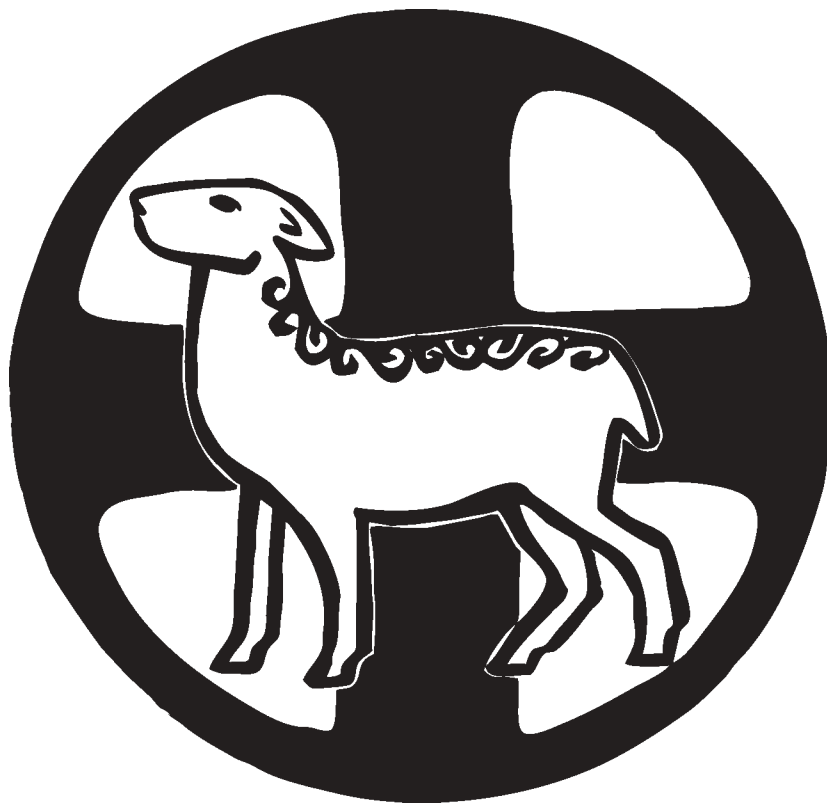


CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2005
5:30 P.M.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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KETTERING, OH 45429-4688

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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) on Monday, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday, continuing through January 25.

January 15, 2005

5:30 pm 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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

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!

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Setting by Marty Haugen

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT

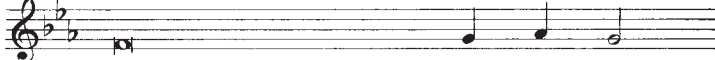
Procession

Leader:



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

and the day is al - most over.

Leader:

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your peo-ple here. —

Evening Hymn

All: a tempo

1. Joy-ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
 free and make us whole. _____
 on to end - less day. _____

Evening Thanksgiving



May God be with you all, and al - so with you;



Let us sing our thanks to — God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRAYER (sung)

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

Amen.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken)**

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.

WORD

PSALMODY (sung)

Psalm 141

All:

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
fore you, the lift - ing up of my
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Cantor and Congregation (Chancel choir sings echo):

— O God, I call to you, come to me
now; O hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise
up like in cense be - fore you, the
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to



you. Keep watch with - in me, God;



deep in my heart may the light of your love be



burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise



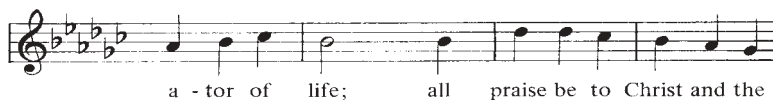
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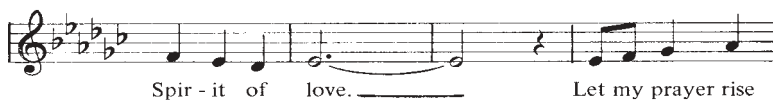
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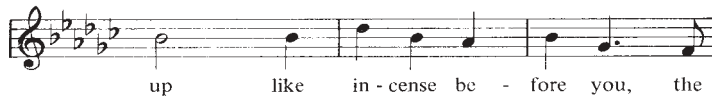
you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-



a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the



Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise



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.

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.

**** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (spoken)

Alleluia. The LORD said to me: You are my servant in whom I will be glorified.
Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3)

**** HOLY 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.

** **HYMN** 784 WOV (blue hymnal) *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

** **THE PRAYERS** (spoken)

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.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

** **PEACE** (sharing together the Peace of the Lord.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY

(Please place your offering in the offering basket located on the shelf in the Narthex. Thank you.)

** **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(Please gather around the Communion Rail with your bulletin and green hymnal.)
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor Prays...

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

Let us pray.

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 - Receiving the Lord's Tangible Presence

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

**** COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace. **Amen.**

**** FINAL BLESSING (sung)**

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is for the Leader, and the second through fifth staves are for the All. The lyrics are: "Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you. May God, Cre-a-tor bless us and keep us, may Christ be ev-er light for our lives, may the Spir-it of Love be our guide and path, for all of our days. A - men." The final staff is for the All, with the lyrics "A - men." and a fermata over the word "men."

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

Jesus Calls O'er the Tumult

**** BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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This week's commemorations

Monday, January 17

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Tuesday, January 18

The Confession of St. Peter

Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Wednesday, January 19

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, missionary to Finland, martyr, died 1156

English by birth, Henry was named bishop of Uppsala, Sweden, in 1152. He traveled to Finland with the king of Sweden, and remained to establish the church there. He was murdered by a person he had disciplined.

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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