
January 19th, 2020 at 9:30 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.



Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

Liturgy for the season of Epiphany is God Give Us Life.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Karen Niemeier

Time for reflection in silence.

WELCOME

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF LIGHT" ELW#815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day arc both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

INVOCATION



(L) In the name of God the Cre - a - tor of the world, In the name of Christ the



Son, In the name of the Ho - ly Spir - it (C) A - men, A - men.

GATHERING SONG



Make a joy - ful noise to the Lord, en - ter in with sing - ing.



Join the fes - ti - val of love, al - le - lu - ias ring - ing!



Born of the wa - ter we re - call death de - feat - ed, life for all.



In the bod - y of the ris - en Son wel - come ev - 'ry - one.

KYRIE:

(Assisting Minister: regular print, C: **Bold**)



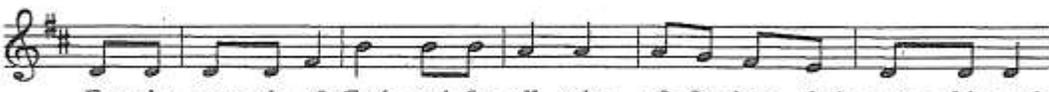
For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, for the



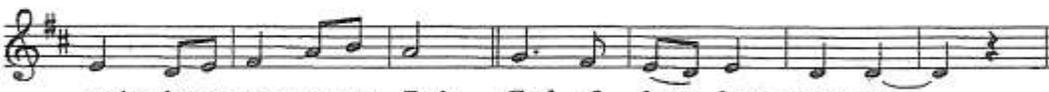
u - ni - ty of all peo - ple, pray to our God:



God of love, have mer - cy. God of love, have mer - cy.



For the peo - ple of God, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to our God: God of love, have mer - cy.



Help; save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious God. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: A reading from Corinthians.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

From the full - ness of God have we
all re - ceived: grace up - on grace, peace up - on peace.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Ms. Charmel Jacobs

Rockford Rescue Mission

Development Associate/Church Relations

HYMN OF THE DAY

"HEAR I AM, LORD"

ELW#574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

CREED

A: God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Let us profess our faith in the word of the Apostles' Creed.

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

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence

WA: Faithful God, thank you for the testimony of disciples throughout the generations and for opportunities to proclaim your mercy. We especially lift up ministries of Rockford Rescue Mission in our prayer for their service and faithfulness to your call to love our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Creating God, we marvel at the abundance of the world you have made. Give us confidence in our calling to be stewards of the earth so that our lives are in fellowship with all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Almighty God, we are thankful for all who have marched for justice and advocated for peace. Entrust our elected leaders with strength, wisdom, and a discerning spirit, so that both our words and our actions serve you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of hope, thank you for your constant presence as you walk with your children through challenges of joblessness, homelessness, grief, and sickness. Gather your community around all who need your healing power, that they find strength in you. We pray especially for **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Joyce Watson, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr. Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Vicar Mike Reibel, Mary Schick, and Kyle.** Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Lois Paulsen.** Pray for love, peace, comfort, and resurrection hope for the family and friends of Allen Isely and Rich Heinkel. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of persistence, we glory in the gifts of our church leaders. Bless and strengthen our council members, staff, pastors, worship leaders, and all those who offer their gifts to this community, that our work together would serve your mission. We pray for safe travel and spirit filled times for our synod members who are visiting the North Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania this week. Let your light shine upon their time together. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Living God, we give thanks for the whole communion of saints, each called in their own time to serve you. Inspire our lives with their testimony. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us.

Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

CHIMES**"ANGEL MEDLEY"****OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. **C: God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS**

P: Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. Refresh us once again with this reality of your healing presence in all the world.

C: We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world. We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.

P: Living God, Risen Christ, through eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts in all the world.

C: Amen.

