

Worship
Second Sunday in Epiphany

January 15, 2023
8:30am



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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses
move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought
to love.**

**Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the
baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for Reflection

P. Most merciful God,

C. **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead to 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.

C. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *"Bright and Glorious is the Sky"*

**And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray with its message so
appealing, is the word of God, revealing Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the
way, the truth, the life.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. 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.

L. Let us pray together,

C. Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glo---ria in excelsis Deo; glo---ria in excelsis Deo.

BIBLE READING John 1:35-39

The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?" He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: **I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is spoken after each prayer petition

L. Lord in your mercy,

C. Hear our prayer.

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our
heav'nly king.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SONG *"Just As I Am, without One Plea"*

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou
bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and
fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy
promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea,
thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

**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

L. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

SONG *"My Life is in You, Lord"*

My life is you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord, my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you. My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord, my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.

I will praise you with all my life, I will praise you with all of my strength; with all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.

My life is you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord, my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you. My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord, my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you, in you!

DISMISSAL

L. Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C. **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Healing:

Renee Olson, stage 4 ovarian cancer

Grief:

Beth Marschall, grieving the death of her husband

Sandra Klinkhammer, grieving the death of her mother