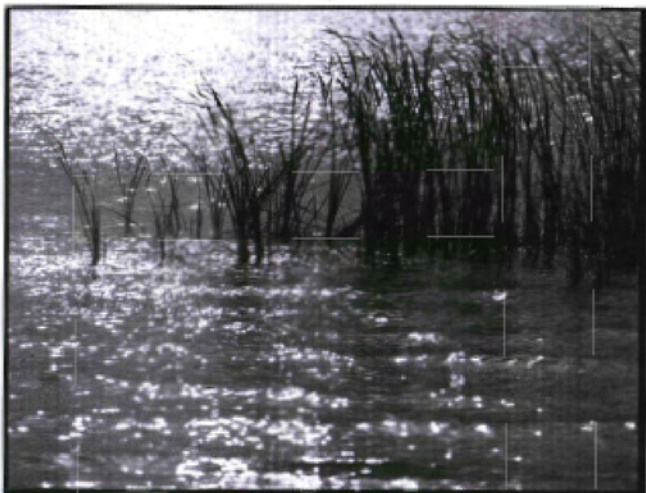


“John baptized...



*telling the people to
believe in the one who was
to come ... that is, in Jesus.”*

Acts 19:4

Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord

January 7th, 2024, 10:00 am

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Live on Zoom: Meeting ID: 707 611 3829 Passcode: 4316

*** WORSHIP NOTES ***

- * *Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.*
- * *Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.*
- * **All baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion. Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available. Please see a greeter or pastor prior to the beginning of service.**
- * *When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.*
- * *After receiving communion, you may kneel at the altar or return to your seat for silent prayer or singing the communion hymn.*

SETTING ONE—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

+ + + GATHERING + + +

PRELUDE

BLESSING OF THE CHURCH THRESHOLD AT EPIPHANY

The assembly gathers in the narthex at the beginning of worship.

P: May peace be to this temple and to all who enter here.

By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established;
through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

As we prepare to ask God's blessing on this household of faith, let us listen to the words of Scripture.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being, and the life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

This inscription is made with chalk above the entrance:

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The appropriate character is written while speaking the text.

The magi of old, known as
C Casper
M Melchior, and
B Balthasar,
Followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us
20 two thousand
24 and twenty-four years ago.
+ Christ, bless this house,
+ and remain with us throughout the new year.

P: O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star.
We pray that you bless this house of faith and all who worship here with
your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration,
your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our
benediction; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly process in to the nave as they sing the gathering hymn:

"As With Gladness Men of Old,"

ELW 302

1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
At thy cradle, rude and bare,
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

5. In the hea'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837 - 1898, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786 - 1872

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



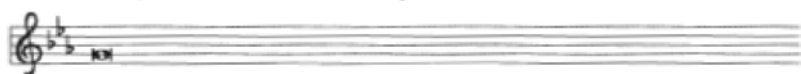
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



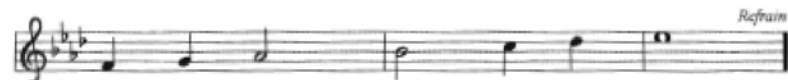
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate Insert

P: Let us pray...

+++ WORD +++

We sit

FIRST READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *(sung or spoken responsively)*

Celebrate Insert

SECOND READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to...

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Celebrate Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit

SERMON

Pastor Bill Carr

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand

Hymn of the Day

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

ELW 305

NICENE CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who 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

PEACE *(a time set aside for sharing God's peace)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

+++ MEAL +++

We sit

OFFERING

We stand

OFFERING HYMN

ELW 186

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, and take
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
 your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek

and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for 'Sanctus & Benedictus' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is more complex than the previous piece, featuring some dotted rhythms and longer note values.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **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.

COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

*(Please process, take a wafer from the pastor and then
a communion cup from the assistant. Grape juice is in the center
of the tray)*

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW 396

We stand

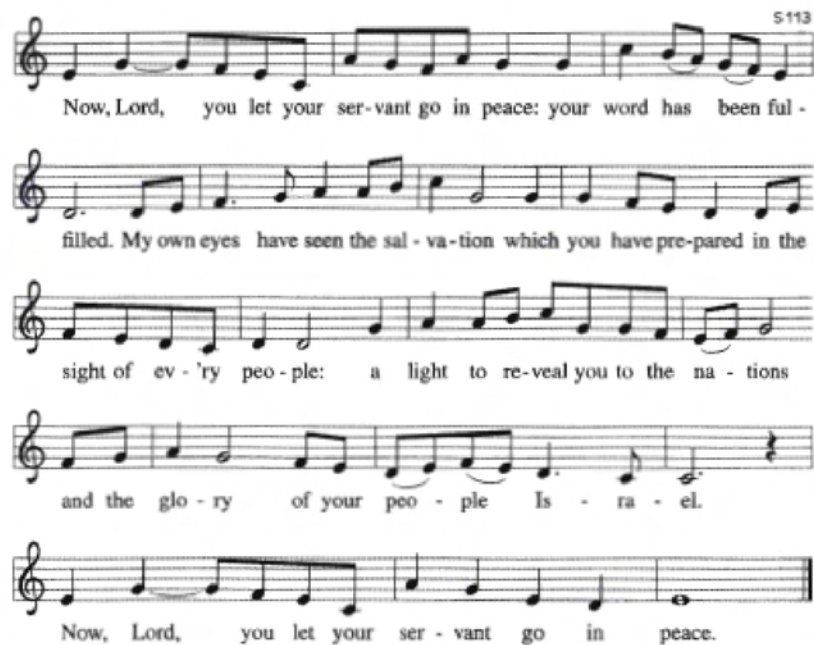
TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve
you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

CANTICLE (*NUNC DIMITIS*)

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

We sit

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

BLESSING

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” ELW 304

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers are given by Wylene Hinkle to the Glory of God and in honor of her grandchildren.

