



## First Lutheran Church

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Pr. Maribeth McGoven

### **First Sunday after Epiphany – Jan. 11, 2026** **Revealed: Following the Light** **Theme: Revealed in the Water**

#### GATHERING

PRELUDE

Christie Semmler

BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

screen

INTRODUCTION TO EPIPHANY SERIES

CENTERING TIME

SONG

*“May You Find A Light”*

Josh Garrels

PRAYER

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *“Shall We Gather at the River”* WOV #690\* (vs. 1,3,4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

screen

#### WORD

FIRST READING

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 3:13-17*

SONG

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

CHILDREN’S TIME

SONG

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

SERMON

Pastor Birgitte Simpson, People’s Church

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”* LBW #90

(vs. 1,4)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## MEAL

OFFERING	Peoples Church of Bemidji	
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
GREAT THANKSGIVING		screen
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
LORD'S PRAYER		screen
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION		
COMMUNION HYMNS		
	<i>"The Light Came Down"</i>	Josh Garrels
	<i>"Come As You Are"</i>	Crowder
	<i>"Light of the World"</i>	Lauren Daigle
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		screen

## SENDING

BENEDICTION		
BELLS		
CLOSING HYMN	<i>"I Love to Tell the Story" LBW #390* (vs. 1,3)</i>	
DISMISSAL		

P: Go in peace, shine this week, and show God's light in the world.

**C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE	Christie Semmler
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### THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

<b>Mon</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48</a>
<b>Tue</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13</a>
<b>Wed</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21</a>
<b>Thu</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12</a>
<b>Fri</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5</a>
<b>Sat</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11</a>
<b>Sun</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42</a>

## SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
<b>Greeters</b>	Mel & Grayson Goehring	Gina Lenander
<b>Ushers</b>	Duane & Cina Pidde	Duane & Cina Pidde
<b>Reader</b>	Wayne Lenander	Tom Synstegard
<b>Communion</b>	Pr. Simpson & G.Goehring	

**Payer Concerns:** *The people of Ukraine, The people of Israel and Palestine, Peoples Church; The family of Pr. Milan Davig, The family of Pr. Roger Olson; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jerry Leverson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Jimmie & Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's brother & sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Sebrina Hegg (Tina Ericson's sister), Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Riki and her family, Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), Dawn, David VanEye, Sarah & Sonny, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Tina Ericson, Johanna, Ivy Brisk (Diana Schwenke's granddaughter), Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Addisen Freeman, Nicole Spangenberg, (Jim & Linda Kolar family,) Gina Lenander, Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Romello Lee Kelly (Gail Buck's great grandson), Sue Fiene (Linda Anderson's sister) Jane Andress (friend of Bobbie Wosicka)*

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### Opportunities This Week

<b>Today</b>	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
	Church Council Meeting	11:30 AM
<b>Sun</b>	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
	Annual Meeting	11:15 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Annual meeting is next Sunday, January 18, following worship.**
- **If you'd like to usher in 2026, please contact Peg.**

**Peoples Church of Bemidji**

**We are a multicultural and indigenous ministry of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). We live out our faith by showing Creator God's love for all people by offering shelter, hot meals, and community.**

**We have a hot evening meal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays served beginning at 5p and breakfast 7 days a week from 8-10a. Anyone in the community is welcome to share in our meals, you do not have to be a shelter guest to eat with us. Every**

**Sunday at 3:00pm we gather together for a feast. Our feast merges into a worship service that is based in Christianity but we welcome folks from all traditions to share in this gathering.**

**They are in need of Coffee,  
Powdered Creamer and Sugar.**

**There are totes in the narthex for donations.**

**Monetary donations may be made to FLC  
with P.Church on the memo line.**