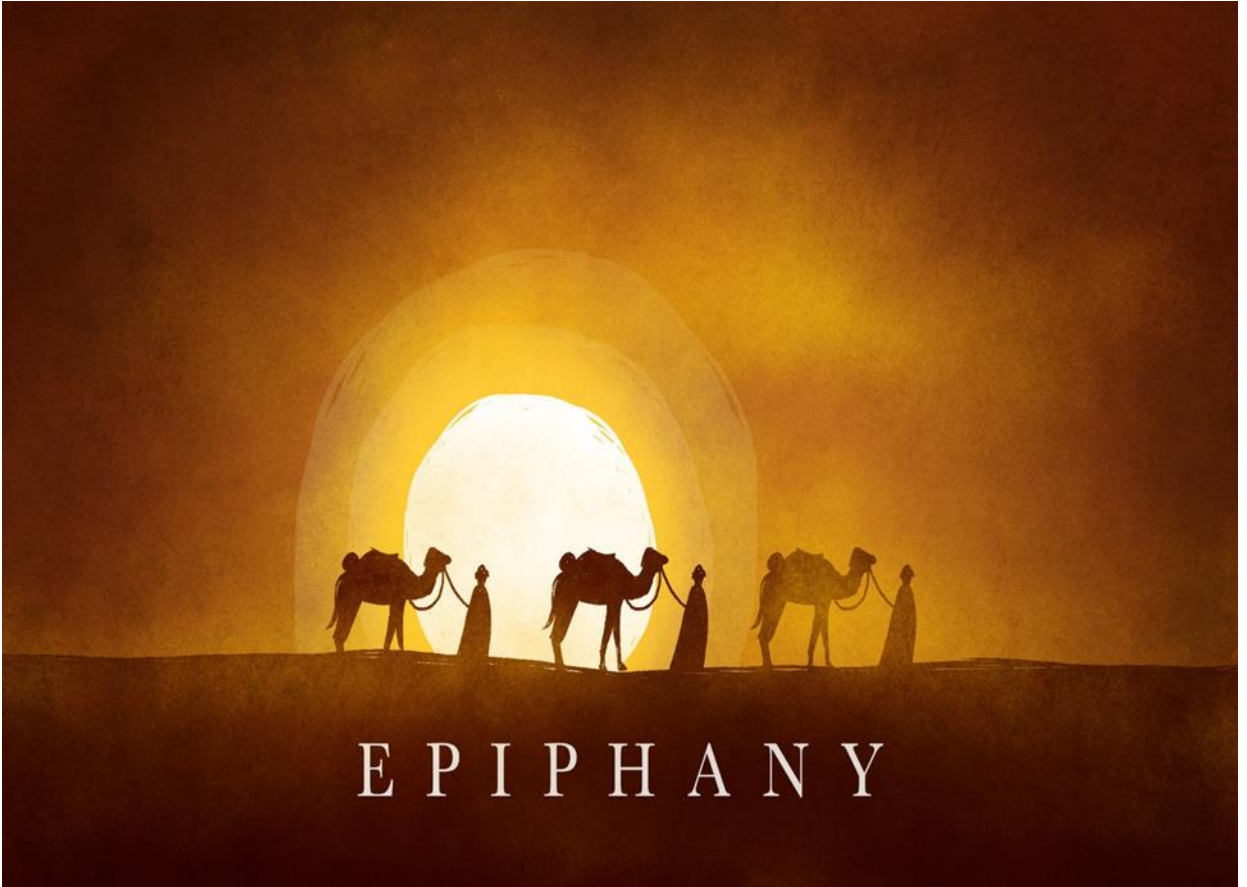


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Epiphany & Baptism of Our Lord Sunday



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We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP~ from Genesis 1 & Psalm 29

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

C: Amen.

P: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

C: And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

P: And God said, "Let there be light."

C: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

P: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

C: The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

P: The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.

C: The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG~ 'We Three Kings'

- 1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse a-far
field and fountain, moor and mountain, follow - ing, yon - der star.
- 2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign

Chorus

- O-oh star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
- 3 Frankin-cense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh
prayer & praising, voices raising, worshipping God on high
 - 4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom
sorrowing sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed inside the stone-cold tomb.

Chorus

O-oh star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

5 Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and sacrifice
Alle - luia, Alle - luia, sounds through the earth & skies

Chorus

O-oh star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
We Three Kings, We Three Kings, We Three Kings

FIRST READING~ Isaiah 43:1-3a

¹ But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

³For I am the LORD, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING~ Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- ⁷because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING~ Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.

¹⁹But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDRENS TIME

MESSAGE SONG~ '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.

Refrain: 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.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in Heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

(refrain)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

(repeat 3x- building)

(refrain 2x)

MESSAGE

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

OFFERING SONG~ SOLO~ 'The First Noel'

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer (after final petition) **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Guests Please Note: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion; that as we participate in the sacrament we receive His body and blood. If you are confirmed and trust in Jesus and Savior and Lord and accept this understanding of communion you are invited to commune with us. There is a choice of individual or communion cup. You may choose a Gluten free wafer from the brass container as the host is served.

WORDS OF INVITATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ.....This do in remembrance of me.

THE LORDS PRAYER

All: 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.

PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION AND SONGS

'Amazing Grace' (My Chains are Gone)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I'm found;
Was blind but now I see.
2. The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be.
As long as life endures.

Chorus:

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home. **Chorus**
4. When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun. **Chorus**

Ending: Unending love, amazing grace.

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'Come Thou Fount'

- 1 Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of thy redeeming love

- 2 Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood
How his kindness yet pursues me
Mortal tongue can never tell
Clothed in flesh till death shall lose me
I cannot proclaim it well

- 3 O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

- 4 O that day when free from sinning
I shall see that lovely face
Clothen in my blood washed linen
How I'll sing thy sovereign grace
Send thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day
O that day when free from sinning
I shall see that lovely face

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: In Your light, O Lord, do we see light. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we see clearly Jesus Christ and trust in Him only. Bring us with those of every generation and tongue to make our common confession of faith and to walk together as children of the light. Bless us with many gifts of Your grace that we walk in Christ, who is our light and our life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG~ 'Step By Step' (God You Are My God)

*Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days*

*Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days*

*I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days
And I will follow You all of my days, follow You all of my days
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.*

Rich Mullins

SENDING

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

C: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen & Amen.

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

POST-SERVICE MUSIC