P: In the night which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread.....for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



COMMUNION SONG

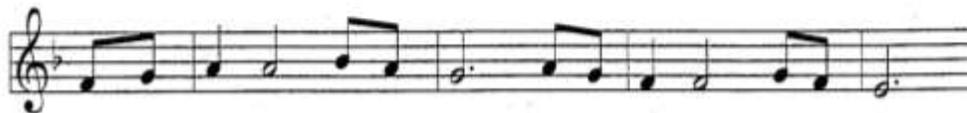
“CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US ALL”



1 Christ, have mer-cy on us all. Keep us stead-fast e'er we fall.
 2 God, be with us at the feast. Grant us wis-dom, give us peace.
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe a-gain. Light the dark-ness, be our friend.



Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.



4 Bake a great loaf; give it time; choose the best grapes from the vine.



Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.



COMMUNION SONG

"O DAY FULL OF GRACE"

ELW #627



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you

united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG **“WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT”** **ELW # 866**



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

DISMISSIAL

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

Worship Assistants

Pastor Miho Yasukawa
Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow
Pianist: Tena Rackow and Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Lector: Wayne Kurth
Assisting Minister: Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant: Sue Diddens
Acolyte: Ethan Fye
Greeters: Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher
 Troy and Sheila Keene
Ushers: Paul and Shirley Fox
 Virgil and Joanne Martin

Communion Set-up: Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker
Communion Assistant: Beth Martin and Tena Rackow
Communion Ushers: Virgil Gordon and Tim Gordon
Sound System: Troy Doubler and open
Elevator Operator: Taylor and Kristy Patterson

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

January 19th through January 26th, 2020

Today:	Worship Service- Guest Speaker from Rockford Rescue Mission	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Confirmation Class	11:00am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Learning Committee Meeting	12:00pm
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday:	Devotions & Desserts at Friendship Center (rescheduled)	1:00pm
Next Sunday:	Worship Service	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance: January 12th - 40

Total Offering 01/12/2020 - \$1294.00 amount needed; \$2519.18

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder’s actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

Thank you Ms. Charmel Jacob from Rockford Rescue Mission for your message this morning.

*Thank you Confirmation youth, Men’s Group, Dale, Kristy for taking down Christmas decorations.
Your hands be blessed!*



Go and Cheer!

We are your “grandparents” If you know upcoming games/meets/ concerts/etc, please let the church office know!

Greetings from Leona

Leona Block sent us a picture and a letter. It is posted on the board.

Devotion Books for 2020

We have new devotion books for you to start a new year! Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season provide daily readings and prayers. Pockets has fun easy reading, puzzles, and recipes. They are free and for your spiritual growth. Pick your copy at the rack today.

Offering envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2020 is here. Since we have new numbers, we encourage you to **write down your names on the envelope** for a couple weeks so that the counters and financial secretary can record your offering properly. If you have any questions or thoughts regarding offering envelope, please talk to Sheila.

Rockford Rescue Mission Telethon

Please join us on January 28, 2020 from 7 to 9pm on WTVO, Channel 17 for Rockford Rescue Missions's 22nd Annual Evening For Hope Telethon. We will also be streaming LIVE on Facebook! The night will be filled with stories of transformation and inspiration for the work made possible by your support of Rockford Rescue Mission.

Annual Congregational Meeting-February 2nd

Mark your calendar for our annual congregational meeting on Sunday February 2nd, 10:45am.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Good Shepherd helps at the Food Pantry on 4th Saturday of the even numbered months. Feeding the people is an important ministry. If you can help this year, please put your names and phone number in the sign-up sheet at the ramp. If you can be a sub, please let the office know. Thank you.

Mental Health First Aid Training

Monroe Clinic is offering one day mental health first aid training at Monroe Clinic, St. Clare Conference Center (515 22nd Ave., Monroe, WI) on January 29th from 8am-4:30pm. Registration fee is \$25. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested, check the flyer on the bulletin board.

Thank you note from Grace Place

We received a thank you note from Grace Place Campus Ministry at NIU in DeKalb. The card is posted in the bulletin board. Thank you for your generous support.

Souper Bowl of Caring Feb. 2nd

Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide youth-led movement and is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in our communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness. Your \$1 can make a difference. Youth will hold pots to collect monetary donations on the Big Game Sunday.

We have extra Dec/Jan Friendship Center newsletter. If you know someone who may like to read their newsletter, please take some and share.