



Sunday after Epiphany

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Read Before the Service: Psalm 84 Hymnal page 139

Epiphany – Let the Light Shine

Opening Prayer

O Lord God, our merciful Father, You have revealed the glory of Your Grace by showing forth Your Son, Jesus Christ and making Him known to the world as our only Saviour from sin. You have also drawn us to your Son through Your Word and have saved us and blessed us with every spiritual blessing. May You fill us with Your love that we may worship and praise You with our whole heart and to love and serve you with our entire life. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 129 Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing

1. Hail, Thou Source of every blessing,
Sovereign Father of mankind!
Gentiles now, Thy grace possessing,
In Thy courts admission find.
Grateful now we fall before Thee,
In Thy Church obtain a place,
Now by faith behold Thy glory,
Praise Thy truth, adore Thy grace.

2. Once far off, but now invited,
We approach Thy sacred throne;
In Thy covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to Eastern sages,
See the Star of Mercy shine;
Mystery hid in former ages,
Mystery great of love divine.

3. Hail, Thou all-inviting Savior!
Gentiles now their offerings bring;
In Thy temples seek Thy favor,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit,
Live devoted to Thy praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
Grateful anthems ever raise!

Invocation:

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

C: And also with you. Amen.

Confession of Sins:

P: Jesus Christ has been revealed as "*The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*" As sinners, we can come to Him and have our sins washed away in His blood. Therefore let us confess our sins to God in the name of Jesus our Saviour.

C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

Response of Praise:

P: Behold, the Lord, the Ruler, has come:

C: And the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand.

P: Give the King Your judgments, O God:

C: And Your righteousness unto the King's Son.

P: All they from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense:

C: And they shall show forth the praises of the Lord.

P: Arise, shine, O Jerusalem:

C: For the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: We have seen His star in the East;

C: And are come with gifts to worship the Lord. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

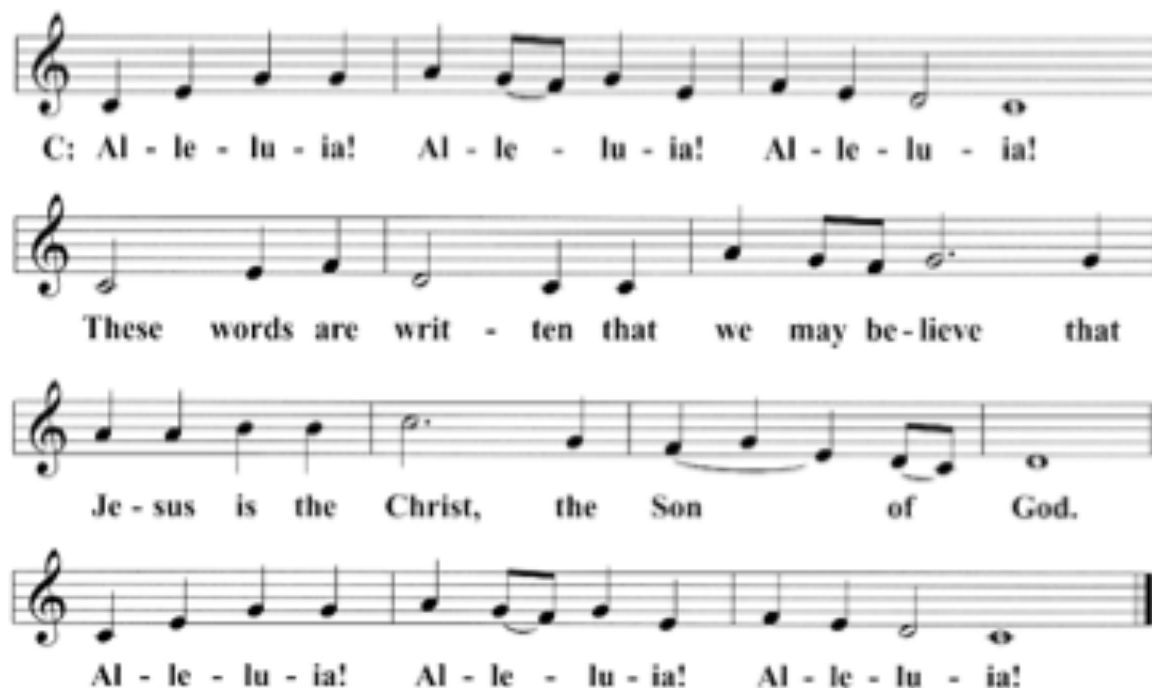
6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.



