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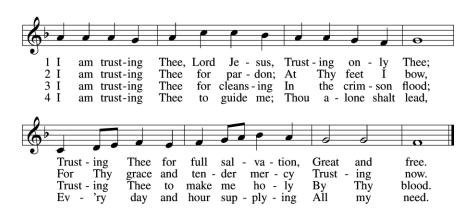
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WELCOME: to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP BOOK: Please record your presence this day in the Fellowship Book. Sharing your e-mail address in this book enables us to stay in communication with our LGLC family. If you are a guest and would like Pastor Shoemaker to get in touch with you, let him know or make a note in the Fellowship book.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN: I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus LSB 729



5 I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.

Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;Never let me fall.I am trusting Thee foreverAnd for all.

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INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in

Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

Introit

Psalm 10:16-18; antiphon: v. 12

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.

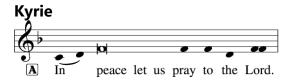
The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land.

O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.



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For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



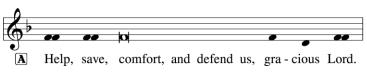




For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

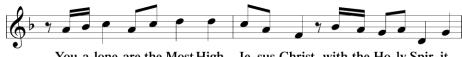








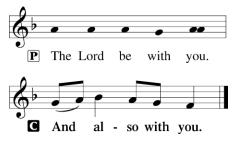




You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GoD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Bo not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13

I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away

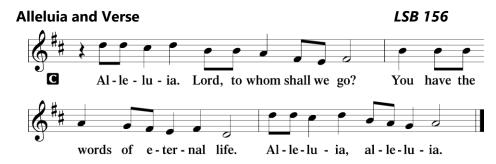
all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.



³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴"Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not

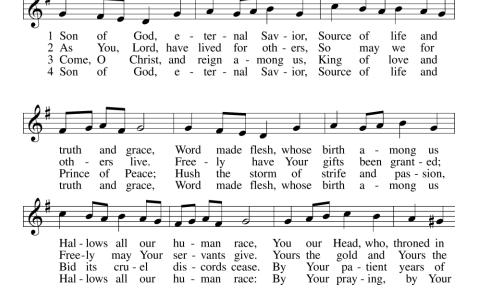
allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY: Son of God, Eternal Savior LSB 842





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SERMON: When God Speaks Jeremiah 1:4-10

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.

Amen.



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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

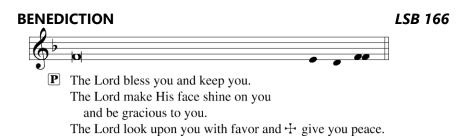
PRAYER RESPONSE

- P Lord, in your mercy
- C hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.





HYMN TO DEPART: Take My Life and Let It Be LSB 783



5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne. 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Fellowship after Church

We gather after every service in the Fellowship Hall or, weather permitting, outside, for refreshments and conversation. Volunteers to provide refreshments can sign up on the sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

Refreshments

This Week – Terry and Shannah Messmann Next Week – Mike and Joyce Saalfrank

Our Worship Leaders This Week

Joyce Saalfrank – Music Coordinator Tammy Walker – Reader

Birthdays

Robin Bertram (2/05) Chris Bacon (2/08)

We Remember in our Prayers this Week

Noah Baker Sharon Christianer Megan Jacques Dennis Motz Barry Pfeiffer Jeri and Jerry Threlkeld Rene Scheimann

Contact Information and Office Hours

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A Most Blessed Epiphany to All

As we bring to a conclusion our celebration of the nativity of our Lord we focus our attention to the next season in the Church's liturgical calendar. While it is still a part of the Christmas cycle the next season focuses on how Jesus is revealed to us as God and man. This season of the Church Year is called Epiphany.

Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons in the Christian Church Year, second only to the Easter season. The word epiphany comes from a Greek word which means to manifest, to reveal, to make known. What is made known is that this baby whose birth we just celebrated is indeed the Messiah, the Christ of God, and the Savior of the world. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. You will notice we have one candle burning in the chancel to remind us of this great truth. This candle stands alone on a tall candle stand. It shines brightly for all to see. It reminds us that

Come let us

Adore

Him

Jesus is the Light and there is no darkness in Him. For this reason Epiphany is also called the Season of Lights. We also let our light shine before all.



The earliest Christians called the festival of the Epiphany the "theophany" (revelation of God). Later, Western Christians emphasized the revelation of God to the Wise Men or Magi (Matthew 2:1-12).

Epiphany may include as many as nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. The season begins with the Baptism of Our Lord. Included in Epiphany is Jesus' first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana, which John report in his Gospel: "He thus revealed ("epiphanied" in Greek) His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him" (John 2:11). The season ends with the Festival of the Transfiguration, which is a significant and uniquely Lutheran contribution to the Christian calendar and is now celebrated by many churches. This festival commemorates the moment on the Mount of Transfiguration when three of Jesus' disciples glimpsed their Lord in divine splendor, seeing Him as the center of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Thus Jesus was manifested fully to His chosen disciples before He went to Jerusalem for the Passover.

In between the first and last Sundays in Epiphany the readings focus on what Jesus did to reveal His glory. The Sunday readings focus on Jesus' miracles. We see His miraculous power over nature, over sickness, and over death. Jesus delights and astounds the crowds with His teaching. As we move through the season of Epiphany we see more and more how Jesus is manifesting Himself to all. He came from heaven to earth to fulfill all of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. He has come to fulfill all righteousness. In the season of Epiphany Jesus fully reveals Himself as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Above we mentioned that in Epiphany we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the world. Because of that emphasis many see the season of Epiphany as one that offers several excellent opportunities for evangelism emphases. The focus on light and on Jesus' miracles presents numerous possibilities for relating Christ's presence and the purpose of His coming to our world today.

In Epiphany we celebrate the revelation, the manifestation, of Jesus as the Christ, true God and true man who came to take away the sin of the world, yours and mine.

Epiphany blessings,

Pastor Shoemaker

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