words of this more modern-day prayer do not sound so different from the ancient words spoken by the prophet Micah to God's people. "What does the Lord require of you," asks Micah, "but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). The hunger of God's people has already been filled by the mercy of God, and so they are called by God to feed the hunger of others through lives of justice, kindness, and humility.

In the Sunday assembly, God surrounds the gathered people with reminders of who and whose they are: we splash in the waters of baptism, are brought to new life in the word, are fed and forgiven through bread and wine. Around the table, hunger is satisfied, and a hunger for justice is renewed. From the table, God sends the gathered assembly, blessed and broken, to feed the hunger of others as, together, we await the fulfillment of the kingdom.