Confession of Faith: Luther's Explanation to the second article.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn: 126 Arise and Shine in Splendor

Arise and shine in splendor;

Let night to day surrender.

Your light is drawing near.

Above, the day is beaming,

In matchless beauty gleaming;

The glory of the Lord is here.

See earth in darkness lying,
The heathen nations dying
In hopeless gloom and night.
To you the Lord of heaven--
Your life, your hope-- has given
Great glory, honor, and delight.

The world's remotest races,
Upon whose weary faces
The sun looks from the sky,
Shall run with zeal untiring,
With joy Your light desiring
That breaks upon them from on high.

Lift up your eyes in wonder--
See, nations gather yonder
From sin to be set free.
The world has heard Your story;
Her sons come to Your glory;
Her daughters haste Your light to see.

Your heart will leap for gladness
When from the realms of sadness
They come from near and far.
Your eyes will wake from slumber
As people without number
Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

Sermon : Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

4 Therefore, since we have this ministry as a result of the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. 2 On the contrary, we have renounced shameful, underhanded methods. We do not operate in a deceitful way, and we do not distort the word of God. Instead, by proclaiming the truth clearly, we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. 4 In the case of those people, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God's image. 5 Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For the God who

said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

Theme: *God Makes His Light Shine to Reveal the Glory
of God in the Person of Jesus Christ!*

1. Bask in the Light.
2. Spread the Light.

Hymn: 718 O Jesus, King of Glory

1 O Jesus, King of glory,
Both David's Lord and Son!
Your rule endures forever;
In heaven is Your throne.
Help that in earth's dominions,
From pole to farthest pole,
Your reign may spread salvation
To each benighted soul.

2 The eastern Magi, coming
Their gifts of love to bring,
Bear witness to Your glory
And worship You, their King.
To You the star is pointing
And the prophetic Word;
So joyously we hail You:
Our Savior and our Lord.

3 You are a mighty monarch,
As by Your Word is told,
And yet You care but little
For earthly goods or gold.
You do not come displaying
Your power and renown.
You dwell in no high castle;
You wear no jeweled crown.

4 Oh, look on me with pity
Though I am weak and poor;
Admit me to Your kingdom
To dwell there, blest and sure.
I pray, Lord, guide and keep me
Safe from my bitter foes,
From sin and death and Satan;
Free me from all my woes.

5 Then let Your Word within me
Shine as the fairest star;
Keep sin and all false doctrine
Forever from me far.
Help me confess You truly
And with all Christendom
Here hail You King and Savior
And in the world to come.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

The 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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 134 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem,

In Thy birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to Thee addressed
God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
And at Cana, Wedding-guest,
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine.
Anthems be to Thee addressed
God in man made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill.
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Mirrored in Thy holy Word;
May we imitate Thee now
And be pure as pure art Thou
That we like to Thee may be
At Thy great Epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.



Scripture Treasure to Remember:

Isaiah 61:10

“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Bible Class at 11:20. We will discuss ways we can be a more visible presence in our community and let the light of God's grace shine forth for all to see.

Wednesday - There will be no midweek Bible Study this week, but we are looking into the possibility of meeting at one of the Senior Centres where we can invite others to join us.

Thursday - PCPC Study Club at 2:00

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30.
Catechism Class at 5:00

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00
Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20.

Annual Voters Meeting

Our Annual Voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 8th after the service. We will be holding elections of officers, discussing our budget including our CBP estimate for the Synod, going over the annual report and discussing plans for the coming year. If you have any comments or suggestions for our joint work please speak with one of the voters.

CLC News

Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **received** the call to be the vacancy pastor at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA.

2026 CLC Mission Helper Trip

The application deadline for the 2026 Mission Helper Trip to Africa is January 18th. Find more information at:

<https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

Youth Backpacking trip in July

The time to make reservations for back country campgrounds is quickly approaching. If you are interested in a youth backpacking we will meet after the service to discuss possible dates and places.

Pastor Hein Update

Pastor Hein has become too weak to continue his work in the ministry. He recently announced his resignation from the CLC Board of Regents on which he served for the past 16 years. He also announced his retirement from the Ministry and from Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN where he served. His retirement is effective January 25th. We thank the Lord for his many years of faithful service and for extending his life and ability to serve these past 3 years. We also pray for God's grace and mercy on him and his family.