

January 20th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

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.

We are delighted to have you.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Time for reflection in silence

Karen Niemeier

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATION**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (verses 1, 2, &3)
ELW#879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

GREETING

P: 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.

KYRIE**LORD, HAVE MERCY****ELW #155**

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 Chris - te e - lei - son.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.
²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.
⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10 (*Read responsively.*)

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your loving kindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah****ELW #172**

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY "LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT, JESUS" Rejoice Song Book p 62-63

1. Let me be your hands, dear Je - sus, help - ing those who come my way.
 2. Let me be your voice, dear Je - sus, tell - ing peo - ple of your love.
 3. Let me be your ears, dear Je - sus, hear - ing those who cry for help.

Let me be your feet, dear Je - sus, run - ning er - rands
 Let me share your work, dear Je - sus, me on earth and
 Let me share in help - ing oth - ers and not just think

Réfrain
 ev-'ry day. Hands and feet, a voice to bring good news, great news
 of my-self.

of our King. Let me be your ser - vant, Je - sus,

help - ing you in ev-'ry way. ev-'ry way.

APOSTLES' CREED *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of 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: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

WA: We pray for the church. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, and all who lead your people in ministry. Pour out your Spirit and make us bold to proclaim your reign of mercy and justice. Transform us and fill us with your life.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For the nations. Guide leaders and decision makers toward the well-being of all in their care. Strengthen those who work to uphold human rights for the sake of the dignity of all people. Shelter communities threatened by violence and show us the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For those in need. For those who face a scarcity of resources and those who struggle with debt. For all who suffer with chronic pain, all who grieve, and all who are ill *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Verl Price, Jane Boop, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Graham Russell, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Lucille Diddens, Randy and Brian.* Give strength and courage this week to **Steve Fahr.**

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For this assembly. Bless our friendship and fellowship, sharing meals and laughing together. We pray for your abundant grace to Good Shepherd family, especially Mary Freitag, Denise Balbach and Brian, Shannon, Craig, Khayne, Shayleigh, Layton, and Grayson Albright, Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Steve, Brenda, Danielle, and Jessica Koning, Trent, Jennifer, and Tanner Gile, Dwight, Danielle, and Danica Balbach, Brian, Paula, and Bailey Schoenhard, Troy, Sheila, Krista, Keene, and Taylor Bastian.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness and unite us in the eternal light of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including the care of those in need. Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us.

We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

CHIMES

"PRAYERS"

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

ELW p.144



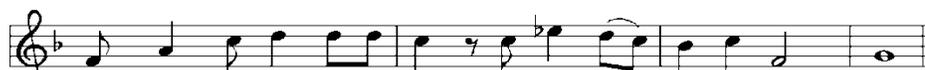
Ho - ly. ho - ly. ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

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 HYMN

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN JESUS, COME! FOR WE INVITE YOU ELW#312



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
 2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
 3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN IN CHRIST CALLED TO BAPTIZE ELW# 575



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Christ is your light. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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Rockford Rescue Mission

Evening For Hope Telethon, Thursday, January 24th, from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Tune into WTOVO Channel 17 to see how your gifts restore HOPE and change the lives in the Rock River Valley.

Lena Living Center

Lena Living Center will be hosting Mary Beth Janssen, author of “The Book of Self-Care, Remedies For Healing Mind, Body and Soul”. Ms. Janssen will share insights from her book to gain guidance to nurture yourself. Please join us for this special event on Saturday, January 26th, 2019 from 10:00am-2:00pm. A light luncheon will be provided. Reservations are required – please call 815-369-4561 Monday – Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. Copies of her book will be available for purchase.

Next Sunday: Annual Congregational Meeting

Annual reports will be available to be picked up early this week. If you know of anyone who would like us to e-mail them a report, please contact the church office. Annual Reports will be at the church Tuesday, January 22nd in the church office or on the bench outside the church office.

**Devotion Books**

Devotions books are available in our racks. Check them out today!

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-led nationwide event to fight against hunger. We will have our Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3rd. Youth will hold pots to collect monetary donations for the Le-Win Food Pantry and ELCA World Hunger. Join the team to tackle hunger together!

Chris the Crazy Pancake Man

Chris will be returning to St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 from 4-8pm. He will be preparing an all-you-can-eat pancake supper served with whole-hog sausage, applesauce, cheese, coffee and milk. Chris provides good and fun for all!

Advanced tickets are available from church members or the church office for \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (ages 3-10). At the door, tickets can be purchased for \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (ages 3-10). For more information call St. John's office at 815-369-4035.