

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 16, 2005
8:30 A.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Here is a simple pattern for the church's celebration during Epiphany: Christ is revealed as the servant of all people; Christ is baptized for his mission; Christ proclaims his message in word and deed until he goes up to Jerusalem. Here the season and the readings set forth a pattern for the community of faith: we enter this church, shaped and sustained by the sacraments, with a mission to serve the world. We are called to invite others to come and see the Lord. Come and touch the waters of new life, we say. Come and hear the words of good news. Come and taste the bread of life and the cup of mercy. Let your lives be shaped and sustained by these good things of God's grace.

In addition to the civil observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (USA) tomorrow, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday, continuing through January 25.

January 16, 2005

8:30 a.m. Worship

Present to Us

The Lamb of God? Of what lamb did John speak? Might it have been the paschal lamb, offered at Passover to remember God's saving act in the exodus from Egypt? This was the lamb whose blood Hebrew slaves had streaked onto their doorposts to mark their houses as safe from the angel of death.

At this moment of recognition, John knew Jesus as one who was set apart. John knew Jesus was the one for whom he had prepared the way. John baptized with water, but Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit. John gave witness to his faith. He shone the light on Jesus—he helped others see. His call was to reveal Jesus to Israel.

Because of John's choice of images, we could imagine Jesus as a sacrificial victim. Indeed many Christians throughout history have been moved by this image. But we could also see Jesus, the Lamb of God, as God's presence among us. Jesus is provided by God, and he is the one who marks us as safe from the angel of death.

Of course, we know that faith does not exempt us from physical death. We will all die. But in Jesus, we see that we are borne into death, not alone, but held by God's unfailing love for us. Baptized by the Spirit, we believe that the Spirit descends on us and "remains" on us, as John testified the Spirit did for Jesus. The Spirit *abides* with us, to use another translation of the same term. The Spirit walks with us into any death we face, whether it be daily pains and disappointments or our ultimate passage from this life.

Can we share John's excitement about this Jesus? Can we also become ones who reveal him to those around us, shining a light on the wonder of God's presence in him?

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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

Fairest Lord Jesus

(arr. Victor Labenske)

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** 652 WOV (blue hymnal)

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

** **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:



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)

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is labeled "Assistant:" and contains the melody for the words "Help, save and de - fend us, O". The second staff is labeled "Congregation:" and contains the melody for the words "God. A - men.".

**** 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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (sung)

The image shows a single staff of musical notation for the Prayer of the Day. It is divided into two parts: "Presider:" and "Congregation:". The melody is for the words "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.".

Let us pray.

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING OF PRAYERS / Collecting of Gold / Green Cards

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Prochaska

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

The first reading is from Isaiah, chapter 49.

Today's reading again picks up the theme of God's transformation of the old into something new. The imagery is familiar: the appointed one is called before birth and equipped to do God's work. The new thing is that the servant will not only do God's work for the benefit of Israel, but will also work for the benefit of the nations.

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.
²He 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.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But 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."
⁵And 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 strength—⁶he 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."
⁷Thus 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." (NRSV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM 40 (Congregational response)

(Marty Haugen)



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The second reading is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

Paul's letters to Corinth are addressed to a church beset by many problems. Still, he begins this epistle by emphasizing the faithfulness and grace of God, whose strength will see them through.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To 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:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. (spoken)

**** GOSPEL VERSE (sung)**

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

**** GOSPEL**

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."³³I 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.'³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸When 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?"³⁹He 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.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).⁴²He 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). (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord
Thanks be to God. (spoken)

SERMON

Pastor Prochaska

**** HYMN 784 WOV (blue hymnal)**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

**** 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.

**** PRAYERS** (spoken)

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

Let us pray that the dawn from on high will shine upon the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray: **Hear us, God of light.**

Hear all our prayers, gracious God, and receive them in the name of the Word made flesh, your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

** PEACE (spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

Canzona

(Mozart)

** OFFERTORY PRAYER (spoken)

Let us pray.

God of glory,

with great joy we worship you and lay before you these gifts, which you have first given us. Let our lives serve you only, and lead us always to our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, the bright and morning star. Amen.

** GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung)

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY (spoken by the Pastor)

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!

Pastor 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)

Pastor 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)

Pastor 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)


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

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

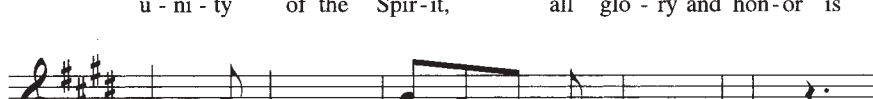
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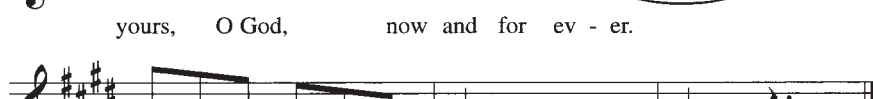
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the



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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.


**** INVITATION TO COMMUNION (spoken)**

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Amen.

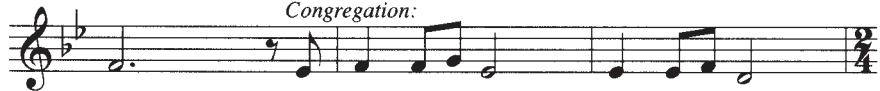
**** LAMB OF GOD** (sung as communion assistants come forward)

Congregation:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the


Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,


Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:




mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



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

76 (purple songbook)

140 (purple songbook)

*Jesus, Lamb of God
There is a Redeemer*

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.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

46 (purple songbook)

Go in Peace and serve the Lord

SENDING

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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

**** 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** 494 LBW (green hymnal)

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

DISMISSAL (spoken)

Go in peace. Be light for the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet in Dialogue

(Clerambault)

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. Halloway 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	Ferne Neeb, having surgery 1/14
Hazel Reel	Pam / Clarissa / Hanna Blevins, baptized 1/09
Dick Caton	Mike Harrison, new member 1/08
Ruth Lackey	Linda & Lee Wilson, new members 1/09
Ferne Neeb	Tsunami Relief
Hannah Pressnell & Youth Encounter Ministry	Terry
Jason Rodes, who is serving in Iraq	Sally
Tami Miozzi	Dana
Darren	Amy
Lygia Harrison	Mary
Connie Jones	Mary
Ed Jones	Andrew
Roberta, friend of Bill Fahle	Steven
Bobbie Sanders, friend of Scott Bieller	Christy
Myles Conway	

January 16, 2005 – The Second Sunday After Epiphany
Prayers Received January 9, 2005 – The Baptism of Our Lord

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