

Worship  
Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

February 2, 2025  
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. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
our Creator,  
our Savior,  
our Mentor.
- C. **Amen.**

SONG *"He Came Down"*

**He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(From Malachi 3)*

- L. Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me;  
suddenly the LORD whom you are seeking will come to his temple.
- C. **The messenger of the covenant in whom you take delight  
is coming says the LORD of heavenly forces.**
- L. Who can endure the day of his coming?  
Who can withstand his appearance?
- C. **He is like the refiner's fire or the cleaner's soap.  
He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver.**
- L. He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.
- C. **They will belong to the LORD,  
presenting a righteous offering.**

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. Loving God, in Jesus you moved in with us. You experienced the joys, the hardships, the indignities, and the delights of being human. Remind us of your ever-loving presence today and every day. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

BIBLE READING Luke 2:22-33

When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, *A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.*

A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

"Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word, because my eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him.

The Word of the Lord

**C. Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

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.**

**'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. Jesus. Repeat**

**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.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The following is said after each prayer petition*

L. Lord in your mercy

**C. Hear our prayer**

### 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 "What a Beautiful Name"

**You were the Word at the beginning. One with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in you, our Christ.**

*Refrain:* **What a beautiful name it is. What a beautiful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ my king. What a beautiful name it is. Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.**

**You didn't want heaven without us. So Jesus, you brought heaven down. My sin was great, your love was greater. What could separate us now? *Refrain***

**What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus. Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you. You silenced the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory. For you are raised to life again.**

**You have no rival, you have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign. Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory. Yours is the name above all names. *Refrain***

SONG "Blessed Assurance"

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain:* **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst from my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

COMMUNION BLESSING

L. Jesus, the Light of the World has nourished you. *Turn to your neighbor and say,*  
C. **“Let your Light shine!”**

COMMUNION PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, thank you for nourishing us at your table.  
You are the Light that renews, holds and guides us.  
Fill our hearts with Your radiance,  
and help us reflect Your love to the world.  
Amen.**

BLESSING

Leader: May the Creator renew us.  
**Pulpit Side: May the Savior hold us.**  
**Piano Side: May the Mentor guide us.**  
**All: Now and forever. Amen.**

SONG *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

DISMISSAL

L. Go forth, rejoicing in the light of God's love.  
C. **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE