

Worship
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024
9:45am



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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. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.
- C. **Thanks be to God.**

SONG *"In the Calm"*

In the calm of your presence, I am listening Lord; I am still, I am quiet, I am yours.
Repeat

Let your Word speak to me, let your Spirit draw near; I will obey the truth that I hear.
In the calm of your presence, I am listening Lord. I am still, I am quiet, I am yours.

There's a thirst in my soul for your wisdom divine. I long for the peace and life that I find. In the calm of your presence, I am listening Lord; I am still, I am quiet, I am yours. I am still, I am quiet, I am yours. I am still, I am quiet, I am yours.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 139)*

- L. Lord, you have examined me.
You know me.
- C. **You know when I sit down and when I stand up.**
Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.
- L. You study my traveling and resting.
You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.
- C. **There isn't a word on my tongue, LORD,**
that you don't already know completely.
- L. You surround me – front and back.
You put your hand on me.
- C. **That kind of knowledge is too much for me;**
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.
- L. God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!
Their total number is countless!
- C. **If I tried to count them, they outnumber grains of sand!**
If I came to the very end – I'd still be with you.

SONG OF PRAISE *"Here I Am to Worship"*

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you. Here I am to
worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God. You're
altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

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. Lord, open our ears to hear you when you call us. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you. Grant us mentors and friends who help us to pay attention to the ways you show up in our lives. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

BIBLE READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was serving the LORD under Eli. The LORD's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where God's chest was. The LORD called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said. Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So, he did. Again the LORD called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down." (Now Samuel didn't yet know the LORD, and the LORD's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.) A third time the LORD called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?" Then Eli realized that it was the LORD who was calling the boy. So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD. Your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down where he'd been. Then the LORD came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."

The Word of the Lord

C. Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG

"Come and Follow Me"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me.

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.**

Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

(Children) Source of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:
Savior of all creation!**

(Children) Savior of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all Creation!**

(Children) Mentor of all creation! Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following is sung before and after the prayers.

**Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

OFFERING RECEIVED

(Those who are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY SONG

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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 *"Christ, Be Our Light"*

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.

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*

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*

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

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*

SONG *"We Are Called"*

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.**

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

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*

COMMUNION BLESSING

Turn to your neighbor and say, "Remember Jesus loves you!"

BLESSING

Leader: May the love of God uphold us;

Pulpit Side: the light of Christ guide us;

Piano Side: and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill us with joy.

All: Now and forever. Amen.

SONG *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

***Refrain:* Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit,
 blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with
 grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display our likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

L. Go forth, rejoicing in the light of God's love.

C. Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

This Week Please Pray For:

Travis Rieck, long recovery after major fall injury/surgery

Fernando, Hospice (father of Ivonne Dickerson)

Melanie Benter, chemotherapy

Carl Baumeister, recovering at home from hip replacement

Hunter Swanke, 18-year-old, needs to be hospitalized during chemotherapy,

friend of Wayne and Paula Gorr

Diane Bode, cancer, Mary Warnke's sister-in-law

Jeanette Bedow, cancer, Mary Warnke's sister-in-law

Bob Pieper, cancer

Nancy Kopet, cancer

Glenda Kryzer, cancer, friend of Robin Rank

Jennifer Becker, hospitalized

Jeff Gundry and family grieving the death of his wife, Sam Gundry