Communion Assistant: Matt Bergstresser

Communion Setup: Wylene Hinkle

Pastor: Rev. Bill Carr

Lector: Olwynne Crampton

Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

Zoom: Felicia Brandt



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Members

Healing, comfort & strength

Family and Friends of Sara Poovey, *comfort in sorrow*

Larry Wallingford

Janet Cate

Karoline Van Horn

Ric Van Horn

Jan Wallingford, *comfort in time of sorrow*

Ed & Judy Skorski, *comfort in time of sorrow*

Carroll Allen

Jack Lowe

Pastor Bob Schefter

Elizabeth Schefter

Josh & Bergen Gray, *God's guidance*

Carolyn Absher

Darlene Kline

Juanita Reynolds

Family & Friends

Healing, comfort, strength & peace

Kristin Schulz, *other sister of Janet Wallingford, comfort in sorrow*

Family and friends of Rev. George Martzen, *friend of Cody Nelson*

Family and Friends of Donald Roe, *father of Amy Hancock, comfort in sorrow*

Family and friends of Whitney Dixon Mason, *step-daughter of Dee Talley Dixon & Wayne Dixon, aunt of Cody Nelson, comfort in sorrow*

Collis and Asilee Nelson, *Grandparents of Cody Nelson*

Bedford Collins, *friend of Juanita Reynolds*

Dee Dee and Tim Clevenger, *friends of GSLC*

Flip DeFilippo, *father of Sandy Kubis*

Bev DeFilippo, *mother of Sandy Kubis*

Family and Friends of Jeanne Remillard, *Jan Wallingford's sister, comfort in sorrow*

Family & Friends of Sue Zokoe, Ed & Judy Skorski's daughter,
comfort in sorrow.

Amy Anderson, Alan Anderson's niece

Jackie & Dwayne Collins, Nancy McLoughlin's friends

Mary Jean Wesche, Ed & Judy Skorski's friend

From The Community

comfort, strength, healing, and peace

Stephanie Morgan

Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey

Kim Gross

George Ruth

Rebecca Atkins

Katherine Tucker

Elizabeth Rivara

Peggy Ayers

Dewayne Patty

Military Serving our Country

Protection, comfort & strength

John Gray, Joshua Gray's brother

Ian Anderson, Alan Anderson's nephew

Joshua Sheaf, Good Shepherd member

BLESSING OF THE CHURCH THRESHOLD FOR 2024

Today, worship will begin with a blessing of the church entrance as we gather in the narthex. As we bless our homes for the coming year, it is appropriate that we begin with "God's house." This practice is based on the memory of the magi's visit to the home of the Holy Family, as they blessed Jesus with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS

The season following Epiphany is traditionally a time for blessing homes for the coming new year. Pr. Bill is happy to visit your home at your invitation to pray a blessing for the various rooms and their functions. It is also a good opportunity for pastor and parishioners to get to know each other a little better! If you would like a home blessing in the early part of 2024, please speak with Pr. Bill to schedule a time. You are welcome to share a meal or coffee together if you wish, or simply to have the blessing.

Pr. Bill wants to meet you!

Pr. Bill is inviting all congregation members to come by the office for fifteen minutes just to make brief introductions (or re-acquaintance, as the case may be), and he has four questions he'd like to ask you:

1. Who are you? (Tell me about yourself).
2. What do you love about Good Shepherd? (What do we do well, or what brought you here?)
3. Are there any ministries you'd like to see us either do better or start doing?
4. How can I pray for you today?

In this way, I can get to know y'all better, and get a sense of direction for Good Shepherd's direction in ministry and my place in it. Feel free to contact me to set up your fifteen-minute appointment!

Sermon Notes

COMING UP AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Daily Morning Prayer **9 am unless otherwise announced**
Daily Holy Communion **9:30 am unless otherwise announced**

- Sunday, January 7 Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord
10:00 am Worship Service
Gather in the Narthex
11:15 am Bible Study
- Thursday, January 11 6:30 pm Mission Council Meeting
- Sunday, January 14 Second Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Worship Service
Congregational Meeting Following Worship
- Monday, January 15 10:00 am–12:00 pm Food Pantry
- Sunday, January 21 Third Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Worship Service
11:15 am Bible Study
2:00 pm Installation of Pastor Bill Carr
- Sunday, January 28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Worship Service
11:15 am Bible Study
- Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 am Worship Service
11:15 am Bible Study
- Tuesday, February 6 6:00 pm American Legion
- Thursday, February 8 6:30 pm Church Council
- Sunday, February 11 Transfiguration of Our Lord
10:00 am Worship Service
11:15 am Bible Study
- Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday
7:00 pm Worship Service