

Worship
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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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

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- 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 *"Rise, Shine You People"*

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 111)*

- L. I thank the LORD with all my heart
in the company of those who do right, in the congregation.
- C. **The works of the LORD are magnificent;
they are treasured by all who desire them.**
- L. God's deeds are majestic and glorious.
God's righteousness stands forever.
- C. **God is famous for his wondrous works.
The LORD is full of mercy and compassion.**
- L. God gives food to those who honor him.
God remembers his covenant forever.
- C. **God proclaimed his powerful deeds to his people
and gave them what had belonged to other nations.**
- L. God's handiwork is honesty and justice;
all God's rules are trustworthy –
- C. **they are established always and forever:
they are fulfilled with truth and right doing.**
- L. God sent redemption for his people;
God commanded that his covenant last forever.
Holy and awesome is God's name!
- C. **Fear of the LORD is where wisdom begins;
sure knowledge is for all who keep God's laws.
God's praise lasts forever!**

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. **God of mystery and might, when your people were uncertain, you sent prophets,
teachers, and guides to provide insight. When we wandered in the shadows and
could not see clearly, you sent your Son, Jesus, to open our eyes that we might see
your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds this day, that we might understand
your holy mysteries and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

BIBLE READING Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

"Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out. Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!" Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

The Word of the Lord

C. **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG *"I Speak Jesus"*

**I just want to speak the name of Jesus over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind.
'Cause I know there is peace within your presence. I speak Jesus.**

**I just want to speak the name of Jesus 'til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break.
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom. I speak Jesus.**

Chorus: **'Cause your name is power. Your name is healing. Your name is life.
Break ev'ry stronghold. Shine through the shadows. Burn like a fire.**

**I just want to speak the name of Jesus over fear and all anxiety. To ev'ry soul held
captive by depression I speak Jesus.**

**Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets. Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry
enemy. Jesus for my fam'ly, I speak the holy name. Repeat**

**Cause your name is power. Your name is healing. Your name is life.
Break ev'ry stronghold. Shine through the shadows. Burn like a fire. Repeat**

**I just want to speak the name of Jesus over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind. 'Cause I know
there is peace within His presence. I speak Jesus.**

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.***

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 *"Here is Bread"*

**Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.**

Refrain: **In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.**

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

**Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. *Refrain***

**Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. *Refrain***

SONG *"Bread for the Journey"*

Give us bread for the journey, give us bread. Give us bread for the journey, give us bread. When our legs are getting heavy, and we're hanging down our heads, give us bread for the journey, give us bread.

Guide our way as we travel, guide our way. Guide our way as we travel, guide our way. With so many roads before us, where to go is hard to say. Guide our way as we travel, guide our way.

Make us one with each other, make us one. Make us one with each other, make us one. All the walls we've built around us: may we learn to tear them down. Make us one with each other, make us one.

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 *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

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

Melanie Benter, chemotherapy

Hunter Swanke, 18-year-old, needs to be hospitalized during chemotherapy,
friend of Wayne and Paula Gorr

Bob Pieper, cancer, son of Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Nancy Kopet, cancer, daughter of Ardis & Lyle Pieper

Glenda Kryzer, cancer, friend of Robin Rank

Jennifer Becker, recovering/therapy at home

Lois Rice, cancer

Tom Crawford, COVID, friend of Karen Pipho

Tony Kula, glioblastoma (cancer of brain), brother of Kathy Malecek

Neil Evjen, hospice, father of Angela Hinz

Mary Warnke, grieving the death of Jeanette Bedow and Diane Bode, her sisters-in-law

Solveig Bentson, grieving the death of both her brother-in-law and Auntie