

The Epiphany of Our Lord



St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
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Welcome and Announcements

Greeting *(please stand as you are able)*

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, & the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *"Christ Be Our Light"* #715 *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

Verse 1: **Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

Verse 2: **Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. [Refrain]**

Verse 3: **Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. [Refrain]**

Verse 4: **Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. [Refrain]**

Verse 5: **Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. [Refrain]**

Prayer of the Day: L: Let us pray together,

C: **O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives & reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6 ¹"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. ²See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴"Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. ⁵Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *“Hallelujah”* (Stand as you are able)

Refrain: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah 2X

Gospel Reading - Matthew 2:1-23 ¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” ⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. ¹³When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” ¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” ¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸“A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.” ¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” ²¹So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

L: This is the Word of our Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson*

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Hymn of the Day: *“Lord, Be Glorified”* #744

Verse 1: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Verse 2: In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our song, Lord, be glorified today.

Verse 3: In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Verse 4: In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your world, Lord, be glorified today.

The Baptism of Maverick Jonas

The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* God of wanderers, you sent the magi from afar to witness the mystery and majesty of your birth. Send us into the world with your will in our hearts and on our lips. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You created heaven & earth. Through your Spirit send your all-encompassing love over the cosmos. Bless the stars that guide our way and the night sky that invites the earth into slumber. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You sent the magi to follow the star into an uncertain future. May all leaders and peoples seek your face, especially when paths are not clear, conflicts rage, tyrants oppress, and fear abounds. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You sent your Spirit to dwell with Paul in prison. Send your Spirit to those who are imprisoned & enslaved. Give courage & wisdom for building roads that lead to justice and freedom. Comfort all who are in need especially: Keith Brown, Kathy Nardinger, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Deb Huneke, Gabriel Ryan, Roger Kurtti, Rich & Sue Majerus, Judy Carpenter, Blake Carlson, Donald & Nancy Nord, Ben Haenel, Larry Reese, Abby Tipton, Jan Benidt, Therese Bien, the family of Deb Conrad, & the family of Josh Budensiek. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You sent the holy family to seek safety in a new land. Protect all who make similar journeys. Send your guiding Spirit to asylum seekers, refugees, and all who journey toward safety. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your glory is shown to the saints. We give thanks for those whose earthly journey has ended and now dwell with you forever. Give us signs of your continual presence until that day when we arise in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

Offertory Prayer: P: Let us pray together,

C: **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: P: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you** P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.** P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

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.

The Meal & Hymn: *"I Received The Living God"* #477

Refrain: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

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Vs 1: Jesus said: I am the bread kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. [Refrain]

Vs. 4: Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer: P: Let us pray together,

C: **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing: *(Please stand as you are able.)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending: *"We Are Called"* #720

Vs. 1: Come, live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom. To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another, To walk humbly with God

Vs. 2: Come, open your heart. Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless, So all hatred and blindness will be no more. [refrain]

Vs. 3: Sing, sing a new song, Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each other, As sisters and brothers united in love [refrain]

Dismissal: P: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor. C: **Thanks be to God!**

