

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 2, 2005
8:30 / 11:00 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
901 EAST STROOP ROAD
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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

On this day the church celebrates its catholic nature and mission. In worship we pray that the Holy Spirit would make our lives radiant with the brightness of Christ. From the Lord's table the church goes forth into the world as a witness to Christ's merciful presence. As the stars light up the darkness of night, so the baptized are called to be light in the world.

January 2, 2005

8:30 / 11:00 a.m. Worship

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We encourage worshippers to read the introductions to the Readings of the Day in preparation for listening to the Word of God. Thank you.

** Stand if you are able.

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

by Marty Haugen

PRELUDE *O Come All Ye Faithful / Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*
(Wade) / (Beethoven) arr. Marilyn Ham

GATHERING SONGS (11:00 a.m. only)

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

purple songbook 31

O Come Let Us Adore Him

(Traditional)

1) O Come Let Us Adore Him

2) For He Alone is Worthy

3) All Kings Shall Bow Before Him

4) O Come Let Us Adore Him

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us draw near to God in humility and confidence, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING

** **HYMN** 82 LBW (green hymnal)(vs. 1-3)

As With Gladness Men of Old

** **GREETING** (spoken)

The grace, the wisdom, and the power of almighty God be with you all.

And also with you.

**** KYRIE (sung)**

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The Assistant's part consists of the first 10 notes, and the Congregation's part consists of the remaining 10 notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people, here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (to Refrain)

Assistant: Congregation:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

God. A - men.

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

Have mercy on those who are sick, dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament, that we may bear your light to all the world.

PSALM (spoken)

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

**²that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**⁴He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**⁶He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

¹¹All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

**¹²For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

¹³He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**¹⁴He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

The second reading is from Ephesians, chapter 3.

Though it had been hidden for years, Paul now reveals the secret that has shaped his apostolic witness: in Jesus Christ, God's salvation extends beyond the Jews to include all people. The light of Christ shines upon Jew and Gentile alike.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for

ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. (NRSV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. (spoken)

**** GOSPEL VERSE**

29 purple songbook (vs. 1)

Come and See

**** GOSPEL**

Matthew 2:1-12

The Gospel is from Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

The rich symbolism of this story—the magi, a star in the east, Herod’s plots—announces the prophetic hope for an epiphany or revelation that God has entered into our history as one of us.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God. (spoken)

MEDITATION

Bob Sauer

** **HYMN 649 WOV** (blue hymnal)

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

** **NICENE CREED** (spoken)

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

(Helen H. Lemmel)

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace**

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PROPER PREFACE (spoken by the Presider)

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY (sung)

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Presider continues to pray... for as often... until he comes.

Congregation:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.
Christ will come, come a - gain. (sung once)

Presider continues to pray... remembering his command... even as we cry:

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. (sung once)

Presider continues to pray... send now we pray... your whole creation.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. (sung once)

Presider continues to pray... this we pray... our Savior and our friend.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ. (sung)

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
A - men.


** **LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)

Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

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.

**** LAMB OF GOD** (sung as communion assistants come forward)

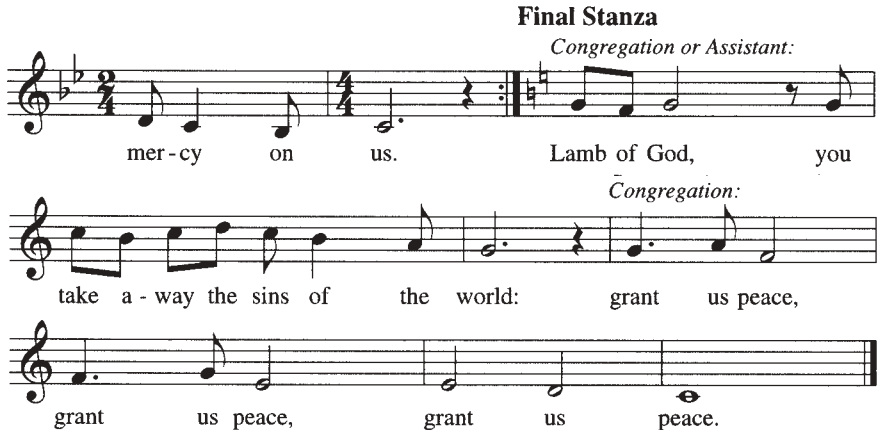
Congregation:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come to the Communion Rail and kneel if you are able. Children who have not been instructed are encouraged to join their family for a blessing. The Pastor or Communion Assistant will place the communion wafer in the communicant's "cupped hands". Choice of chalice with wine or individual glasses with wine or apple juice are available. Communicants desiring apple juice will need to "gesture" to the innermost circle of glasses in the communion tray where glasses of apple juice are available. The Communion Assistant will hand you the proper small communion cup. After receiving Holy Communion and private prayer at the Altar we encourage communicants to return to their pew for additional prayer, meditation or participation in singing the communion hymns. God bless you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

646 WOV (blue hymnal)

651 WOV (blue hymnal)

*We Three Kings
Shine, Jesus, Shine*

**** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (spoken)

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Be the light for our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

**** BLESSING** (spoken)

God's blessing be with you, Christ's + peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

Amen.

**** HYMN 148** (purple songbook)

We are Marching in the Light of God

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD (Please be seated for a brief moment)

- * Brief Announcements
- * Birthdays & Anniversaries
- * Joys & Concerns
- * Special Matters

DISMISSAL (spoken)

Go in peace. Be light for the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For
The people and friends of Good Shepherd
Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania
Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
Bishop Callon W. Hallaway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Milan Filcik	Billie Kinkade
Carol Rempe	Danielle Kosanovich, going on a Mission trip to Panama this month.
Hazel Reel	Corneely family
Dick Caton	Lygia Harrison
Carol Haroldson	John Matherly
Ruth Lackey	Connie Jones, having surgery on 12/30
Hannah Pressnell & Youth Encounter Ministry	Donna Harte
Jason Rodes, who is serving in Iraq	Hedy May
Tami Miozzi	David
Darren	Fred
Johney Moses & family	Sarah & Michael
Prayers of thanksgiving for Good Shepherd people who pray and care for each other	Mary Thieman
Bunsold Family, especially 4-month Avery	

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**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com